



## Call for funding of mid-range research equipment from the Faculty of Science and Technology at Umeå University for the autumn semester 2021

### **Scope**

The Faculty of Science and Technology at Umeå University allocates funding for mid-range equipment for high-quality research. Mid-range equipment is defined as equipment with a purchase price between SEK 250,000 and SEK 4 million.

The Faculty now welcomes applications for funding of such equipment for research purposes.

### **Terms and conditions**

Funding for equipment can be applied by an individual researcher or a group of researchers.

The call accepts requests for funding of new equipment as well as upgrades of, or additions to, existing equipment or systems. In case of the latter, the existing equipment must have a purchase price within the cost interval specified above.

Requests for full funding (100%) of equipment costs or part-funding (<100%) of equipment costs with co-funding from other sources can be granted. Since the amount of resources available is limited, the Faculty encourages co-financing from existing funds.

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.

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 (Sw. *biträdande lektor* or *forskarassistent*) at the same faculty. In cases where the main applicant has a fixed-term employment, the application must be approved by the head of department in a separate statement including the relevance of the equipment from a long-term perspective.

Any potential co-applicants should normally be employed at Umeå University. In cases where co-applicants are employed or active 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 (potentially together with co-applicants' departments) will fund any potential further costs, e.g. running costs.

Equipment purchased through this program (irrespective of whether the support was given as full financing or part financing) must be placed at the disposal of other researchers at the Faculty of Science and Technology, as far as availability allows and upon request.

An advance promise of funding is valid for one year from the date of decision. If the main applicant within this period of time has not obtained support for, or can provide proof of, the remaining funding for purchase of the equipment, the advance promise will expire. If the applicant has reasonable



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reasons to assume that such an expiration of the promise will occur, the applicant can apply for an extension of the advance promise for funding given that the application is handed in before the end of the validity period and at a regular funding call. Such an extension of the advance promise for funding will only be granted if applicants can provide a clear and convincing plan for how the remaining funding will be raised within the following year.

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

The equipment must be classified according to the classification of infrastructure at KBC,<sup>1</sup> i.e. either as a Core Facility, Technical Platform or User Group, the latter classification also includes individual researchers/research groups.

### **Total amount**

Funding can be requested for research equipment with a cost of purchase between SEK 250,000 and SEK 4 million, alternatively for costs of upgrading or making additions to existing equipment with an original cost of purchase within the same interval.

The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for (and be granted) in each application is SEK 1 million.

The total amount of funding in the two funding call rounds for 2021 is SEK 5 million.

The depreciation time for the equipment should be five years.

### **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 at Umeå University".

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. In each application round, the faculty reserves the right to decide the limit of funding to be allocated.

Allocation of funding is expected to be complete no later than three months after application.

### **Application deadline**

Deadline for applications for the autumn semester of 2021 is **3 September**.

Apply by submitting your application as an email with the application and the appendix merged into a single PDF-file sent as an attachment to the secretary of the Research Committee, Robert Johansson, [robert.johansson@umu.se](mailto:robert.johansson@umu.se)

### **Reporting**

A short summary of the equipment purchased and its field of use should be published on the faculty intranet page (<https://www.aurora.umu.se/en/units/scitech/>) no later than six months after the equipment was purchased.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.umu.se/en/chemical-biological-centre/kbc-scientific-infrastructures/>



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### **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, Ove Axner [ove.axner@umu.se](mailto:ove.axner@umu.se).

### **Restrictions**

Equipment intended for research purposes with a value exceeding the maximum sum of SEK 4 million cannot be applied for within the scope of this call for funding.

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 regarded 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 or similar and that will primarily not be placed at Umeå University.

The equipment must be included in the faculty's list of faculty-funded mid-range equipment (handled by the secretary of the Research Committee, [robert.johansson@umu.se](mailto:robert.johansson@umu.se)).

For quality assurance purposes, equipment purchased within this program may, in the future, be evaluated for its use, with special emphasis to its role in contributing to research and publications.