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Announcement of the Education Committee's funds for collaboration and internationalisation checks, with last date of application on 10 August 2021.

At the Faculty Board meeting on 29 October 2020, SEK 225,000 was reserved for collaboration checks and SEK 150,000 for internationalisation checks for 2021. The announcement of collaboration and internationalisation checks is aimed at those who teach courses/programmes at the Faculty of Science and Technology and are permanent employees (including assistant professors) at the faculty.

This is the second call for collaboration and internationalisation checks 2021. The deadline for application is on **10 August 2021**, and granted funds may be used until **30 June 2022**. The applications are processed and decided by the Education Committee at the next meeting after the last application day. The Committee reserves the right not to distribute the full amount reserved.

The purpose of the collaboration checks is to support teachers who would like to visit and work at an external workplace for a limited period of time. The experience and lessons learned from the stay are to benefit the education of the faculty at pre- first-cycle or second-cycle level. In this context, an external workplace refers to a workplace that is outside of higher education and where students at the faculty could potentially find work after their studies.

The purpose of internationalisation checks is to strengthen and inspire internationalisation in education at pre-, first or second-cycle levels. Funds are primarily granted to teacher exchange, developing courses or to developing exchange agreements in collaboration with foreign higher education institutions.

Funds are allocated for travel and accommodation costs (maximum amount of SEK 10,000/week in Sweden and Europe, SEK 15,000/week outside Europe), which is claimed after the stay. In addition, the Department is compensated for salary costs corresponding to the length of stay. The stay can be up to 20 working days. Subsistence allowances are not reimbursed. Due to the current pandemic situation, travels are restricted and digital alternatives should always be considered (Vice-Chancellor decision 2020-12-17, reg. no. FS 1.1-2617-20). Internationalisation checks are therefore granted with the prerequisite that the university's travel restrictions have been lifted at the time of the planned stay and that the trip/stay can be carried out on the basis of the Swedish Public Health Agency's recommendations. Collaboration checks are granted with the prerequisite that the stay at the external activity/workplace can be carried out in accordance with the recommendations that apply at the time of the planned stay.

For both collaboration and internationalisation checks, the stay can start immediately after approved application, but must be completed by **30 June 2022**. A final report (a one-page form in Word) should be submitted to the Faculty Office no later than **three months** after the end of the stay. Only after approved final report, the granted funds are paid out.



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Note:

- **Application forms** for funds for collaboration and internationalisation checks are available at www.aurora.umu.se/en/units/scitech/announcements/announcement-of-the-education-committees-funds-for-internationalisation-or-cooperation-checks/. The form indicates whether the application refers to internationalisation or collaboration checks.
- Only applications using the application form will be evaluated. The form must be filled out correctly for funds to be granted.
- Applications should be sent electronically in Word format to medel@diarie.umu.se no later than **10 August 2021**.
- State the reg. no. **FS 2.1.6-753-21** as subject of the e-mail.
- Do not forget to discuss your application with the head of your department before submitting the application.

Welcome with your application!

The Education Committee