



UMEÅ UNIVERSITY

Faculty-funded research time

Announcement of faculty-funded research time (FFT) for the budget year of 2024 from the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Calls for applications are held once a year. Applications may be submitted by associate professors (Swedish: *universitetslektor*) and professors who have been permanently employed by Umeå University for at least three years. Applications should be submitted electronically to the registrar through medel@diarie.umu.se using the application form approved by the Faculty Board.

Application

The FFT application form is divided into six sections:

1. General details
2. Scientific output
3. Research leadership
4. Research funding
5. Other merits
6. Research programme

General details: Information should be provided about the applicant's research time over the last years, to assess the applicant's merits in relation to the time that was available to them. Longer periods of parental leave should be accounted for. The amount of FFT being applied for should be expressed as a percentage of full-time work: 25, 50, or 75 per cent. The appropriation period is up to 5 years.

An associate professor or professor with a permanent position who has previously been granted FFT with a scope of less than 75 per cent may apply for an increase of FFT for the remaining period. The faculty is generally hesitant to approve such requests, however. If an applicant does apply for an increase, the application must clarify the ways in which the applicant's qualifications have become stronger since their last FFT application. If additional FFT is granted for an ongoing period, the increase will only apply to the remainder of the period.

Assessment criteria

Research-related merits will weigh heaviest for the assessment committee.

Scientific output: Research output in terms of peer-reviewed publications, complemented by other bibliometric information. When relevant to the research area, the applicant's position in the author list will also be of importance. The quality of the publication will also be considered; to document the publication's quality, the applicant is asked to indicate impact factors, the level of the publication in the so-



called Norwegian list, and citation frequency. The applicant should list their publications from the last seven years, highlighting the five most important ones.

Research leadership: Completed and ongoing formal supervision of doctoral students, both as main supervisor and assistant supervisor, and completed and ongoing postdoctoral supervision. Supervision of other staff funded by the applicant may also be mentioned. A high degree of independence in one's research profile is particularly meritorious, as is an active role as leader of a research group.

Research funding: The ability to obtain external research funding, both as main applicant and co-applicant. If the applicant does not have any approved funding since 2016, they should list applications that were rejected or for which no decision has yet been taken.

Other merits: The applicant may account for other merits that complement the core assessment factors of scientific output, research leadership, and research funding. Merits of this kind include official management positions, such as head of department or deputy head of department.

Research programme: The applicant is asked to write a research plan for the period the application refers to.

Rules for FFT

FFT is allocated from the first month the applicant has been permanently employed for three full years. Approved FFT is 25, 50, or 75 per cent of the applicant's actual degree of employment at Umeå university. It is reduced when the employee is on a longer leave of absence, except for when they are on parental leave. Costs for approved FFT must be registered within VH21. Each year, the faculty follows up on the use of FFT. Unused FFT will be reclaimed by the faculty, unless it is the result of parental leave; it cannot be transferred or saved.

For further information, contact Associate Dean Johan Olofsson or Faculty Coordinator Robert Johansson.