

## **Funding guide for project grants Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation (MMW)**

**The application period begins March 1. Deadline for application April 1, 2020**

### **Grant policy**

The Foundation mainly supports research projects and education related to the social sciences.

The Foundation awards grants to Swedish universities and similar research and education institutions within the following areas:

- Research projects with high scientific potential
- Individual grants for outstanding researchers through the Foundation's programs

The Foundation sends applications out for peer review.

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The Foundation primarily grants funding for projects related to law, economics and the social sciences. High-priority projects include new research areas and research that is interdisciplinary in nature, preferably in IT and digital media

### **Who can apply?**

An application can be made by an individual researcher or by a research group associated to a Swedish institution of higher education. An application can also be submitted by the head of the institution.

### **Application period**

The application period begins March 3. Last day of application April 1.

## Guidelines for research projects

- The Foundation mainly supports research in the social sciences
- The Foundation supports investigator-initiated projects of the highest international standard
- Projects should be focused on a coherent research question
- The application must have undergone internal prioritization and be prioritized by the vice-chancellor (or the person designated by the vice-chancellor to represent him or her) or equivalent
- The grant must not merely constitute auxiliary funding for current operations or other projects in progress
- PIs must have a long-term association with a Swedish institution of higher education, and spend at least 70 % of their position/working time in Sweden. Co-investigators must spend at least 50 % of their position/working time in Sweden.
- An individual researcher is only allowed to participate in two ongoing projects, and act as a PI on one of these
- The research must be undertaken at a Swedish institution of higher education but otherwise there are no limits regarding the localization of research groups in terms of organization or geography
- Projects normally have a budget of between SEK 3 million and SEK 10 million. Projects can have a duration of three to five years
- Grants for equipment necessary to the project are approved through financing of depreciation costs
- A project can only be subject for reviewing at two separate application periods

Grants for equipment are normally awarded as part of a project in which the cost of the equipment is directly related to the scientific operations of the project. Equipment is financed through depreciation, which must be calculated linearly across its entire economic/scientific life, not merely across the project period sought. Procurement must take place no later than 2 years after the project starts, and depreciation can thereby commence and be sought for 2 years longer than other costs.

## Design of the application

In the e-application <https://mmwansokan.wallenberg.org/en> the compulsory data and appendices are stated. It is important that the application is extensive and complete for a correct handling of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **The largest approved file size per attachment is 10MB.**

In the application the following must be stated/attached:

- The vice-chancellor's or equivalent's certification
- CVs of the PI and the co-investigators
- A list of ten selected publications per applicant
- A comprehensive project description in English, must not exceed 10 pages, 12 p font
- A popularly pitched summary in English, max 2 000 characters incl. space
- A popularly pitched summary in Swedish, max 3 500 characters incl. space
- A project budget, using the Foundation's template
- If the project is co-funded by the applicant's own higher-education institution and other financiers
- If funding has been applied for, will be applied for, or has been received for the same purposes from another organization

## Decision

The decisions of the Board of Directors will be sent to the applicants by letter and information about approved grants will be posted on the Foundation's web site when the board minutes have been approved.

## Publishing

Research funded by the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation must be published with Open Access, i.e. published articles must be archived in open searchable databases. Extra costs for open access may be included as a direct cost in the application.