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**Ett forskningsråd för hållbar utveckling
A Research Council for Sustainable Development**



Webinar for applicants

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Formas' Career grant 2024

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What to expect today?

1. About Formas
2. About the call
 - Purpose and focus area
 - Applicant requirements
 - Mobility
 - Home- and host organisation
 - Letters off support
 - Budget and costs
3. Short overview of the evaluation process
4. Questions





Vision

Knowledge builds a sustainable world



Formas contributes to sustainable development

How? By:

- Funding the best research
- Funding cutting-edge innovation
- Synthesizing research reviews in the environmental field
- Taking part in dialogue and collaboration
- Communicating research and research results

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Formas' areas of responsibility



Environment



Agricultural sciences



Spatial planning



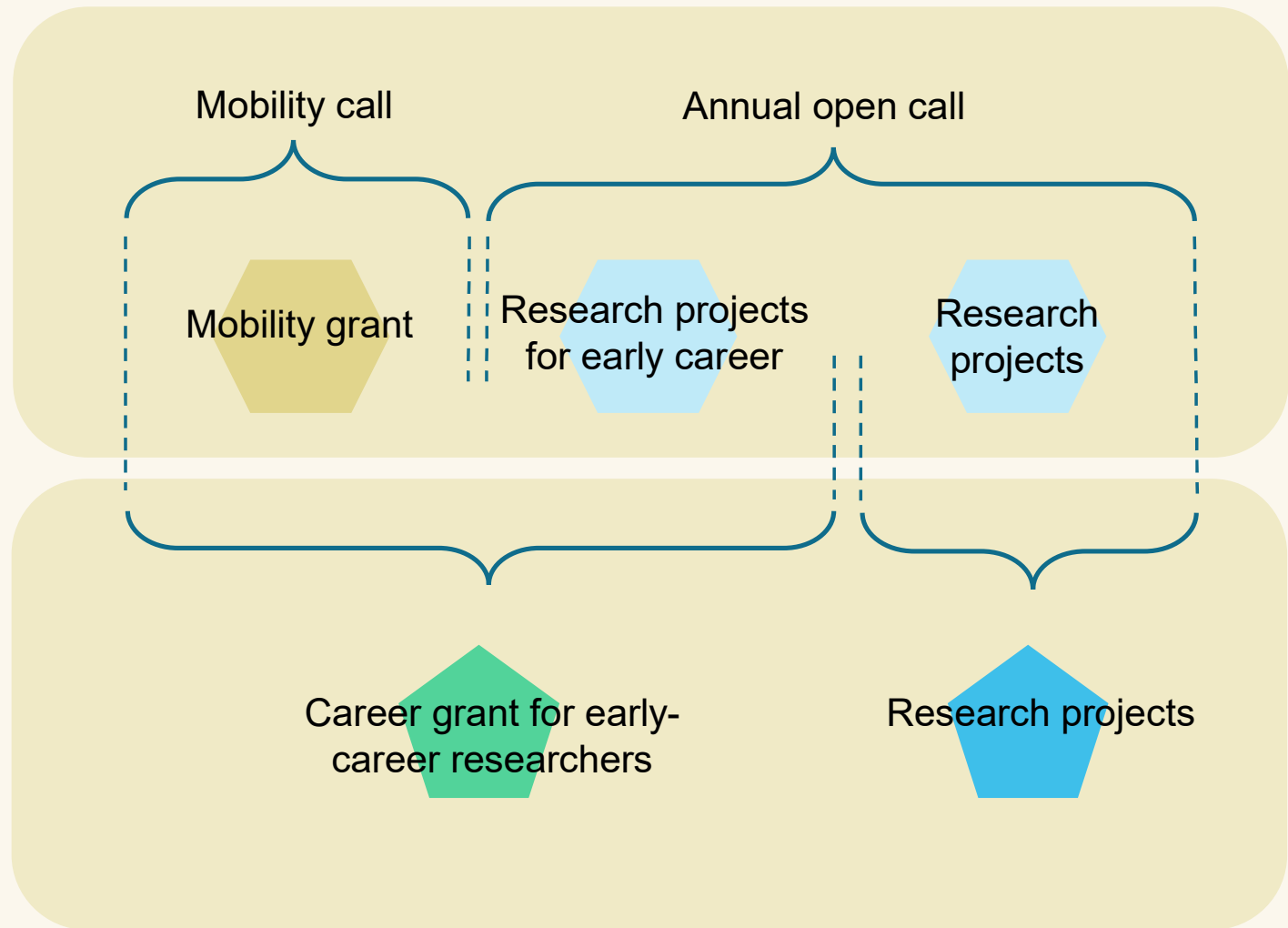
Diversity for knowledge building

- Research-initiated calls
- Thematic calls
- National research programmes
- Strategic innovation programmes
- EU partnership programmes
- Global and bilateral



