

Office for Research, Engagement and Innovation Services (REIS)

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SRC Formas proposal writing

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Office for Research, Engagement and Innovation Services – Our mission

- Contribute to increased **external research funding**
- Coordinate support to **internationalization**
- Give support on matters concerning **research ethics**
- Provide support concerning **Collaboration** ("samverkan") **with non-academic parties and Innovation** questions

Our services – how we do it

- Newsletter and web
- Seminars and workshops
- Individual support
- Contacts with financial and legal advisors
- Tools: Research Professional

Our areas of responsibility

- Henrik:
 - Support for EU funding (Horizon Europe clusters and missions):
 - Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility
 - Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
 - Mission: Adaptation to climate change
 - Mission: Ocean, seas and waters
 - Mission: Climate neutral and smart cities
 - Mission: Soil health and food
 - Swedish national funding agencies, e.g. **Formas**, Mistra, & Energimyndigheten
 - Contact person for the Section for Earth and Environmental Sciences, **Stockholm Resilience Center** and Baltic Sea Center
 - Support with environment and sustainability-related calls
 - EU-funding task force CIVIS
 - SU representative at the Stockholm Trio Brussels office (Brysselkontoret)

Formas – own experience

- GH5 enzymes for applications in biomass processing (2012)
 - Annual call young scientists
- Combining microbial enrichment and metagenomics for designing biomass-degrading enzyme cocktails (2014)
 - Special call on Biobased Society

REIS and Formas

- Individual grants vs "organization grants"
- Organization grants: A few such as Smart Built Environment, Centers for sustainable and competitive food-systems
- Support for individual researchers: Prisma support, successful applications on demand, budget support (limited!)
- Contact person: Henrik Aspeborg

Formas annual call – general remarks

- Formulate their own research questions based on societal challenges within Formas' areas of responsibility
- Formas' three areas of responsibility; environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning
- Inter- and transdisciplinary research questions are welcome
- Maximum of 3 years and a total of 3 million SEK
- Early career: Maximum of 4 years and a total of 4 million SEK
- Success rate 2020 13%
- Research projects for early-career researchers
 - doctoral degree, diploma issued, no earlier than January 1, 2013 and no later than December 31, 2019.

Formas – SRC performance (Annual call)

- 2020
 - Research grant: 4 (total 16 SU)
 - Early-career: 2 (total 6 SU)
 - Mobility: 1 (total 3 SU)
- 2019
 - Research grant: 3 (total 11 SU)
 - Early-career: 1 (total 6 SU)
 - Mobility: 2 (total 4 SU)
- 2018
 - Research grant: 1 (total 10 SU)
 - Early-career: 0 (total 5 SU)
 - Mobility: 0 (total 6 SU)

Assessment criteria

- **Criteria for scientific quality**

- Research question
- Scientific competence
- Method and performance

- **Criteria for societal relevance**

- Potential societal value of the research topic
- Communication with stakeholders and users

Formas – Practical advice



- Read instructions carefully
- Put time and effort into the societal relevance, short and long term perspective
- Realistic project and realistic communication plan
- Create a reference group
- Ask colleagues for feedback
- Formas Webinar: Annual Open Call 2021 – 5 March 10:00-11:00

Thank you!