



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

Scope

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes applications for funding of mid-range equipment for research purposes. Mid-range equipment is defined as equipment with a purchase price between 250,000 and 4,000,000 SEK. Deadline for application, in this round, is 16 February 2022.

Funding for equipment needed for high-quality research 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. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for and granted for each single unit of equipment is 1,000,000 SEK. 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 professor¹ 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 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

¹ Swe: biträdande lektor or forskarasistent



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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,² 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 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 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: registrator@umu.se, the registration number FS 2.1.6-2518-21 must 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 page³ 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, or secondly to the chair of the Research Committee, Ove Axner johan.olofsson@umu.se.

² <https://www.umu.se/en/chemical-biological-centre/kbc-scientific-infrastructures/>

³ <https://www.aurora.umu.se/en/organisation-and-management/organisation/faculties/faculty-of-science-and-technology/research/research-infrastructure/equipment-of-lower-cost/>



Restrictions

Equipment intended for research purposes with a value exceeding the maximum sum of 4.000.000 SEK 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).