Announcement of the Education Committee’s 2021 strategic funds with last date of application on 12 January 2021.

At the Faculty Board meeting on 29 October 2020, the Education Committee received an amount of SEK 1,500,000 for strategic funds for 2021. These funds will be distributed following an application procedure with the final application date 12 January 2021. Decisions will be taken at the meeting of the Education Committee on 20 January 2020. Projects that are granted funds can start immediately after the application has been approved and must be completed by 31 October 2022. The Committee reserves the right not to distribute the entire amount announced. No more calls for strategic funds will be announced in 2021.

Application forms, as well as general guidelines for using the Education Committee's strategic fund can be found at: https://www.aurora.umu.se/enheter/teknat/utlysningar/utbildningskommittens-strategiska-fond/

Prioritised areas in this announcement are:

- Projects aimed at digital development initiatives. This may, for example, be about the development and adaptation of pedagogy for digital teaching and mode of examinations.

- Projects aimed to develop and strengthen the quality of the educational programmes at the faculty with links to the faculty's operational plan 2020-2022, (see www.aurora.umu.se/en/units/scitech/operational-plansannual-reports/operational-plans/) and/or projects that address one (or more) of the quality system's six perspectives (see the Quality System for Education, www.umu.se/en/about-umea-university/quality-system-for-education/):
  - Research links
  - Internationalisation
  - Equality
  - Collaboration and links to working life
  - Sustainable development
  - Student influence and student-centred learning

The Education Committee would like to see several individuals working on the same project. Funds can be applied for project costs (salaries including salary top-up payments, travels, representation, consumables etc.) from a minimum of about SEK 100,000 and normally up to SEK 200,000. Project costs exceeding SEK 200,000 should be given a separate motivation. Granted projects must be interim reported no later than 15 December 2021, whereby half of the amount granted will be paid out. A final report (about a one to two-page form in Word) should be handed in to the Faculty Office after the project has been completed, no later than 31 October 2022. After the report has been approved, the remaining amount granted will be paid out, at the latest on 15 December 2022.

Please note:

- Applications should be submitted electronically in Word format to medel@diarie.umu.se, no later than 12 January 2021.
- State the reg. no. FS 2.1.6-2302-20 as subject of the e-mail.
- Only complete applications using the application form available on www.aurora.umu.se/enheter/teknat/utlysningar/utbildningskommittens-strategiska-fond/ will be evaluated.

Welcome with your application!

The Education Committee