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Call for grants applications 2026

The Mats Paulsson's foundation for research, innovation and societal development promotes scientific research in life science. Since 2019, priority is given to supporting research projects with high innovation potential and relevance to society in the near future.

Since 2019, the Foundation has awarded SEK 104.2 million in grants to 47 research projects of this type at Lund University and Malmö University.

With the above-mentioned focus, the Foundation invites the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University and Malmö University to prioritize applications within the following project types in 2026:

- **Innovative research projects in life science**
- **Innovative research projects specifically in ATMP and/or cancer**
- **Equipment critical for the implementation of specific innovative research projects in the above-mentioned areas.**

The Foundation attaches great importance to the projects:

- scientific quality,
- innovation potential and potential for exploitation, directly in healthcare and/or through subsequent market development,
- the ability to generate new collaborations within and between higher education institutions.

Applications must relate to concrete and practically oriented research and for each type of project the following applies:

Innovative research projects in life science:

- Maximum grant amount per application: 2 million SEK.
- Maximum project duration: 2 years.
- The application must contain a well-developed innovation plan that includes the research's potential for exploitation and market development through new products/services.

Innovative research projects specifically in ATMP and/or cancer:

- Maximum grant amount per application: 3 million SEK.
- Maximum project duration: 2 years.
- The application must contain a well-developed innovation plan that includes the research's potential for exploitation and market development through new products/services.

Equipment critical for the implementation of specific innovative research projects in the above-mentioned areas:

- Maximum grant amount per application: 2 million SEK.
- The application should concern equipment within the scope of a specific innovation project. Equipment that meets the needs of several research groups within the life science field at their respective universities will be prioritized. A plan for making the equipment accessible must be included.
- Applications for equipment not linked to a specific innovation project will not be granted.

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Stage 1

The Faculty of Medicine at Lund University, Lund University of Technology, and Malmö University are invited to prioritize a maximum of fifteen proposals for recipients of grants. Only one application per principal applicant can be prioritized. In stage 1 applications are made the respective university but must be registered and submitted as complete applications via the Foundation's application system: https://ansok.matspaulssonstiftelserna.com/sbs/mp/minsida/signup

Applications must be registered and submitted via the Foundation's application system by no later than April 28, 2026. Subsequent prioritization will occur as above.

Stage 2

In stage 2, applicants will receive notification from the respective institution whether their application has been prioritized or not. Subsequently, prioritized applications will be opened for possible adjustments in the Foundation's application system.

Adjusted applications must be resubmitted to the Foundation via the application system by no later than August 19, 2026.

Applications are prepared by the Foundation's Committee of Research and Innovation Councils, after which the Foundation's Board of Directors decides on funding. Notification of the grant will be made by the Foundation in October 2026.

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