Memorandum for applications for funding for a doctoral studentship/doctoral grant
From 1 January 2014

Jointly funded student finance ("samfinansierat studiestöd") refers to funding provided for a doctoral studentship/doctoral grant on the basis of an application made by a main supervisor whose position of employment must be at least that of an assistant professor ("forskarassistent/biträdande lektor") or chief research engineer ("1:e forskningsingenjör") at the Faculty of Medicine, Umeå University. Non-salaried docents ("oavlönad docent"), adjunct professors/senior lecturers ("adjungerad professor/lektor") and researchers employed as “researcher” ("forskare") at the Faculty of Medicine, Umeå University, are also entitled to apply. However, postdoctoral fellows are not entitled to apply.

The resources available for jointly funded doctoral studentships/doctoral grants are extremely limited. Note that a supervisor currently receiving student finance from the faculty can apply for funding a second time on condition that the doctoral student already supported by jointly funded student finance has done his/her 50% seminar ("mittseminarium"). Applications from supervisors with two or more ongoing cases of student finance will not be considered.

Each supervisor may only submit one (1) application.

Funding

- The main supervisor receives a standard grant of 1 000 000 kr (250 000 kr per year). The supervisor can use this funding either to employ the doctoral student through a doctoral studentship or to give the student a doctoral grant. However, a doctoral student must be employed via a doctoral studentship for the last 36-month period of his/her studies.

- If a prospective doctoral student is a person with a degree from a medical or dental programme, the jointly-funded student finance given will amount to 1 200 000 kr (300 000 kr/year)

- a supervisor who has been given jointly-funded student finance for only 1 or 2 years for a doctoral student already admitted to doctoral studies shall be awarded 300 000 kr/year (350 000 kr/year for a doctoral student with a
It is the supervisor’s and/or department’s responsibility to finance the remaining cost of the doctoral student’s actual salary and to fully compensate any time devoted to teaching.

When the faculty approves an application, the standard grant is paid out to the department and the funding is then linked to the supervisor and project. The standard amount is paid out only for the period of time that the doctoral student is employed. Under Chapter 5 Section 7 of the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100), a person may be employed as a doctoral student for maximum eight years. The total period of employment must not be longer that the equivalent of four years of fulltime study. Jointly funded student finance that has been awarded must commence before 2015-03-01. If this is not the case, a new application for funding must be made when funding is next advertised or at a later date.

The faculty intends to present a joint call for doctoral studentship/doctoral grants concerning the jointly funded student finanances.

Application

An application for jointly funded student finance must be made using the application form for funding from foundations. See page 3 of the form for information about what attachments are to be submitted together with the application.

The application must be approved by the department through the head of department’s signature. If the project is to be financed through ALF-/TUA funding, the Clinical Manager (“verksamhetschef”) in question must also approve the application.

The assessment and awarding of points will be done on the basis of the Swedish Research Council’s criteria for the assessment of project applications.