Call for applications

Funding available for collaboration projects between Uppsala University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellors at Uppsala University (UU) and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) have decided to increase the collaboration and establish more active interactions between the universities. The U-Share project was established with the aim to stimulate and facilitate strategic collaboration efforts primarily between the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science.

U-Share has identified the possibility to train as a postdoc at the other university as an attractive approach to increase collaborations and to exchange scientific knowledge in a way that will benefit both universities.

To this end, funding is now available for two collaboration projects, one hosted by a Medicine and Pharmacy department at Uppsala University and one at a department in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at SLU. The project led by a Medicine and Pharmacy PI should include a post doc with a PhD degree from SLU while the project at the VH-faculty, SLU, should include a post doc with a PhD degree from UU. Each university will fund one project for two years with SEK 1 million per year, which will be granted the host department at the respective university.

To apply for this funding, an application should be submitted jointly by the host department researcher and a proposed post doc. The post doc applicant must hold a doctoral degree awarded no more than three years before the deadline for this call to participate in the exchange and is expected to work fulltime in the project. Post doc applicants with a planned thesis defence before 7 June 2020, are also eligible to apply.

The application should be submitted using the application form and should contain a research plan, a project description and a text describing the collaborative aspects of the project and the roles of the involved researchers.

The form should be signed by the main applicant at the host department, the post doc applicant and the head of department at the host department.

The application should also contain:

- CV:s for the proposed post doc and main applicant from the host department. Maximum two pages for each CV.
- Publication lists for the proposed post doc and main applicant from the host department. Please list the ten most relevant papers for this call, and include a publication summary with the total number of publications, specifying original papers, reviews and other publication types (book chapters etc), and H-index.
- Budget with comments, and additional resources. Preferably using the standard project budget sheet for the department.

These documents should be submitted as pdf files.
Applications will be evaluated both from a collaboration perspective and based on scientific quality. The long-term collaboration strategy of the universities, especially between the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, will also be considered in the final decision. Criteria that will be considered in the evaluation are described below.

The project can be initiated as soon as the applicants have received a notification that funding has been granted, which should be no later than 1 November 2020, and must have started before 31 January 2021.

One year after the last payment, the PI applicant should report to U-Share the outcome of the project regarding scientific and collaborative results, and that the funding has been used in accordance with the call.

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**Evaluation criteria**

**Collaboration perspective**
- Outcome of the collaboration - the links between the universities’ research and complementing competences.
  - Is there potential for a long-term collaboration between the universities emanating from the exchange?
  - Will new collaborations be created, or already established collaborations expanded or strengthened.
  - If, in addition to research, outreach and teaching will benefit from the collaboration, the expected effects in these areas should also be considered.

**Scientific quality**
- Research question
  - Scientific significance of the objectives of the research.
  - Originality and novelty of the purpose, theory and hypotheses.
  - Possibility of significant scientific results
- Scientific competence
  - Scientific competence of the proposed postdoc and the main host department applicant with regards to methods and scientific question.
  - Added benefit of the collaboration to the research.
- Methods
  - Feasibility of the project.
  - Will the exchange make methods or approaches available that were not accessible at the home university?