



## Call for funding of mid-range research equipment from the Faculty of Science and Technology - autumn 2022

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes applications for funding of mid-range equipment for research with deadline for application on the 1 September 2022.

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.

### 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>1</sup> 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 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 (potentially 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.

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

### Total amount

Funding can be requested for research equipment with a cost of purchase between 250,000 and 4,000,000 SEK, 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

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<sup>1</sup> Swedish: biträdande lektor or forskarassistent.



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granted for each equipment is 1,000,000 SEK. The total amount of funding in the two funding call rounds for 2022 is 5,000,000 SEK. 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 2022”.

### **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 applications for the autumn semester of 2022 is February 16. 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 2.1.6-858-22 should be given in the subject field.

### **Reporting**

A short summary of the equipment purchased, and its field of use should be published on the faculty intranet page no later than six months after the equipment was purchased.

### **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.