

# Mats Paulsson Foundation for Research, Innovation and Community Development

## Call for grant applications

**With a focus on Life Science, the Mats Paulsson Foundation for Research, Innovation and Community Development calls for applications for:**

**Support of academic research projects that, in the near future, may lead to innovations of social benefit with the potential for market development as well as support for mid-range equipment within the framework of such projects.**

In 2019, the foundation took the decision to prioritise, for the time being, support for innovative research projects with the aforementioned characteristics at Lund University and Malmö University. Within this framework, a total of SEK 37.6 million has so far been awarded and allocated to 19 different research projects within life science.

Projects that are eligible to apply for grants are to specialise in life science, involving concrete and practice-oriented research in which companies have not yet started but in which the conditions are positive for later development of products/services. Applications should relate either to funding for a scientific research project, or to funding for mid-range equipment within the framework of such project. The following applies to each application type:

Scientific research projects:

- Maximum grant amount per application: SEK 2 million
- Maximum project duration: 2 years, with the possibility to extend the grant period for one year upon submitting an application.
- The application is to include an innovation plan that describes the market potential of the research.

Equipment projects:

- Maximum grant amount per application: SEK 2 million
- The application must relate to equipment that supports innovation projects. Equipment that can be used by several research groups within the area of life science at the respective higher education institution will be prioritised.
- Application for equipment that doesn't support innovation projects will not be approved.

Funding can be allocated to both planned and current projects, but not to already completed projects. If the application is for a project that is yet to commence, the project is expected to commence by 1 January 2023 at the latest.

At Lund University, the foundation primarily directs its support to projects at the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Engineering.

### Stage 1

The Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University and Malmö University are each invited to prioritise a maximum of five proposals for recipients of grants at their respective units. In conjunction with joint applications between units, the number of permitted applications from each higher education institution will be adapted accordingly. A maximum of one application per main applicant can be given priority.

Applications are submitted in stage one to each higher education institution. Applications are to be received by the higher education institutions by 9 May 2022 at the latest. After this, priority will be given according to the above.

### Stage 2

In stage 2, the main applicants for the prioritised projects submit their applications via the foundation's application module at [www.matspaulssonstiftelsen.se](http://www.matspaulssonstiftelsen.se). The applications are to be received by the foundation by 22 August 2022 at the latest.

## **Mats Paulsson Foundation for Research, Innovation and Community Development**

The foundation's Research and Innovation Council processes the applications, after which the board of the foundation takes a decision on grants. Grant decisions will be announced by the foundation in October 2022.

For any questions, please contact:

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## Application instructions:

All text in the application and attachments is to follow the following format: A4, Arial, font size 11, single spaced.

When submitting prioritised projects via the foundation's application module, templates for text appendices and budget must be used. These are available for download at:

<https://www.matspaulssonstiftelserna.com/ansokningsinformation/vetenskaplig-forskning/>

Applications may be written in Swedish or English. However, the popular science summary must be in Swedish.

Below is a description of the requirements for the content of the application, as well as the information requested in the application module flow.

## Higher education institution receiving the grant

(only included when registering applications on the foundation's website)

State:

- Higher education institution
- Address, postcode, city
- Company registration number
- Email for the contact person at the higher education institution
- Account details for disbursement of grant (e.g. bank giro)
- Cost centre for disbursement of grant

Info:

- Grant recipients can be the Faculty of Medicine or the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University, or Malmö University.

## Applicant

State:

- Name
- Title
- Department/faculty/division
- Telephone number
- Email

Info:

- Provide contact details for the main applicant. The foundation will use these contact details for all future contact.

Attach:

- CV for the main applicant, max 2 pages.
- List of any co-applicants (name, title, higher education institution, department/faculty/division)
- Bibliometrics, (e.g. ResearcherID, Scopus, Google Scholar) for the main applicant.
- List of publications with the applicant's most significant publications in the past 5 years.

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## General project information

State:

- Project title
- The type of project the application refers to
  - Research project or
  - Equipment within research project
- Start and completion dates for the project
- Grant amount sought

Attach:

- Project summary, 500 words

Info:

- The application must relate to a research project or application for funding of equipment within a research project in accordance with the call for applications from the Mats Paulsson Foundation for Research, Innovation and Community Development.
- Start and completion dates refer to the points in time when the project is started and completed. The maximum project duration is 2 years for both research projects and for equipment.
- The maximum amount you can apply for is SEK 2 million for research projects and SEK 2 million for equipment within research project.

## Project description

Attach:

- Project description
- Innovation plan or Need for and use of instruments
- Popular science summary

Info:

*For applications for research projects:*

- Project description:
  - Maximum of four A4 numbered pages, including images. List of references linked to the project plan is not to be part of the four pages.
  - Must describe the project's research part with regard to questions, aim, methods, expected results, the potential benefits of the project, the difference a grant from the foundation would make as well as a schedule.
- Innovation plan
  - Maximum of 2 pages
  - Must describe the innovation potential and plan for commercialisation in the future. Include any patent applications and account for patent families. The foundation is unable to award grants for commercialisation or patents but considers the information to be important in the assessment of applications.
- Popular science summary of research part
  - 500 words, in Swedish.

*For applications for equipment in research project:*

- Project description:
  - Maximum of three A4 numbered pages, including images. List of references linked to the project plan is not to be part of the three pages.
  - Must describe the research project (for which the equipment is to be used) with regard to questions, aim, methods, expected results, innovation potential, the

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potential benefits of the project, the difference a grant from the foundation would make as well as a schedule.

- Need for and use of instruments,
  - Maximum two A4 pages
  - Must describe the need for the equipment, how it is to be used and the benefits it would provide. Equipment that supports innovation projects and is to be used by several research groups within the area of life science at each higher education institution will be given priority. Include any patent applications and account for patent families. The foundation is unable to award grants for commercialisation or patents but considers the information to be important in the assessment of applications. The higher education institution receiving the grant owns the equipment for which the grant is awarded. Grants are not awarded for equipment at core facilities.
- Popular science summary of the research part
  - 500 words, in Swedish.

### Budget

Attach:

- Project budget including justifications
- Other funding

Info:

- Use the foundation's budget template.
- Explanations Project budget
  - Cost item – e.g. equipment, material, labour costs
  - Total cost – the total cost for the purpose
  - Amount sought – amount sought from the foundation
  - OH of amount sought – any proportion of OH of amount sought
- Explanations Other funding
  - Funding body – organisation from which funding was sought
  - Amount sought – the amount sought
  - Amount awarded – the amount awarded, if not yet announced, please enter 0.
- Attach justifications for the cost items in the project budget.
- The foundation does not award grants for commercialisation or patent costs.
- The foundation permits relevant indirect costs, overhead costs (OH), up to 18% for applications for research projects, not including the rental costs for premises. No OH costs are accepted for applications for equipment.
- Any co-funding from your own higher education institution is to be stated in the section for Other funding.

### Personal data

Information on the foundation's processing of personal data is available on the foundation's website <https://www.matspaulssonstiftelserna.com/allmanna-vilkor/>. When a prioritised application is uploaded to the foundation's website, the applicants need to give their consent for the foundation to process the submitted personal data for the stated purposes. Applications should not include personal information (e.g. names and telephone numbers) for people other than the applicant themselves.

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## **Assessment criteria**

The foundation's Research and Innovation Council reviews the applications received based on the criteria below.

- Novelty**      Are the issues and objectives innovative
- Impact**      Potential scientific and/or societal relevance
- Feasibility**    Feasibility based on available methodology, resources and expertise
- Innovation**    Opportunities for utilisation and commercialisation