



# UMEÅ UNIVERSITET

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### RESOURCE FOR FACULTY FUNDED TIME FOR RESEARCH (FFT)

from 2022

Announcement of faculty funded time for research (FFT) from the Faculty of Science and Technology.

#### **General**

The resource for faculty funded time for research at the Faculty of Science and Technology is designated FFT. Calls for applications for such resources are made once per year. Applications can, with certain exceptions, be made by senior lecturers (swe. lektorer) and professors with permanent employments who lack other types of guarantees of research time. The application is to be submitted electronically to the Registrar using the application form stipulated by the faculty board.

The application form for FFT is divided into three sections:

- I. General details, first page of the form.
- II. Presentation of specific details according to page 2 of the form and onwards, under the following headings:
  - Research-related qualifications
    - Publications
    - Supervision of doctoral students
    - Supervision of postdocs
    - Research grants received from external sources
    - The ambition to generate external research grants
    - Time for research within the employment
  - Teaching-related qualifications
    - Teaching in undergraduate education
    - Teaching in postgraduate education
  - Outreach activity
    - National and international research collaborations
    - Collaboration with the surrounding community
    - Addressing of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals
  - Other
    - Commissions of trust
    - Management positions
    - Gender equality work
    - Other information



**III.** Short presentation of the research program, the last pages of the form.

- This presentation should comprise at most three A4 pages, font size 12, and should include project title, short abstract, introduction to the question addressed, objectives, hypotheses, methods to be used, and expected outcome.

**Assessment criteria**

In the assessment of the applicant's qualifications, research-related merits will be given the highest weight, while other qualifications will be given a lower weight.

Research-related qualifications considered comprise conducted research in terms of published work, both quantity (number of publications and publication fractions in peer-reviewed journals and the applicant's position in the author list) and quality (publication patterns expressed in journal selection, their impact factor and their level in the so-called Norwegian list (<https://dbh.nsd.uib.no/publiseringskanaler/Forside>) and the citation frequency of the work), completed and ongoing supervision of doctoral students (both as main supervisor and assistant supervisor), completed and ongoing postdoctoral supervision, and the ability to obtain external research funding (both as main and co-applicant). In some cases, the ambition to obtain external research funding (the number of research applications submitted in recent years) and planned research (in terms of the research plan) are also taken into account. Particularly meritorious is a high degree of independence in one's own research profile, and an active role as a leader of a research group.

To assess the degree of outreach activity, the extent of interdisciplinary, national and international collaborations will be assessed (by taking into account the proportion of peer-reviewed published work that have co-authors from another departments, from another national or international universities, and from non-academic actors such as research institutes and companies),

To be able to assess the merits of the applicant in relation to the time allocated to research over the last years, information about available research time over the last years should be given.

To assess the degree of extent and commitment to teaching, both the extent and engagement in undergraduate and postgraduate education are taken into account.

To enable an overall assessment of the applicant, information about some other activities are also requested, e.g. positions of trust, work with assessments of applications, participation in examinations of doctoral students, both as opponents and participants in grading committees, management functions, gender equality work, as well as other commitments and other engagements.



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Finally, to assess to which extent the research at the Faculty of Science and Technology relates to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we encourage you to participate in a survey regarding to which extent your research addresses these. The extent of addressing these goals does not affect the assessment of your FFT application.

### **The application**

Application for FFT can be made by senior lecturers (swe. lektorer) and professors with permanent employments who lack other types of guarantees of research time. Senior lecturers are not entitled to receive FFT during the first three years of their employment.

The size of the requested resource should be expressed as a percentage of full-time work, usually 25, 50 or 75%. In the case of leave of absence, the allocated resource will be reduced by the extent of the leave. The appropriation period is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years.

A permanent senior lecturer or professor who has previously been granted FFT for the coming years with a scope of less than 75% of full-time employment has the right to apply for additional FFT, (swe "upptoppning"), which implies that the assigned amount of FFT can be increased in relation to the previously guaranteed amount. The Faculty is generally restrictive with support for additional FFT; In the case an application for such FFT is submitted, it must be clear from the application in what way the applicant's qualifications have been strengthened since the last FFT allocation. If additional FFT is granted, the grant period can never be longer than the previously allocated FFT period.

FFT is allocated for the applicant's salary the year in which the resource is awarded. The resource cannot be transferred or saved. Persons who are allocated time for FFT must be booked within VH21 for the percent share to which the resource relates. Each year, the faculty scrutinizes the use of the resource. Unused FFT will be reclaimed by the faculty.

Further information can be provided by the Dean, Mikael Elofsson, tel +46 (0)90-785 9328, [mikael.elifsson@umu.se](mailto:mikael.elifsson@umu.se) or the faculty coordinator Susanne Vikström, tel +46 (0)90-786 9471, [susanne.vikstrom@umu.se](mailto:susanne.vikstrom@umu.se)

Send your application and research program as one attached PDF document by e-mail to the Registrar to [medel@diarie.umu.se](mailto:medel@diarie.umu.se). The subject of the e-mail should be: **Dnr FS 2.1.6-339-21**

Your application must be received by the Registrar **no later than May 19, 2021.**

On behalf of the Faculty of Science and Technology's Faculty Board

Susanne Vikström



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The announcement and application forms (both in Swedish and English) are available at: <https://www.aurora.umu.se/enheter/teknat/utlysningar/fft/>



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