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# Sida's Research Council

Support for research is an important component in Swedish international development cooperation. The main mission of Sida's Department for Research Cooperation, SAREC, is to support research activities and institution development in developing countries. Another important responsibility is to support Swedish research programmes that focus on issues related to development and development cooperation.

SAREC contributes to Swedish development-related research programmes via *Sida's Research Council*. The support provided to Swedish researchers has the aim of developing and maintaining the Swedish knowledge base and research capacity in fields that are relevant to developing countries. Further aims are to promote scientific research cooperation between researchers in Sweden and developing countries and the participation of Swedish researchers in research programmes and research cooperation relevant to development.

In support of its work the Council has six scientific reference groups which cover the following fields:

- Humanities, education and culture
- Health
- Natural resources and the environment
- Science, technology and industrialisation
- Economics-related social sciences
- Democracy and human rights

### What is the support provided for

Most of the support is provided for research projects and post-graduate students. However, support for guest research fellows, post doctorate support and institution support can also be considered. Information on the year's application process and application forms are available at [www.sida.se/partnerpoint](http://www.sida.se/partnerpoint). Applications shall be submitted in April; the final date for applications is announced in January-February each year.

Applications may also be made for funding of planning of research projects. For this type of support, applications may be made twice a year, March 1 and October 1.

For more detailed information on the different types of funds available, see the information brochure: "Sida's Research Council. Information for applicants".

### Who can apply

Individual researchers or groups of researchers that are active at universi-

ties, university colleges and other research institutions in Sweden may apply. Only applicants that have a doctorate or will publicly defend their doctoral thesis within six months can be considered. Researchers working as supervisors (professors, senior lecturers or the equivalent) can apply for funds for doctoral students.

### How are applications processed

Applications are processed by SAREC with the aid of other departments at Sida and the scientific reference groups. Whenever necessary, applications are referred to individual researchers or research institutions, international organisations and embassies in the countries concerned.

After the meetings of the reference groups, a report containing recommendations is submitted to the *Research Council's Board*. Decisions on support are made by the Council and applicants are informed in writing before the end of the year.

For further information, contact Sida/SAREC, HUMAN division, +46 (0)8-698 50 00. Information can also be obtained from Sida's website: [www.sida.se](http://www.sida.se).

Budget: Approximately 100 million Swedish Kronor per year.

## Swedish Research Links

For researchers in countries where Sweden has had bilateral development cooperation which has been terminated, it is possible to apply for funds together with Swedish researchers for joint research projects. The Link Programme has been established to promote the exchange of experience between researchers in Sweden and researchers in developing countries with relatively strong resources. The support is intended to cover additional costs that cooperation entails and not the basic costs of the project, for example salaries. This programme is mainly directed towards South Africa, Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

For the assessment and administration of applications, Sida/SAREC has established cooperation with Swedish scientific councils – among others:

- *Swedish Research Council*
- *Swedish Research Council for the Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning*
- *Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research.*

For further information on the Links Programme see Sida's website: [www.sida.se](http://www.sida.se).

Budget: Approximately 35 million Swedish Kronor per year.

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