Guidelines and instructions for the allocation of funding for costs associated with major research applications

The present decision replaces a previous decision dated 15 May 2014, reg. no STYR 2014/377.

Background
The work on responses to major calls for applications for research grants is often very demanding in terms of resources and can involve many applicants. There is a need to be able continuously to apply for funding to cover e.g. costs associated with meetings to work on applications. Using direct government funding to enable well-crafted applications is seen as a long-term investment.

Aim
The funds are to be used to produce a major national or international research application. Examples of major research applications are the EU framework programmes, calls for applications from the European Research Council (ERC), programme applications to the national research councils, etc.

Conditions
Any PhD holder employed until further notice at the Faculty of Social Sciences can apply. Each application may be allocated a maximum of SEK 200,000. The support can be used to finance working hours for employees whose positions do not include allocated research time, or for contact travel for parties involved in the project.

Assessment
Applications are assessed by a working group consisting of at least three of the Research Council’s members. The working group is appointed once any potential conflicts of interest have been taken into account. The decision to allocate funding is taken by the dean.

The task of the assessment group is to assess whether the application can become a competitive research application on the basis of the assessment criteria set by the intended funding body.
Applications
Applications for funding are to be submitted to the faculty office on a continuous basis and must include:

- Project description, at least two, maximum three pages
- CV listing research qualifications, maximum two pages
- Brief budget
- Details of when and to which research funding bodies the application is to be sent
- Signature of head of department (equivalent)