

Swedish National Space Agency Call for Proposals: Support for Travel and Events 2025

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When can you apply?

The call is continuously open until 9 November 2025 (23:59). Applications are processed continuously.

NOTE: You cannot expect payments during the first quarter of the calendar year.

Who can apply?

This call is open to PhD students, researchers, and research-related staff employed at Swedish universities (universitet och högskolor) or research institutes actively engaged in Space research or Earth observation research.

Organizations dedicated to fostering collaboration and the advancement of Swedish space research, with open participation for all active space researchers in Sweden, are also eligible to apply for funding, contact SNSA for further instructions.

Note that priority may be given to applicants who have not received significant funding during the current budget year.

Budget

The total budget for this call is SEK 500,000. Applications will be processed until the deadline or until the funds are depleted, whichever comes first.

Purpose

This call aims to support the planning and execution of strategic events, as well as travel to strategic meetings and events, that will facilitate future involvement in major international collaborative projects, such as those within the EU's framework programs, larger ESA projects, or similar initiatives. Funding is available for activities that are strategically planned to foster future research collaborations and contribute to one or more of the following: space research and Earth observation research based on space and high-altitude missions; ESA-selected ground-based and airborne science projects; and Technology Research for space applications. The proposed activities should demonstrably benefit Swedish space research in a broader sense or advance specific strategic space missions, rather than solely advancing an individual's current research.

Example of events that can be funded includes Consortium meetings, symposia dedicated to space missions, and strategic meetings organised by ESA.

While conference attendance in itself is not eligible for funding, travel support may be considered if the applicant's participation includes meetings held at, or in close connection with, the conference. These meetings must demonstrably contribute to the preparation for future involvement in significant collaborative projects or benefit Swedish space research in a broader sense, as described above.

Additionally

The call can also support high-level participation in international associations that work for collaboration in international space research and the participation promotes Swedish space research in general, i.e. not only the participants group or organisation.

Travel grants can also be given to PhD students for participation in SRS's annual meeting (Space Researchers Sweden).

Financial Support

Travel: Reasonable travel expenses (economy class), accommodation, and per diem allowances.

Events: Costs related to event organization, excluding salary costs. Costs for individuals not normally based in Sweden is not allowed. Conference dinners or similar are not covered.

Conditions

To be eligible for a grant, the following must be met:

- Applicants should not have existing grants from SNSA or other funding agencies, either personally or through their research groups, for similar research areas or activities. If you already have funding and wish to apply for a grant in a different area, please contact SNSA before submitting an application.
- Applications must be received before any costs are incurred. For disbursement before the travel or event, applications should be submitted at least three months in advance.
- Travel should be in economy class, and accommodation should be reasonable mid-class alternative.
- If you have an existing grant and thus not eligible to apply to this call, but have exhausted travel funds, you can contact SNSA to discuss potential fund redistribution within the existing grant.
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Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted through the [Prisma](#) application portal and must be signed by the administrating organisation and the applicant. Note that CV and publications are not mandatory information. It should be a maximum of two pages and should include:

1. **Summary:** A concise overview of the proposed activity.

2. **Purpose and Goals:** Clearly state the objectives and their relevance to space or Earth observation research.
3. **Implementation:** Describe how the activity will be carried out.
4. **Contribution to Swedish Space Research:** Explain how the travel or event will contribute to participation in a future project or benefit Swedish space research in general.
5. **Budget Justification:** Provide a detailed breakdown of the requested funds.

Make sure that the application addresses all of the evaluation criteria listed below.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on.

- Alignment with the call's purpose (see section Purpose for details). The main points are:
 - a) How well the application prepares for future participation in space / earth observation research projects or benefits Swedish space research in general.
 - b) Relevance to space research or Earth observation research.
- Reasonableness and justification of costs.
- Priority may be given to applicants who have not received significant funding during the current budget year.

Application and reporting

A final economic and scientific report must be submitted through Prisma after the activity's completion. Any unused funds must be returned to SNSA according to instruction in Prisma.

Contact persons

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