Development funds for collaboration

**The Research Support and Collaboration Office is now announcing development funds for collaboration, with the aim of stimulating collaboration projects between researchers at Umeå University and the university's strategic partners.**

This call relates to projects that address a specific societal challenge, linked to COVID-19 and one or several of the sustainable development goals within Agenda 2030. The projects should aim at, and form the basis for, a research application for another, larger financial call within one year.
The maximum amount to apply for is 85 000 SEK (including overhead costs). Please note that this only covers the main applicant’s costs. To apply for a grant, fill out this form, print and sign.

Application period and deadline

* The application period is open from May 13 to June 15 2020.
* Fill in the application form below together with your external partner.
Sign, scan and send by email to martin.englund@umu.se
* Notification is usually given within two weeks of the deadline.

Qualification requirements

* The main applicant must be a teacher or a researcher at Umeå University.
* At least one non-academic partner (from one of Umeå University's strategic partners) must be involved in the project.
* There can be no existing or previously formalized cooperation between applicants (researchers) and the external partner regarding the issue.
* The applicants should not have any financial interests in the external partner.
* Funds applied for will only cover the main applicants’ costs.
* Only complete applications will be considered.

Project period and final reporting

The funds must be spent by November 15, 2020, and the project completed and finalized by December 1, 2020.

Assessment of applications received

Applications are assessed in two stages. Initially, we will assess whether the application meets basic qualification requirements and formalities. Thereafter, a quality assessment is made regarding aspects such as feasibility, reciprocity and potential for continued cooperation.

* Reasoning about business needs or societal challenges.
* Reasoning about how the project became relevant due to COVID-19, and the connection to the sustainable development goals in Agenda 2030.
* Long-term perspective and link to further financing.
* Mutual benefits of the cooperation.
* Project feasibility.

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| Section A – Main applicant, employee at Umeå University |
| Applicants name |       |
| Department/Unit |       |
| Research focus |       |
| Phone |       |
| E-mail |       |

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| Section B – Project description |
| Project title |       |
| Project period (YYMM-YYMM)1 |      -      |
| Project description, brief |       |
| A brief reasoning about a need or an urgent social challenge that the project aims to address |       |
| State which of the UN’s sustainable development goals (Agenda 2030)2 is most relevant to the project | Välj ett objekt. |
| Brief description of the project’s relevance to the chosen sustainability goal and COVID-19 |       |
| Expected results |       |

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| Section C – Link to further financing |
| Funding source (s) for which the project is intended in the upcoming, larger application |       |
| An account of the needs/concerns of this project in preparation for the upcoming application |       |
| Other. For example, commentary on continued collaboration (optional to answer) |       |

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| Section D1 – Collaboration partner (non-academic) |
| Organisation |       |
| Department/unit |       |
| Contact |       |
| Phone |       |
| E-mail |       |
| Section D2 – Other collaboration partners (answered if applicable) |
| Organisation |       |
| Department/unit |       |
| Contact |       |
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| Section E – Conflict of interests |
| A brief account of possible conflicts of interests |       |

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| Section F – The group’s composition, competence and roles/responsibilities |
| A brief description of the group’s composition and key personnel |       |

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| Section G – Cost, financing and amount applied for |
| Amount applied for 3 (this application) |       |
| Possible co-financing (other sources) |       |
| Total cost of the project |       |

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| Section H – Activity plan and budget |
| Activity/action | Responsible/coordinator | Time frame | Cost4 |
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| Total cost: |       |

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| Section I – Signatures |
| SignatureMain applicant, employee at Umeå University | SignatureRepresentative of external partner |

1 The project must be completed and finalized by December 1, 2020.

2 State the goal that is considered most relevant to your project. For more information about the UN’s sustainable development goals, please visit [https://www.globalgoals.org](https://www.globalgoals.org/)

3 The maximum amount is SEK 85 000 (including transparency costs).

4 The funds can be used for, e.g., travel expenses, meeting expenses, salaries for the academic party and consumables. However, the funds cannot be used for allowance and purchase of equipment.