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Announcement of funds for equipment used in teaching at the foundation year, first-cycle and second-cycle education at the Faculty of Science and Technology

Scope

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes applications for funding of equipment/infrastructure for teaching purposes. The total purchase price of the equipment/infrastructure must exceed SEK 100,000 and may be up to SEK 1,000,000. A total amount of SEK 3,000,000 is announced.

“Equipment/infrastructure” here means both individual equipment (e.g. individual instruments) and sets of equipment (e.g. group or class sets of instruments).

The last day to apply for this call is **March 22, 2023**.

Funds can be applied for new acquisition of equipment as well as upgrading and/or supplementing of existing equipment. Even in the latter case, it applies that the existing equipment has a purchase price within the cost ranges specified above.

The equipment must be used in courses or course components at the foundation year education, first-cycle, and second-cycle education. The course components can be, for example, laboratory work, project work, or other course components with practical, theoretical or experimental elements.

For an application to be granted, it is important that the proposed equipment/infrastructure benefits the undergraduate education well and contributes to maintaining a high quality of the courses/course components in which it is to be used. The equipment must therefore be able to be used regularly for educational purposes. We are happy to see that the equipment can be used for more courses/programmes than the courses/programmes to which the application relates.

Funds can be applied for full financing (100 %) of equipment or partial financing (<100 %) of equipment that is partly financed from elsewhere.

Funds cannot be applied for wage costs or for the operation of equipment.



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Terms and conditions

The main applicant must be permanently employed at the Faculty of Science and Technology at Umeå University, or alternatively hold a fixed-term employment as an associate senior lecturer or a postdoctoral research fellow. The application must be approved by the head of the main applicant.

Equipment acquired through this call must, subject to occupancy and, if necessary, be able to be used by several education programmes and courses.

The faculty has an agency capital of slightly above SEK 86 million within the education (in 2021), of which about 80 percent is at the departments (see FS 1.3.2-1835-22, Resursfördelning 2023). The faculty works systematically to annually use available funds and existing agency capital. In this call, the department agency capital will therefore be taken into account when allocating funds, so that if the department's agency capital exceeds 10 percent of the total costs for education in 2022, the department will account for half of the granted amount and the faculty for half. If the government capital amounts to 10 percent or less of the total costs, the faculty is responsible for the entire amount granted. Therefore, discuss with the head of department on this issue when planning the application.

Total amount

Funds can be applied for equipment whose purchase price is within the range of SEK 100,000 - SEK 1,000,000 or alternatively costs for upgrading and/or supplementing existing equipment whose purchase price is within the same range. The maximum amount of funds that can be distributed at this announcement in the spring of 2023 is SEK 3.000.000. The equipment is expected to have a depreciation period of 5 years.

How to apply

The application should be written in accordance with the instructions in the appendix "Instructions and template for application for funding for equipment used in teaching at the Faculty of Science and Technology".

Applications will be evaluated by the Education Committee and a decision on the allocation of funds will be made by the Faculty Board. If necessary, external experts can be involved. Applications may also be sent to relevant institutions for internal prioritization. The faculty reserves the right to decide on each individual call occasion on the amount of funds to be distributed.

A decision on the allocation of funds is expected to be made at the Faculty Board's meeting on 27 April 2023.



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Application deadline

The last day to apply for the call is **March 22, 2023**. The application and any appendices must be attached to a joint pdf-document and sent via e-mail to: medel@diarie.umu.se
State **Reg. No. FS 2.1.6-74-23** as subject of the e-mail.

Reporting

A brief summary of the equipment and its area of use should be published on the faculty's Aurora page (www.aurora.umu.se/en/organisation-and-management/organisation/faculties/faculty-of-science-and-technology), no later than 6 months after the equipment has been acquired.

Questions

Any questions about the application and its purpose are primarily asked to the deputy dean Sara Sjöstedt de Luna, sara.sjostedt.de.luna@umu.se. Any practical questions about the application process are asked to the faculty director of studies Staffan Schedin, staffan.schedin@umu.se.

Other

Within the framework of the above-mentioned call, funds may not be applied together with co-applicants at another faculty for equipment that is not of significant importance to the Faculty of Science and Technology. The equipment must be located at the Faculty of Science and Technology.

The equipment should be entered in the faculty's list of faculty-funded educational equipment (handled by the faculty director of studies Staffan Schedin).