

# **INSTRUCTIONS TO CALL 2025-INV-M8/F3/MINI-F**

## **Early technology support for research leaders planning for major Swedish involvement in mission proposals to the ESA Call concerning the science missions M8/F3/mini-F**

### **Background**

ESA is planning to release calls on March 19, 2025, inviting proposals on future space missions within the ESA Science Programme. The ESA calls will focus on slots M8 and F3, with an additional exploratory opportunity for potential mini-F missions. A briefing meeting on these calls were held by ESA on December 11, 2024. For more information, including a recording of the briefing meeting, see the following web page:

<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/call-for-missions-2025>

### **Purpose of the call**

Swedish researchers who plan to have leading or central roles in a consortium submitting a mission proposal to ESA may need technical support from experts outside the consortium. This may include technical feasibility or cost estimation for a mission idea, which can be performed by space industry or by engineering support. The purpose of the call is to allow researchers to apply for funding for such support.

### **Type of support and recipients**

Typical grants of this type are 100–300 kkr. The maximum grant size is 500 kkr (applications exceeding this limit will be rejected without assessment).

Grants may be awarded to Swedish research establishments (administrating organisation in Prisma) which are responsible for procuring the required expertise.

### **Deadline**

There is no specific deadline – the call is open through the ESA submission process. However, SNSA plans to make a first assessments of proposals received no later than February 27, with the ambition to take funding decisions on March 10. Proposals received later will also be considered, subject to available budget at that stage.

## Project Description

Upload a PDF into the Prisma application forms addressing the following:

- **Mission purpose:** Describe briefly the purpose of the proposed space mission (a few sentences are sufficient).
- **Swedish Team:** Describe the Swedish team planning to be engaged in the mission proposal (list of names, affiliation and expertise).
- **Roles:** What roles do the Swedish researchers have in the submission process? If available, what are their roles in a successful mission. If available, please include a consortium plan for the roles and responsibilities.
- **Support needed:** Clearly specify the work package, tasks, technical assessment, cost estimation, or similar activity, that need to be carried out by experts outside of the group of proposing researchers.
- **Budget justification:** Provide a cost breakdown and rationale for the requested funding

## Prisma

Access the call using the following link:

<https://prisma.research.se/Go/Apply/f5627129-afb3-400b-a43b-b27b00ee57c1>

Note: This call is listed under the umbrella name “**Call 2025-INV**”.

To resume writing on a saved application, log in at <https://prisma.research.se/>, select the blue tab APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS, select “Applications” in the list to the left, and locate your draft proposal in the table.