



Swedish Mining Innovation Internationalization grant 2025

1 Summary

The Strategic Innovation Program for the mining and metal producing industry, Swedish Mining Innovation (formerly called SIP STRIM) is a joint venture of Vinnova, the Swedish Energy Agency and Formas. The overall goal of the program is to improve Sweden's sustainability and competitiveness in the mining and metals industry. More information about Swedish Mining Innovation is found at www.swedishmininginnovation.se.

The Strategic Innovation Program Swedish Mining Innovation and Vinnova invite stakeholders who are developing international contacts in areas of importance for the Swedish mining and metals-producing industry. The call covers all areas of the Strategic Research and Innovation Roadmap¹. The purpose of the grant is to enable international travel meetings with a goal to develop long-term collaboration.

In this call, research actors (universities, colleges and research institutes) are eligible for funding. Other partner types may join but are not eligible for funding, e.g. from industry, NGOs, or public sector organizations. The maximum funding for the internationalization grant is 100 000 SEK per grant. The maximum aid intensity (level of funding) is 80% of eligible costs. Review Vinnova's terms and conditions, and guide to eligible costs carefully².

The call has two closing dates:

1st Round: **10th April, 2025**

2nd Round: **12th June, 2025**

Note that the overall funding for the call available is 500 000 SEK and the opportunity to apply will end when the funding has been allocated. It is possible to submit proposals in the first round for proposals that would start after the second round closes.

Dates of decision: 2-4 weeks after call round closes.

¹ <https://www.swedishmininginnovation.se/roadmap/>

² <https://www.vinnova.se/sok-finansiering/regler-for-finansiering/allmanna-villkor/>

2 Who may apply?

The call is addressed to Swedish academic organizations and research institutes that have an interest in developing international collaboration that supports the goals of Swedish Mining Innovation to be world-leading in sustainable mining and metal production technology. Applicants receiving funding must be universities, colleges or research institutes registered in Sweden.

Other types of organizations may be partners (including foreign partners) but are not eligible for funding.

3 Description of the call

3.1 Objectives of the call

The objective of the call is to catalyze collaboration between research organizations within the scope of Swedish Mining Innovation. Applications must demonstrate a long-term strategic approach to collaboration.

3.2 Content and implementation

Each Internationalization grant proposal should identify clearly how the potential collaboration is intended to improve Sweden's innovation and/or academic capacity.

3.3 Expected results and effects

The internationalization grant will result in deeper dialogue, with the goal of initiating cooperation that leads to e.g. multiple joint innovation projects, access to research infrastructure and/or academic collaborations including, for example, researcher mobility or joint courses.

4 What do we fund?

4.1 Activities that are funded

The types of project activities that can be funded in this call should be of the nature of pre-studies to lay the groundwork for future collaboration projects and activities. The grant supports the costs of the following activities:

- Personnel costs for preparation, travel time and time for meetings,
- Indirect costs,
- Other costs (travel costs).

What is not funded in this call are, for example:

- Applications based on ideas that are not consistent with Swedish Mining Innovation's goals,
- Commercial activities,
- Technical development

- Attendance fees and time at conferences, trade shows and similar

4.2 Aid intensity and budget

The aid intensity³ for the internationalization grant is 80%. The maximum funding is 100 000 SEK per project.

4.3 Eligible costs

Information regarding eligible costs, and terms and conditions of funding can be found on Vinnova's website⁴. The cost posts are personnel costs, indirect costs and other direct costs (travel), see section 4.1 for activities that are eligible.

5 Timetable

Applications may be submitted prior one the deadlines listed in Section 1. Note that you may apply for projects in the first round even if the project starts after the second round closes.

Accepted projects may start according to Vinnova's formal decision. The projects' latest ending date is four weeks after completion of the trip, or *at the latest* 15 November, 2025.

