Apply for funding for research on the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe

The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies announces calls for proposals concerning research on the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe. Both individually and in groups, researchers are welcome to apply for grants from the Foundation. Researchers from Sweden and abroad can participate in applications, which can cover all disciplines. Funded research projects must be based at Södertörn University.

The researchers identify the research problems they will address. After the call, the applications are reviewed by the Foundation’s assessment panels and by external experts, usually from outside Sweden. The decisive considerations are the scientific quality shown in the applications and how the proposed research is connected with the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe.

The application system opens on Monday 10 January 2022. For all forms of support, the last application date is Wednesday 2 February 2022.

On Tuesday 9 November 2021, between 1:00 and 2:30 pm, we invite you to an information meeting about the various forms of support. The meeting will take place on Zoom and will be held in Swedish. The Foundation’s secretariat and members of its assessment panels will take part. To register your attendance, please email erika@ostersjostiftelsen.se by 3 November at the latest.

More information about the meeting will be published on www.ostersjostiftelsen.se/en.

The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies is to support research, doctoral studies and scientific infrastructure related to the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe, and work that develops these academic areas, at Södertörn University. The Foundation’s support must be connected with the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe, and may concern all disciplines. It is awarded to individual researchers and research groups who, for their projects, apply for funding in response to annual calls. Support is also provided for work at Södertörn University following an annual application. Since the start of the Foundation in 1994, it has allocated funding of SEK 3.9 billion.
2022 the Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies announces funding for four forms of support

Research Networks

Research Network concerns funding for either creating new networks of researchers or maintaining ones that are already established. The purpose of these networks must be to contribute to forthcoming research through scientific meetings and contacts where researchers can define, demarcate and formulate research ideas that may eventually lead to applications for research funds. Eligible to apply are groups of researchers. The great majority of the participants must come from research environments outside Sweden. They may include doctoral students. The project manager may be a researcher from a higher education institution in Sweden. However, the network must include researchers at Södertörn University. The project period is a maximum of one year and the amount of grant is a maximum of SEK 150,000.

This form of support is open to researchers at higher education institutions both in and outside Sweden, but presupposes collaboration with researchers at Södertörn University. A Swedish higher education institution must be a grant administrator for funds for a granted research network. See more information and instructions on www.ostersjostiftelsen.se/en.

Postdoctoral projects

Funding support for a postdoctoral project is available for an individual researcher who has recently obtained a doctoral degree. This support must be used to conduct a well-defined research task within a limited period. The researcher personally formulates the research problem, method and implementation. Eligible to apply is an individual researcher with a doctoral degree, who may apply up to three years after obtaining it. Salary funding for postdoctoral projects may be applied for to cover 80–100% of a full-time annual position for two years.

This form of support is open to researchers at higher education institutions both in and outside Sweden. Södertörn University must be the grant administrator for a granted project. See more information and instructions on www.ostersjostiftelsen.se/en.

Two- and three-year projects

Funding support for a project is available for an individual researcher or a small group of researchers who formulate the research problem, method and implementation of the project and conduct a well-defined research task within a limited period. Eligible to apply is an individual researcher or small group of researchers. All the researchers must have obtained doctoral degrees by the date of application. The project period is two or three years and the amount of grant is a maximum of SEK 2 million a year.

This form of support is open to researchers at higher education institutions both in and outside Sweden. Södertörn University must be the grant administrator for a granted project. See more information and instructions on www.ostersjostiftelsen.se/en.

Grand projects

‘Grand projects’ are those undertaken by a group comprising at least four researchers, with a joint, coherent research task. A grand project must be characterised by excellence in the various parts of the application, and as a whole. The research task must be more extensive and challenging than would be possible for an individual researcher to address. To secure funds for grand projects, one condition is for an advanced research environment or highly qualified research network, with a sound base in the international research community, to be in place. Grand projects aim to engage in collaboration across subject and institutional boundaries and national borders, and to enable researchers to form a research group that is active in the long term. Grand projects are characterised by a strong international element in the research group. Within the framework of grand projects funding can be applied for postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students. The project period is four to five years and the amount of grant is a maximum of SEK 5 million a year.

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