

# Open call: 5 PhD projects

The Centre for Medical Humanities announces an opportunity for the co-funding of 5 cross-disciplinary PhD projects to join a new research school in the medical humanities.

## Research school in the Medical Humanities

The Centre for Medical Humanities (CMH) is a collaboration between the Faculty of Arts and the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy at Uppsala University. The purpose is to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration within the field of medical humanities in education and research. The CMH is hosted at the Department of History of Science and Ideas.

Medical humanities has become a key concept for describing collaboration in education and research between the humanities, social sciences, medicine/health and pharmacy. The field encompasses issues related to medicine, illness and health in a historical, cultural and social context. The multidisciplinary focus makes medical humanities a broad field that includes studies ranging from individual experiences of illness and health to the development of medical practices and societal perspectives on health care. Thus, medical humanities create added value for biomedicine by highlighting the social and cultural aspects of health and disease, and for the humanities through a broader thematic approach to contemporary health-related societal challenges and cultural trends.

## Call for interdisciplinary PhD projects

Projects are required to involve one supervisor from the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy, and one from the Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University.

Each project will receive a standard amount of 300 000 SEK annually for a maximum of 4 years (48 months) for the PhD student's salary. The remaining salary costs as well as costs for supervision, material costs and expenses must be covered by the applicants or the department where the PhD student is registered.

Both PhD students and applicants (i.e. supervisors) are expected to participate in research school activities, and PhD students are also expected to follow courses through the research school - these participations are prerequisite for funding.

Applications will be evaluated on scientific quality and novelty, interdisciplinarity, feasibility and relevance for the field of medical humanities. At least two projects from each disciplinary domain will be funded.

## Process

- The call is open between December 14, 2021 and March 1, 2022.
- Proposals are evaluated and ranked by external international expert reviewers (March-April) and the CMH board.
- The CMH board makes the final funding decision (May 2022).
- Successful applicants will be asked to write a formal call text for the respective PhD student positions. Projects will begin in January 2023.

## Eligibility to apply

Eligible applicants are interdisciplinary supervisory teams with at least two members: one member active at the Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University and the other at the Department or Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy at Uppsala University. The applicants must fulfill the general requirements of supervisory teams at their respective departments at Uppsala University concerning affiliation and credentials.

Additional co-applicants may be included in the application, with no specific requirements regarding their disciplinary or other affiliation.

The head of the department at which the main applicant is employed/affiliated must sign the application and in doing so guarantee that the PhD student will be employed within the department and that co-financing exists for the remaining part of the salary.

The PhD-project in the application should be an interdisciplinary collaboration with relevance for medical humanities, and be in line with ethical and legal standards. Only complete applications will be considered for assessment.

## Application format

The application must be written in English and consist of the sections outlined in the application form.

**Submit application to [Elinor.hallen@idehist.uu.se](mailto:Elinor.hallen@idehist.uu.se)** and write “ PhD project application” in the subject line.

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