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Announcement of the Education Committee's 2024 strategic funds with last date of application on 22 September 2023

The Education Committee hereby awards funds for strategic projects with the aim of strengthening the quality of the faculty's education at pre-level, first- and second-cycle level. The application deadline is on **22 September 2023**, and a decision on allocation will be made at the Education Committee's meeting on 11 October 2023. The project period starts on 1 January 2024 and lasts until 30 June 2025 at the latest. The next call for strategic funds for the year 2025 will take place in the latter part of spring 2024.

Application forms, as well as general guidelines for using the Education Committee's strategic fund can be found at: www.aurora.umu.se/organisation-och-styrning/organisation/fakultetssidor/teknisk-naturvetenskaplig-fakultet/utlysningar/utbildningskommittens-strategiska-fond/

Prioritised areas in this announcement are:

- Projects aimed to develop and strengthen the quality of the educational programmes at the faculty with links to the faculty's operational plan 2023-2025, (see www.aurora.umu.se/en/organisation-and-management/organisation/faculties/faculty-of-science-and-technology/faculty-organisation/the-facultys-work-and-delegation/operational-plans/)
- Projects that address programme-specific development related to external peer reviews, if applicable.
- 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

Funds can be applied for project costs (salaries including salary top-up payments, consumables etc.) from a minimum of about SEK 100,000 and normally up to SEK 250,000. Project costs exceeding SEK 300,000 should be given a separate motivation.



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The faculty had an agency capital of SEK 65 million within the education at the end of 2022, (see FS 1.3.3-365-23, Verksamhetsberättelse 2022). The faculty works systematically to annually use available funds and existing agency capital. In this call, the department agency capital will therefore be taken into account when allocating strategic funds, so that if the department's agency capital exceeds 20 percent of the total costs for education in 2022, the department will account for half of the granted amount and the faculty for the other half. If the agency capital amounts to 20 percent or less of the total costs, the faculty is responsible for the entire granted amount. Therefore, discuss this issue with the head of department when planning the application.

Granted funds are paid out monthly during 2024 in the regular allocation. The project must be completed by 30 June 2025. A final report (approx. 1-2 pages in a Word form) must be submitted to the faculty director of studies no later than three months after the end of the project, but at the latest **30 September 2025**. A template for the Word form can be found below www.aurora.umu.se/organisation-och-styrning/organisation/fakultetssidor/teknisk-naturvetenskaplig-fakultet/utlysningar/utbildningskommittens-strategiska-fond/

If the report has not been sent in within three months after the end of the project, the granted funds will be withdrawn.

Please note:

- Applications should be submitted electronically in pdf-format to **medel@diarie.umu.se**, no later than **22 September 2023**. State the reg. no. **FS 2.1.6-918-23** as subject of the e-mail.
- Only complete applications using the application form available on www.aurora.umu.se/organisation-och-styrning/organisation/fakultetssidor/teknisk-naturvetenskaplig-fakultet/utlysningar/utbildningskommittens-strategiska-fond/ will be evaluated.
- The application should be approved by the relevant programme director(s) and signed digitally, via eduSign, by the head of the department.

Welcome with your application!

The Education Committee