

Faculty Board

Guidelines and instructions for application months

The present decision replaces a previous decision dated 7 June 2018, Reg. no STYR 2018/901.

Background

There is a major need to free up time to develop well-prepared research applications. Researchers with ideas for new projects seldom have sufficient time to develop them into effective applications for external funding. Using parts of the direct government funding to enable this is seen as a long-term investment.

Aim

The application months are to be used to draw up research applications.

Conditions

PhD holders employed until further notice at the Faculty of Social Sciences, who do not have more than 30% of their position reserved for research, can apply. The support constitutes the cost of one to two months' full-time work. A person who has been awarded funding can re-apply for application months no earlier than two years after the previous approval decision.

Awarded funds are to be used at the latest 18 months after the decision date.

Assessment

Applications are assessed by a working group composed of the chair and at least one of the Research Council members. The working group is appointed once any potential conflicts of interest have been taken into account. The decision on approved support is taken by the dean.

In order for an application to be considered, the following requirements must be met:

- The research question or problem to be studied must be clearly stated; it is not sufficient to describe an interesting research field
- The problem posed is to be linked to theory in some way
- It must be clear what type of methods the applicant assumes will be suitable for the study

The task of the assessors' group is to prioritise the applications that, besides meeting the requirements mentioned above, also:

- are deemed suitable for drafting into a competitive research application within the available time.

Applications

Applications are to include:

- a project description, maximum three pages
- CV listing research qualifications
- a plan for when and to which research funders the application is to be submitted
- The signature of the head of department (equivalent) certifying that the reduction in other work duties is possible