



## Call for funding of mid-range research equipment from the Faculty of Science and Technology, 2023

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes applications for funding of mid-range research equipment with deadline for applications on January 31, 2023.

Funding for equipment needed for high-quality research can be applied by individual researchers or a group of researchers. The call accepts requests for funding of new equipment as well as upgrades of existing equipment or systems. Requests for full funding of equipment costs or part-funding of equipment costs with co-funding from other sources can be granted. A request to obtain an advance promise of funding prior to upcoming applications from other funding bodies can also be made. Application for funding cannot cover salary costs or costs pertaining to the running of the equipment. If the application is sent in parallel to the medical faculty's corresponding announcement, it must be stated in the application. The disposition time for granted funds is 18 months, funds that have not been used within that time frame will be returned to the faculty<sup>1</sup>.

### Terms and conditions

Main applicants must have an open-ended employment at the Faculty of Science and Technology at Umeå University, alternatively have a fixed-term employment as an assistant professor<sup>2</sup> at the same faculty. Any co-applicants should normally be employed at Umeå University. In cases where co-applicants are employed at another faculty, the application must state the relevance of the equipment to that faculty.

In all cases, the application must be approved by the main applicant's head of department, who, through a signature, approves that the department (together with co-applicants' departments) will fund any potential further costs, e.g., running costs.

Equipment purchased through this program must be placed at the disposal of other researchers at the Faculty of Science and Technology, as far as availability allows and upon request.

A plan for long-term funding, running costs and costs for phasing out the equipment must be given.

### Total amount

Funding can be requested for equipment with a purchase cost normally in the interval 250,000 SEK and 4 000,000 SEK alternatively for costs of upgrading existing equipment with an original purchase cost in the same range. Applications that are granted are normally requesting funds for up to 1,000,000 SEK. The total amount of funding in the two funding call rounds for 2023 is 5,000,000 SEK. The depreciation time for the equipment should be five years.

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<sup>1</sup> A formal request with a clear explanation for the need for extended disposition time can be submitted to the dean of the faculty no later than 12 months after the application has been granted. The request should be sent by e-mail to robert.johansson@umu.se no later than two weeks before the dean's decision meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Swedish: biträdande lektor.



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### **How to apply**

Applications must follow the guidelines in the appendix “Instructions on how to apply for funding for mid-range research equipment from the Faculty of Science and Technology 2023”.

### **Assessments and decisions**

All applications will be assessed by the Faculty Research Committee and decisions on allocation of resources will be made by the Faculty Board. If necessary, for the assessment, external experts will be involved. Applications may also be forwarded to relevant departments for internal prioritisation. Allocation of funding is expected to be complete no later than three months after application.

### **Application deadline**

Deadline for this call is January 31, 2023. Applications should be merged into a single PDF-document and submitted with email, in full, to the registrar at Umeå University: [medel@diarie.umu.se](mailto:medel@diarie.umu.se), the registration number FS 2.1.6-2052-22 should be given in the subject field.

### **Questions**

Any questions that may arise should primarily be directed to the secretary of the Research Committee, Robert Johansson, [robert.johansson@umu.se](mailto:robert.johansson@umu.se), or secondly to the chair of the Research Committee, Johan Olofsson [johan.olofsson@umu.se](mailto:johan.olofsson@umu.se).

### **Restrictions**

Within the scope of this call, no applications will be granted for funding together with co-applicants from other faculties for equipment that is not of particular importance to the Faculty of Science and Technology. Nor will applications be granted for equipment applied for in collaboration with partners at other higher education institutions that will primarily not be placed at Umeå University.

The equipment should be included in the faculty’s list of faculty-funded mid-range equipment handled by the secretary of the Research Committee.