Career grant for Early-career researchers

 **A new call**





A new call

Purpose and aim

- Support early-career researchers in two critical stages of their career development.
- Strengthening the researcher's competence in leading and running one's own project and contributing to relevant research of the highest scientific quality.





Focus area

- Clear connection to at least **one of Formas' areas of responsibility** (Environment, Agriculture sciences and Spatial planning)
- Formas' areas of responsibility do not include research primarily focused on the development of technical solutions for energy extraction/energy conversion.
- Whether an application falls within the scope of the call can only be made based on a complete application.





Who is eligible to apply?

Target group: Researchers early in their career with a doctoral degree.

- **Career age** - two tracks:
 - **0-3 years** – doctoral degree issued January 1, 2021* - October 1, 2024
 - **4-7 years** – doctoral degree issued January 1, 2017* - December 31, 2020.

** Deductible time: parental leave, longer illness (sick leave or care of child/relative), military service, appointed or elected position within a political organisation, trade union, or student organisation*





Who is eligible to apply?

- **One application** per applicant in one of the tracks.
- Project leader can't have an **ongoing** project grant during 2025 in the calls Mobility grant for early-career researchers or Research projects for early-career researchers.





Budget and project period

- **Project period:** 3 or 4 years
- **Budget:** 1,5 million SEK/year on average (max 4,5 or 6 mkr)
- **Start date:** 1 January 2025





Applicant requirements

- **Researcher mobility:** national and/or international
- **Activity level in the project:** minimum 60%
- **Individual grant**, no co-applicants
- Applicant must be **employed by the home organisation** during the whole project period (not when applying).





Researcher mobility

- **Purpose:** Change of environment strengthens the quality of research and creates conditions for good career paths.
- **Aim:** To broaden your perspectives and expand your network.





Researcher mobility

Requirements: National and/or international researcher mobility to another research environment than your home organisation.

Length of stays:

- **3-year projects:** min 4 months up to 24 months.
- **4-year projects:** min 5 months up to 32 months.

No limit on how long each stay can be or how many
- as long as they meet above time requirement

Highly flexible - Plan the stays according to your own needs and that of the project





Mobility to other organisations

- Optional mobility to other types of organisations, i.e the private and public sectors (in addition to academic mobility)
- Length of stay: Max 6 months





Home organisation - requirements

- A Swedish higher education institution that meets Formas' requirements as approved administrating organisation.
- Is the administrating organisation of the awarded grant.
- Is your employer and pays your salary throughout the project period





Home organisation - expected support

- Provide infrastructure and necessary conditions for you to conduct the project
- Provide you with good opportunities to develop your research and take the next step in your career development
- Enable you to be part of and contribute to your home organisation's activities





Host organisation(s) - requirements

- Higher education institution in Sweden or abroad – cannot be same as your host organisation
- Choose host organisation(s) that can contribute to your particular project AND career development
- Should not charge bench fees or similar





Host organisation(s) – International mobility

- Discuss how you might be employed with a stationing abroad (such as with a URA agreement or equivalent) with your host organisation before applying.
- Check how Swedish migration law might affect your possibilities to stay abroad.
- Not recommended to choose country where you are citizen





Letters of support

The letters of support are mandatory and a part of the assessment.

Home organisation letter should include:

- How will they support you during the project
- How support your career development
- Longer term ambitions for your career path

Host organisation letter should include:

- statement to welcome you and your planned research as host organisation
- description of organisation's academic position, its collaborations and ambition for continued collaboration
- statement on how the researcher and planned research will contribute to and be part of the research and expertise of the research group and institution concerned.
- assurance that necessary facilities, resources, infrastructure etc is available to the applicant.



