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# Grant applications

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# Research Services at LU

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- Started as support for EU projects in the mid-90s
- Today: work with research funding, research communication, doctoral education
- Mainly a service organisation, centrally located to serve all faculties
- Prioritised research grants
  - Nationally: university-wide applications and research environments, nomination applications
  - Internationally: responsible for the EU framework programmes and American public funding – support from application to completed project



# Service objectives (funding)

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- contribute to the increase of external funding
- support the work on applications and project management (running projects and reporting)
- contribute to enhancing quality
- create internal supporting regulations for participants
- prepare LU for participation in research programmes, both Swedish and international
- influence the subject content of calls for applications and the design of regulations for participation



# Research Services

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# Support for applications to Swedish funding agencies

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## **What applications?**

- University-wide applications
- Wallenberg Foundations
- Vice-Chancellor as principal or signatory of letter of support

## **What help is provided?**

- Information on announcements
- Seminars and workshops
- Time plan and facilitation
- Formalities
- Budget
- Comments on project description
- Vice-Chancellor's endorsement



# How do we work on EU projects?

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- Advisory activities for researchers and administrators – seminars, courses, workshops
- Information on funding opportunities
- Advice from the pre-application phase to final reporting – tailored to the needs of the researcher
- Cooperate with LU legal advisors and LUIS



# Information

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- Monthly newsletter "Research Funding News". Sign up by emailing [Sophie.Hyden\\_Picasso@fs.lu.se](mailto:Sophie.Hyden_Picasso@fs.lu.se)
- Information meetings tailored to a research groups/ departments needs
- Sendlists for different thematic areas within the EU Framework Programme. Contact Sophie
- Demonstration of Research Professional. Contact [Birgitta.Larsson@fs.lu.se](mailto:Birgitta.Larsson@fs.lu.se)



# Tools

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- Research Timesaver (Forskningsguiden): a database with administrative information on LU, internal rules for certain funding agencies, templates eg communication plans, instructions on how to handle ethical issues etc
- Research Professional: funding opportunities. Possibility to personalise account with funding notices by email.
- [www.researchprofessional.com](http://www.researchprofessional.com)





# Improve your chances of getting funding

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- Find your niche! Position your research in relation to others' research
- Join networks
- Build international contacts
- Identify funding opportunities
- Match the research to the call for applications
- Look at previous successful applications
- Writing a good application requires practice – start learning already as a doctoral student



# Process the idea and the application

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- Start in good time!
- Ask colleagues/mentors for reactions to the idea at an early stage
- Allow others to read the application and give feedback in good time and in the course of writing
- Ask someone with experience of evaluating applications to read and comment on your application
- Follow the instructions in detail
- Make the evaluator's job as simple and enjoyable as possible





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