

Board of Human Science

Call for applications: funding for strategic investments

The Board of Human Science invites applications for funding for strategic investments in research, research training and collaboration with the surrounding society, in three categories.

In all three categories, support will not be provided for continuous operations but for the build-up and initiation of new activities.

Funding of salary for professors, employees within the Science Academic Area or employees at other universities will not be granted. Funding for organising a conference or a workshop will only be granted in exceptional cases, and only if funding already has been applied for from external funding bodies and does not fully cover the costs. Funding of 1st and 2nd level courses and programmes will not be provided.

Categories:

- Cross-faculty project support aimed at writing applications for funding to external funding bodies.
- Support for cross-faculty networks and the initiation of cross-faculty collaboration.
- “Black box”, including support for inviting leading researchers and collaboration with the surrounding society.

Applications for these funds must be received by the Office of Human Science **no later than October 1, 2026**. Applications in category “Black box” can also be submitted at any time during the year.

The investments involve support for innovative cross-faculty research initiatives and cross-faculty collaboration. The term cross-faculty here means that the project should involve applicants from at least two departments from different faculties within the Human Science academic area (i.e. humanities, law or social sciences). The support should target investments where contributions from the Board of Human Science are likely to provide added value.

The Board of Human Science’s strategic research funding

The academic area has set aside funding for strategic investments in 2026 divided between two calls for proposals during the year (spring and autumn).

The granted funds will be paid once the decision has been made by the Board in the beginning of November and can be used for one year after the decision. A brief presentation of the result, as well as a financial report, should be submitted to the Board within a year after the decision.

1. Cross-faculty project support for applications for funding from external funding bodies (*scale: reasonable compensation relative to the need, provided in the form of remuneration for about 100 hours of work/1 month per project*).

Assessment criteria:

- A clear and urgent research question.
- A plan for implementing the project.
- An account of where the application is planned to be sent.
- Genuine research collaboration, presented as a convincing description of the synergies of the collaboration.
- Feasibility based on the group's expertise and composition.

Application format

The Board's front page ("försättsblad till ansökan om strategiska satsningar") should be enclosed first in the application (see [Utllysningar av medel](#)). The grant application should not exceed two A4 pages (excluding a short CV and budget). The application must be accompanied by a budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used. Salary funds should refer to actual salary costs, including social fees. Funding for overhead will not be granted.

2. Support for cross-faculty networks and the initiation of cross-faculty collaboration in research and research training (*within the academic area or the University, as well as national or international collaborative projects relating to, for example, major calls for proposals from Swedish and European research councils*).

Assessment criteria:

- A good idea underpinned by clear argumentation.
- A network plan/plan for genuinely innovative research collaboration based on a description of the synergies of the collaboration.
- A travel plan (where relevant).
- Feasibility based on the group's expertise and composition.
- Where applicable, project collaboration between qualified researchers with previous experience of project management involving major research grants.

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3. "Black box" – temporary support for more innovative or original initiatives, such as:

- Support for collaboration initiatives with the surrounding society.
- Research initiatives that have appeared unexpectedly and on very short notice.
- Support for inviting strategically important leading researchers. Assessment criteria: clear argumentation for the researcher's expertise (including CV) and connection to the work at the department, as well as a brief description of how the researcher will contribute to the work at the department and the Human Science academic area.

All travel and hotel arrangements should be made by the host department at Stockholm University and according to the University's rules.

The amount applied for is normally between 20 000 and 250 000 SEK, but may vary. Funding for conference trips will not be granted. Funding for organising a conference or a workshop will only be granted in exceptional cases, and only if funding already has been applied for from external funding bodies (e.g. Riksbankens jubileumsfond) and does not fully cover the costs. See the [Stockholm University website](#) for other research funders. Funding for printing costs will not be granted.

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Applications

Applications should be addressed to the Board of Human Science and submitted in the form of a pdf file by e-mail to registrator@su.se with a copy to susanna.lindberg@su.se, with reference number **SU FV-2642-26 and the project title** in the subject header, by **October 1, 2026**. The application should be signed by the Head of Department.

This is a translation of the Swedish original. In case of discrepancies, the Swedish original shall prevail.