6 Formal requirements

For a proposal to be eligible for assessment the following requirements must be met:

- Internationalization grant applicants eligible for funding are Swedish universities, colleges and research institutes.
- The minimum partner requirement is one partner.
- Additional partners from other Swedish organizations or foreign organizations may be included in the project and contribute to the co-financing but are not eligible for funding.
- Purpose of the grant and activities must be consistent with Swedish Mining Innovation's objectives.
- The maximum aid intensity is 80%.
- The maximum funding per project is 100 000 SEK.
- The project description must be submitted using the template provided. The project application excluding CVs must not exceed six pages⁵.
- The CVs of participants from the coordinating institution must be submitted (maximum 1-page per person). A CV of the lead contact(s) from the international organization (s) to be met and one CV from any other partner must also be submitted.

³ Aid intensity = Funding/total budget *100

⁴ <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/>

⁵ The project description template is available here: <https://www.swedishmininginnovation.se/calls/>

- Project end date must be at the latest 15 November, 2025.

7 Submission and Assessment

7.1 Application and Assessment process

The assessment process is designed to determine if the application is well motivated with respect to the assessment criteria and call objectives.

The application, evaluation and decision-making process is as follows:

1. The application will be made to Swedish Mining Innovation. Send the completed project application form and the CVs to lawrence.hooey@swedishmininginnovation.se.
2. Independent evaluators appointed by Vinnova will make a preliminary assessment of the project application based on the evaluation criteria.
3. Applications that receive a positive preliminary evaluation will be invited to submit their proposal through Vinnova's portal.
4. Vinnova makes a formal decision.
5. The applicant receives the decision letter from Vinnova informing the applicant of the final decision and conditions.

7.2 Assessment criteria

Internationalization project applications are assessed according to the following criteria:

1. Potential
 - a. Relevance of the planned collaboration related to Swedish Mining Innovation's objectives.
 - b. Potential of the project and planned collaboration to benefit Sweden's innovation and education system.
 - c. Extent to which gender equality and diversity will be positively impacted by the proposed collaboration.
2. Feasibility
 - a. Quality of background work with the foreign organization(s) with whom collaboration is being planned.
 - b. Motivation for physical meeting.
 - c. Realistic and relevant travel plans.
 - d. Gender and diversity aspects of the Swedish delegation.
3. Actors
 - a. Experience and relevance of participants, both the Swedish and International participants and organizations

8 Terms and conditions

For the call, Vinnova's general terms and conditions applicable at the date of decision apply for contributions. The terms contain rules on reporting, project agreements, follow-up, audits and conditions for payment, etc. The terms are found under "Terms and Conditions" on Vinnova's website⁶. Additional special conditions may apply to individual projects.

Special conditions:

- 1) A short report (maximum ½ page) suitable for dissemination via e.g. LinkedIn and the SMI Newsletter, will be sent to Swedish Mining Innovation Program Office.
- 2) A short (maximum 1 page) report to Swedish Mining Innovation Program office describing outcome and future collaboration plans and potential at the end of the project.
- 3) For all communications about the grant, including social media such as LinkedIn posts, it **must** be stated that the work has been carried out within the Strategic Innovation Program Swedish Mining Innovation, a joint program from Vinnova, the Swedish Energy Agency and the Swedish Research Council Formas. The use of logos from the financiers and Swedish Mining Innovation are encouraged where appropriate⁷.

9 Who can read the application?

Applications received by Vinnova become public documents, but Vinnova does not release data of individual business or operating conditions, inventions and research results in cases where it can be assumed that the individual could suffer damage if the information were to be made public. See Vinnova's website for rules regarding confidentiality and access to information⁸.

Documents sent to the organization responsible for the strategic innovation program (Swedish Mining Innovation Program Office) are not covered by Vinnova privacy policy. Documents sent to the Swedish Mining Innovation Program office should not contain confidential or sensitive information.

⁶ <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/>

⁷ Logos that may be used are found [HERE](#), lower right side of the page.

⁸ [Vinnova - Official documents and confidentiality](#)

10 Contacts

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Updated information on the call is on Swedish Mining Innovation website

<https://www.swedishmininginnovation.se/calls/>

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