

Forum Scientium Award “Transformer”

Announcement autumn 2009

The Swedish Research Council (VR) has awarded Forum Scientium a five-year grant from 2008 until 2012. The support from faculty (~1 MSEK per year) will continue and can now partly be used to start one of the activities already mentioned in the proposal of Forum Scientium more than fourteen years ago. This regards the offer of a support to “exceptionally good” PhDs within Forum Scientium to continue their research at Linköping University. The award aim at promoting the future career for the awardees, and to promote twinning among Forum Scientium members.

Some rules and ways of action:

- To be eligible for a Forum Scientium award one should have or is planned to have a PhD-exam from Forum Scientium during the last 12 months or within the forthcoming 6 months (parental leave compensated for) counted from the deadline of application.
- Forum Scientium will support a position with 50% of the salary up to 20 000 SEK per month during maximum one year. The project work should be made at Linköping University.
- The supervisor(s) in the hosting research group(s) must receive external research grants for additional support necessary for a full time employment and project costs. This should be certified by the supervisor in a separate letter.
- The support is expected to stimulate multidisciplinary and twinning. The awardee should be of benefit for present Forum Scientium PhD-students. The research program should therefore involve more than one research group and both the research groups should have PhD-students that are members of Forum Scientium. This can be achieved e.g. by using her/his experience and methods also in another research group than the one during the PhD-studies. In the application it should be mentioned which PhD-students and groups that will benefit from the awardee, and also which kind of expertise that other Forum Scientium PhD-students can benefit from. This implies that the awardee has to be present at Linköping University during most of the time.
- The support is not intended for PhDs that have e.g. a LiU, VR, SSF or KAW Research assistant grant.

The application will be judged by a committee appointed by Forum Scientium’s Scientific Advisory Board. Selection criteria will be:

- Scientific quality of the applicants work
- Suggested research during the awardee period
- The importance of the awardee for the support to present Forum Scientium PhD-students
- Twinning aspects of the suggested research
- The number of research groups and PhD-students within Forum Scientium benefiting from the awardee

The deadline for this announcement is November 10, 2009. The intention is to decide about the supports before November 30, 2009. The application should be maximum four pages (font 12 pt) addressing the selection criteria above. A CV (max one page), the thesis and/or important publications should be enclosed. Applications and enclosures should be submitted to Stefan Klintström before or on Tuesday November 10, 2009 in four copies.