

Joint Formas – Sida/SAREC funded program for research on sustainable development in developing countries

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The research council Formas and Sida/SAREC will together fund a two-year program with the aim to promote participation of scientists from Sweden in sustainability research in developing countries. The overall intention is to contribute to global sustainable development in the spirit of the UN Conference in Johannesburg 2002. The program will start 1 July 2005 and have the volume 10 million SEK per year, with Formas and Sida/SAREC contributing equal shares.

Formas has the mission to promote high-quality research in support of a sustainable development of society. Such a development requires that health and welfare of men and animals, biodiversity, environment, nature's production capacity, economy, ethics and social and cultural aspects, should be considered. Formas funds environmental research, agricultural research, building research and research on spatial planning.

The overall objective for Sida/SAREC is to strengthen the research capacity of developing countries and to promote development-oriented research. Sida/SAREC should also promote scientific co-operation between researchers in Sweden and in developing countries.

The applications must be relevant for Formas areas of responsibility (cf. Formas research strategy 2005 – 2008; http://www.formas.se/docs/soka_anslag/Formas_Strategi_Eng.pdf).

While the Sida/SAREC-funding is restricted to research at the institutes within the CGIAR-organisation (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research www.cgiar.org), the Formas-funding is open for research at other institutes or universities as well.

A project should comprise a 2-4 month stay per year during one or two years for the main applicant from Sweden at a host research organisation in a developing country. The stay could be distributed on two or more occasions, but no individual stay should be shorter than 1 month. This call covers research visits during 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2007.

The main applicant should have a PhD and should be employed at a Swedish university or research institute when the application is submitted. The university or the institute in Sweden should administer the grant.

The project should have a co-applicant (also PhD), employed by the host organisation, who will actively participate in the research. The name, role and CV of the co-applicant have to be given in the application. One short visit (maximum 2 months) in Sweden for the co-applicant can be included in the project.

A research plan should be included in the application. It should describe the rationale for the project and present the theoretical framework and the state of the art in the international literature. Key references should be included. The methodology should be outlined and costs specified. The importance of the project for sustainable development in developing countries should be explained. The research plan including key references must not exceed five pages.

Valid major costs are those related to the Swedish applicant, i.e. salary during the visit in the host country, travelling from and back to Sweden, accommodation and subsistence allowance in the host country. Other research-related costs in the host country may also be applied for, e.g. occasional labour, material, analyses and travelling. The CGIAR institutes are expected not to require bench fee. Salary for the co-applicant from the host organisation cannot be included. However, costs (travel, accommodation and subsistence allowance) for one visit in Sweden may be applied for. A normal application should not exceed 500 000 SEK, the university overhead of 35 percent not included.

Applications should be submitted digitally. The last day for submitting the applications is 4 April 2005. The form for the signature of the head of the department, which is generated when the application is finally sent digitally, should be properly signed and sent by ordinary mail not later than 8 April 2005. Please

read and consider relevant parts of [the General Instructions](#) and [Guidelines for applications](#).

An authorized representative of the host organisation should provide a certification letter that affirms that the main applicant from Sweden is welcome to perform the intended joint research and that the necessary facilities are in place. This certification letter should be submitted with the digital application, but a signed version should also without delay be sent to Formas by ordinary mail. The reception of this signed version, at the latest on 2 May 2005, is provisional for the final approval of the application.

An expert panel appointed by Formas, including also Sida/SAREC representation, will evaluate the applications. The Board of Formas will make the final decision on funding in June 2005.

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