

The application form is divided into three parts: Personal Data/Recipients, Grants, and Attachments.

You can click on "Exit (save)" at any time to save your initiated application and log in later to complete it.

When you are done, click on "Submit", and you will no longer be able to revise the application. You can go back to your page and start a new application or view the application(s) you have submitted. If any of the required fields are not filled, you will not be able to save your application.

To apply, you must be connected to a Swedish university, college or research institute.

We would like the application to apply to new, bold ideas in our focus areas.

The scientific review is carried out by reviewers in the foundation's various focus areas – **Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Development of Processes, Infrastructure, Materials, Products from Renewable Sources and Safety.**

The application must be submitted to ÅForsk no later than **9 March 2026 23:59**.

Applications that arrive to ÅForsk in any other way will not be processed.

We never comment on the Board's decision.

In order to complete your application, you need to sign with a Mobile BankID. If you do not have access to a Mobile BankID, you will not be able to complete your application.

You can only enter our application system during the application period.

ÅForsk's Board of Directors will make the decisions in June 2026.

Below you will see a description of our grants for research that you can apply for and what must be included in your application. You can write your application in Swedish or English.

## Research call 2026

During 2026 two calls regarding research funding is open:

- The research grant is aimed at early-career researchers; 0-3 and 4-7 years of academic age (after receiving a PhD)
- The collaborative research grant is open for all. However, ÅForsk will prioritize if any of the participants in the project meet the academic age requirement of a maximum of 7 years of academic age/or equivalent.

For research grants aimed at early-career:

Research projects for career age 0–3 for those with a doctoral degree awarded between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025

Research projects for career age 4–7 for those with a doctoral degree awarded between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022.

### Deductible time from research

If you have not been able to conduct research the period during or immediately after your PhD, you may be exempted from the rule that the PhD must have been awarded within the time frame above if you have an approved reason for creditable time.

ÅForsk approves the following reasons for creditable time:

- parental leave
- extended illness (sick leave or care of a child/relative)
- military service
- positions of trust within a political organization, trade union, or student organization

Note that we do not accept other employment, unemployment, or vacation as creditable time.

You claim creditable time and specify the approved reason and duration in the application in the CV. The break should be stated calculated as full time, rounded to whole calendar months. You need to check yourself that the date of your PhD falls within the approved time frame for the respective track before applying.

### Collaborative project between academia/industry

The same general instructions as for research grants apply. However, there is no age requirement for applicants regarding academic age. The foundation, however, looks very favorably on if any of the participating individuals in the project meet the requirement of an academic age of maximum 7 years.

- We would prefer that there is co-financing from either universities/colleges or companies

- **NOTE! The application must be from a university/college/research institute**

Regarding the budget and requested funds, these should go to the academic party. Participating companies/industry should mainly contribute in “kind” or cash to the project. In exceptional cases, up to 10% of the granted funds may be used to purchase services, on market terms, from participating companies if there are special reasons. These reasons should then be well justified in the budget.

## Instructions for Applicants

1. Reference
2. Project description, max 5 pages
3. Budget (indicate if material costs are included)
4. Timetable
5. Information about any co-financiers
6. CV and any list of publications

Minimum font size 12 and margins should be at least 2 cm around the text on the A4 page. Please note that ÅForsk funds basic and applied research within engineering sciences, i.e., not natural science research aimed at understanding and explaining natural phenomena. The approved projects should show a clear connection to a technical problem that you wish to solve.

- **Reference**, one page (maximum 2) A supporting letter should be attached here, to be signed by the head of the department or equivalent in the organization.
- **Project description**, maximum 5 pages (minimum font size 12)
  - Purpose and objectives: Provide an overview of the purpose and specific goals of the research project, as well as research questions.
  - State of the art: briefly summarize relevant research in the field, including key references.
  - Significance and scientific innovation: describe how the proposed project relates to previous work in the field and how the project will contribute to its development. Also describe the expected impact of the project both in the short and long term.
  - Preliminary and/or previous results (if applicable): briefly describe your (or other participating researchers’) previous related work and/or pilot studies in the field.

Also indicate if the project builds on research and scientific results from previously granted funding from ÅForsk or another funder.

- **Project Organization.** Clarify how you and any participating researchers will contribute to carrying out the project. In particular, justify how the time you allocate (i.e., level of activity) as project leader is suited to the task, including in relation to your other research commitments. Describe and justify the participating researchers' skills and roles in the project, as well as other key personnel who are important for carrying out the project.

Equipment - if applicable. Describe the basic equipment that you and your group can make available for the project.

- **Budget**

The project start is either September 1 or February 1 of the following year.

Budget span is 400 000 sek up to 4 000 000 sek during a period up to maximum 5 years.

The budget should be divided into personnel and other/material costs. Both types of costs must be justified. The budget should be detailed per calendar year.

Regarding personnel, provide information about researchers participating in the project: position, university, department, and % of a full-time position allocated to the project.

In the requested amount, a maximum of 30 % overhead (OH) may be included.

- **Timetable**

A clear schedule per calendar year, including any milestones. Note that the project start date is either September 1 or February 1 of the following year. If the project cannot start at either of these times, the grant will be withdrawn, and the applicant may resubmit a new application at the next call. Also describe any major risks that could hinder the project and how you plan to address them. Typical risks include, for example, if the project is dependent on results, materials, personnel, or similar resources from other research projects that are beyond your control.

- **Information about any co-financiers**  
Specify any other funding for the current project

- **CV and any list of publications**

The CV must not exceed 2 pages, and publications are then added to it, see below. Note: justification for any time to be deducted should be included in the CV.

List up to ten publications and indicate up to three publications of particular importance for this project. Specify the type of publication (for example, doctoral thesis, peer-reviewed articles, books, book chapters). For co-authored publications, also describe your role and contribution. Publications in the list can be substituted with other relevant types of research outputs such as patents, software, or datasets. In these cases, include the title, ID, and year of publication.

If there is a group with several participating researchers, these should be combined into a single PDF file and the structure of these lists should follow the description above.

**Finally, all the documents should be merged into one PDF.**