



SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL'S CALL FOR STRATEGIC RECRUITMENT OF ASSOCIATE SENIOR LECTURERS 2026–2027

Information and Conditions

The Swedish Research Council plans to announce career support for associate senior lecturers on four occasions: twice in 2026 and twice in 2027. Each call is expected to fund 20–25 grants.

Applications will be assessed by three international review panels in the following areas:

- Medicine and Health, Pharmacy
- Natural Sciences, Engineering Sciences, and Agricultural Sciences
- Humanities, Social Sciences, Educational Sciences, and Artistic Research

The support targets early-career researchers, where:

- Positions are at the associate senior lecturer level for 5 years, with the possibility of extension at lecturer level for another 5 years.
- Each grant from the Swedish Research Council amounts to 3 million SEK per year.
- The associate senior lecturer position must be at least 70 percent, of which at least 50 percent of a full-time position must be funded by the higher education institution (HEI)

The following conditions apply for nominating researchers within the call:

- The nominee may have previously been employed as an associate senior lecturer, but for no more than 6 months, and may only be nominated by one HEI per call.
- At least half of the researchers nominated by an HEI must have an international background – meaning they have had their main employment and research activities outside of Sweden during the past four years.
- Nominations from an HEI must be gender-balanced, meaning at least 40 percent of the candidates must be men and 40 percent women.
- Örebro University may nominate up to 2 researchers per call.



Internal nomination application – instructions

The internal nomination application consists of the following five documents (in Swedish or English):

1. SHORT RESEARCH PLAN (*max 2 pages*)

The research plan should include the following sections and information:

- **Purpose & Aims:** Clearly state the research objectives and questions.
- **State of the Art:** Describe the current research frontier and how the project builds upon or challenges existing knowledge.
- **Significance and Scientific Novelty:** Describe the project's originality and its potential to advance or renew the current research frontier.
- **Methodology & Implementation:** Outline the research design, methods, and timeline. Address feasibility and access to necessary resources.

Formatting: Max 2 A4 pages including references and figures. Font: Arial or Times New Roman, min 11 pt. Margins: min 2 cm.

2. DESCRIPTION OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND MOBILITY, INDEPENDENT LINE OF RESEARCH, AND MERITS (*max 2 pages*)

This document should:

- Describe international research experience and mobility, particularly outside Sweden.
 - Demonstrate the candidate's independence as a researcher.
 - Reflect on how the candidate's merits (as listed in the CV and publication list) confirm their competence as project leader and scientific responsibility for the proposed research.
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3. CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Include the following sections:

- Education
- Work Experience
- Merits and Awards

Supervision, Teaching, Leadership roles, Grants, and other relevant activities.

4. PUBLICATION LIST (*max 5 pages, VR's Format*)

Include:

- **Selection of Research Outputs:** Max 10 key publications or outputs. Describe how you contributed to each output, and its relevance to the research project described
 - **Peer-Reviewed Outputs (last five years):**
 - **Non Peer-Reviewed Outputs (last five years)**
 - **Total Number of Publications:** Include breakdown by type (e.g., journal articles, books, conference papers).
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5. INTERNAL NOMINATION LETTER (*max 1 page, signed by Head of School*)

The letter should:

- Explain the strategic relevance of the candidate's recruitment to the university – address both research and education perspectives in short and long term.
 - Describe how the candidate strengthens existing research environments or contributes to profile areas.
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