



Call for funding of mid-range research equipment from the Faculty of Science and Technology, 2024

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes applications for funding of mid-range research equipment. The application deadline is 31 January 2024.

Funding of equipment needed for high-quality research can be applied by individual researchers or by a group of researchers. This call will accept requests for full funding or co-funding of new equipment, or for upgrades of existing equipment. A request to obtain a promise of funding prior upcoming applications from other funding bodies can also be made. Applications for funding cannot cover salary costs or costs pertaining to the operation of the equipment. If the application is sent in parallel to the Faculty of Medicine's corresponding call, this must be stated in the application. The disposition time for funds granted is 18 months. Funds that have not been used within this timeframe must be returned to the Faculty.¹

Terms and conditions

Main applicants must have an open-ended employment contract with the Faculty of Science and Technology at Umeå University, or alternatively have fixed-term employment as an assistant professor.² Co-applicants should normally be employed by Umeå University. In other cases, the application must state the relevance of the equipment for the Faculty.

Applications must be accompanied by a support letter from the Head of Department where the applicant is employed. The letter guarantees that the department, alongside the co-applicants' departments, will fund additional costs, such as running costs.

Equipment purchased through this programme must be placed at the disposal of other researchers at the Faculty of Science and Technology, as far as availability allows, and upon request.

To be competitive, applications seeking substantial funding from the faculty must include a plan for significant co-financing. It is important to note that funding from the Faculty of Medicine's call will not be considered as co-financing within a project's budget.

Total amount

Funding can be requested for equipment with a purchase price normally in the range of 250,000 SEK to 4,000,000 SEK. Alternatively, funds can cover the costs of upgrading existing equipment with an original purchase price in the same range. Applications normally request funds of up to 1,000,000 SEK, and the depreciation time for the purchased equipment should be five years. For more expensive equipment, applicants should present a more elaborated plan for co-funding and future management of the infrastructure. The total amount of funding for 2024 is 5,000,000 SEK.

¹ A formal request with a clear explanation of the need for extended disposition time can be submitted to the dean of the faculty no later than 12 months after the application has been granted. The request should be sent by e-mail to robert.johansson@umu.se no later than two weeks before the dean's decision meeting.

² Swedish: biträdande lektor.



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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 2024".

Assessments and decisions

All applications will be assessed by the Faculty's Research Committee and decisions on the allocation of resources will be made by the Faculty Board. If necessary for the assessment, external experts will be consulted. Applications may also be forwarded to relevant departments for internal prioritisation. Allocation of funding is expected to be completed no later than three months after the application deadline.

Application deadline

The deadline for this call is 31 January 2024. Applications must be sent as a single PDF-file via email to the registrar of Umeå University: medel@diarie.umu.se. The registration number FS 2.1.6-1796-23 must be included in the subject field.

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 Vice Dean, Johan Olofsson johan.olofsson@umu.se.

Restrictions

Applications for funding made with co-applicants from other faculties will not be funded unless they are of particular importance to the Faculty of Science and Technology. Funding will not be granted for equipment applied in collaboration with partners at other Universities, if the equipment is not primarily located at Umeå University.