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CALL FOR BASIC FUNDING FOR RESEARCH, ENABLING RESEARCHERS TO CARRY OUT AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SABBATICAL 2023

The Strategic Board for Research (FON) at the Faculty of Medicine opens a call for basic funding for research, thus enabling teachers and researchers the opportunity to carry out a sabbatical at an international university. The call aims to strengthen the research and/or doctoral studies at the faculty.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must have a permanent position as an actively researching professor or associate professor (*universitetslektor*). The application is made in consultation with the head of the applicant's department.

A permanent employment as professor/associate professor
(*universitetslektor*) is required to be eligible for a 3-12 month long research sabbatical (continuous period).

FON recommends that funding for a sabbatical should *only* be granted

- 1)** if the application includes a research plan of high quality (*the research plan should focus on the research that is to be done during the sabbatical*) and
- 2)** if the planned project clearly benefits from the long-term stay at the university and
- 3)** if the application includes a distinct description of how the research and/or doctoral education at the Faculty of Medicine, Umeå university, benefit from the sabbatical.

The length of the sabbatical must be justified in the application.

The department will receive funding to cover the research cost of the associate professor's/professor's salary during the granted sabbatical ("andelen forskningsanslag i lärarlönemedlen för berörd lärare")¹ as well as funds to cover travel costs for a return trip to the intended higher education institution. *Rules for business trips at Umeå University must be followed. Note that the applicant must pay for living costs during the sabbatical.*

The application must include the following:

1. A cover letter signed by the applicant including
 - a) the purpose of the sabbatical
 - b) expected benefits to the faculty by the sabbatical
 - c) information about applicant's employment at the department
 - d) approval from the head of the department.
2. Research plan, not exceeding 4 pages (A4)

¹ The department receives a research resource from the faculty's research grant (forskningsanslag) to fund full-time research for the teacher concerned during his/her sabbatical. This releases a GU resource that the department can use to fund a replacement within the teaching assignment for the period that the teacher concerned is doing full-time research.



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3. A short CV, consisting of no more than 2 pages (A4)

A list of 10 selected publications, include number of citations for the publications, and the Impact Factor for the journal during the year of the publication. Motivate why these publications have been chosen.

4. An invitation letter from the host university, confirming that the applicant has a place of office and access to the necessary resources needed to carry out the research plan.

The application should be written in English.

A signed and scanned original must be sent digitally to research.med@umu.se.

Please note that applications can be submitted to FON at any time until September 30th, 2023.

Please label the email, in the subject: *International research sabbatical, FS 2.1.6-95-23*.

The Strategic Board for Research (FON) will review the applications and then make the final decision.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of the Strategic Board for Research (FON), Anna Arnqvist, anna.arnqvist@umu.se.

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