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Open call: Collaboration Grants

One of Stockholm University's ambitions is to strengthen and develop its collaboration with the rest of society. Consequently, the External Relations and Communications Office is now, in dialogue with the Boards of Human Science and Science, aiming to facilitate initiation and development of collaboration through a new round of collaboration grants. This call is within the scope of the national Vinnova-funded project *SAFIR* ([Funding collaboration – Recommendations and models for enhanced valorization](#)). The call comprises a total of SEK 1,050,000 for the period November 2018–June 2020.

Background and aim

Through the [collaboration survey](#) carried out in spring 2015, the work which the Appointed Liaison Officers have carried out since then, and not least through the pilot grants project 2016–2018, it has become apparent that there is a need of financial support in order to start or develop reciprocal collaboration with external (non-academic) parties in society. Reciprocal collaboration means activities which provide added value, such as higher quality or greater relevance, for the activities of both the academic and the external part. Reciprocity is a key criterion in the assessment.

Another of Stockholm University's ambitions is to contribute to the fulfilment of [Agenda 2030](#) and the global sustainability goals, which harmonise with the *SAFIR* project's overall goals regarding testing and verifying forms of collaboration funding to address societal challenges and contribute to greater benefit for society. Applicants are therefore requested to specify which of the global goals the planned project could help to achieve.

Two types of funding can be applied for (*NB: from June 2019 only Event grants*):

1. **Event grants** (funds for expenses when organising meetings which concern new collaborations within research, education or societal development or the development of existing ones)
 - Max. SEK 10,000 for reasonable external expenses (rental of premises, catering, travel expenses for SU personnel or invited expert; no payroll costs).

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- Applications are submitted and processed on an ongoing basis, up to and including March 2020 at the latest. Projects approved for funding must be completed and a report submitted no later than 31 May 2020.

2. Two-step projects (more extensive projects with a testing or start-up phase followed by development or improvement)

- Max. SEK 100,000 per project, 50 % of which can go towards payroll costs (incl. LKP; no OH are approved)
- Applications must include a project description. The project description must be max. 4 A4 pages (see instructions in separate application form).
- For the disbursement of funds for Phase 2, an approved report of Phase 1 is required.
- Applications are submitted and assessed on 2 occasions during the spring semester of 2019: **15 January** and **3 May**. Confirmation of the allocation of funds is submitted no later than 1 February and 17 May respectively. *NB: this call is now closed.*

Criteria for both types of funding:

- Description of the reciprocal added value for the academic and the external party respectively. How does the project help to increase the quality of research or education?
- Collaboration funding is not approved for activities which can be considered part of the applicant's normal work description. How do the activities in the project complement the applicant's normal duties as a researcher or teacher?
- Which societal challenges, expressed in terms of the sustainable development goals in Agenda 2030 (www.globalgoals.org), could the project help to solve?
- Projects approved for funding must be completed in April/May 2020, with a final report completed no later than 31 May 2020.
- Interested parties are requested to contact the External Relations and Communications Office for an initial advisory meeting (obligatory) before starting their application.

For further information and to book an appointment, contact the External Relations and Communications Office at samverkansstod@su.se or project leaders, see below.

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