CV and Academic Profile

CV now divided into two parts:

- **CV:** information about your education and working life - *from personal account in Prisma*
- **Academic profile:** description of your academic profile and your merits and contributions to advancing knowledge relating to the project – *template attached to the application*

Academic profile

Academic contributions (max. 600 words)

Summarise and describe your academic contributions and/or merits most relevant to your field, and to society at large. Explain why the contributions and/or the merits you choose to include are important to your academic qualifications.

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Leadership, teaching, and mentoring (max. 600 words)

Describe how you relate to, and your experiences with, leadership, mentoring, and teaching. Provide examples of how you have contributed to the development of students' networks. Explain how your educational qualifications or your leadership have influenced your work. You can also describe your different types of collaborations (academic, international, with organisations outside academia, etc.)

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Costs you can apply for



Salary: funding for your own salary (can never exceed 100% of full-time employment)



Indirect costs: Administration, IT, rent etc



Running costs: travel, consumables, technical know-how, consulting services etc



Equipment and depreciation costs: maximum 500 000 SEK



Premises: if not already included in the overhead cost



Addition cost supplement

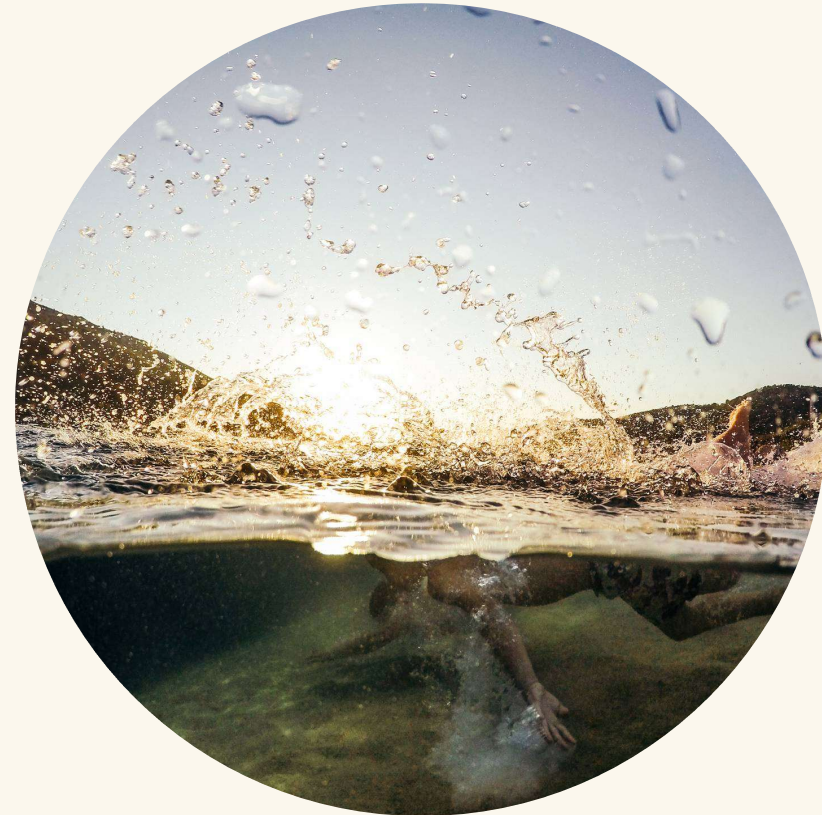
- In the case of international mobility - compensation for **additional costs with a lump sum**.
- Granted in **addition** to the budget for the project.
- The size of the lump sum is based on the Swedish Agency for Government Employers (Arbetsgivarverkets) [table](#) for maximum amounts and:
 - the cost level in the country to be visited
 - the length of stay
 - the number of accompanying family members.





Evaluation process

- Reviewers (researchers and stakeholders) assess applications
- Score applications according to five grounds of assessment
- Each ground of assessment gets awarded points
- 7-point scale





Grounds of assessment

- Skills, qualifications, and career development
- The expected knowledge contribution
- Implementation plan
- Home and host organisations
- Societal relevance





Review panels you can choose



Natural sciences



Engineering and technology



Medical and health sciences



Agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine



Social sciences

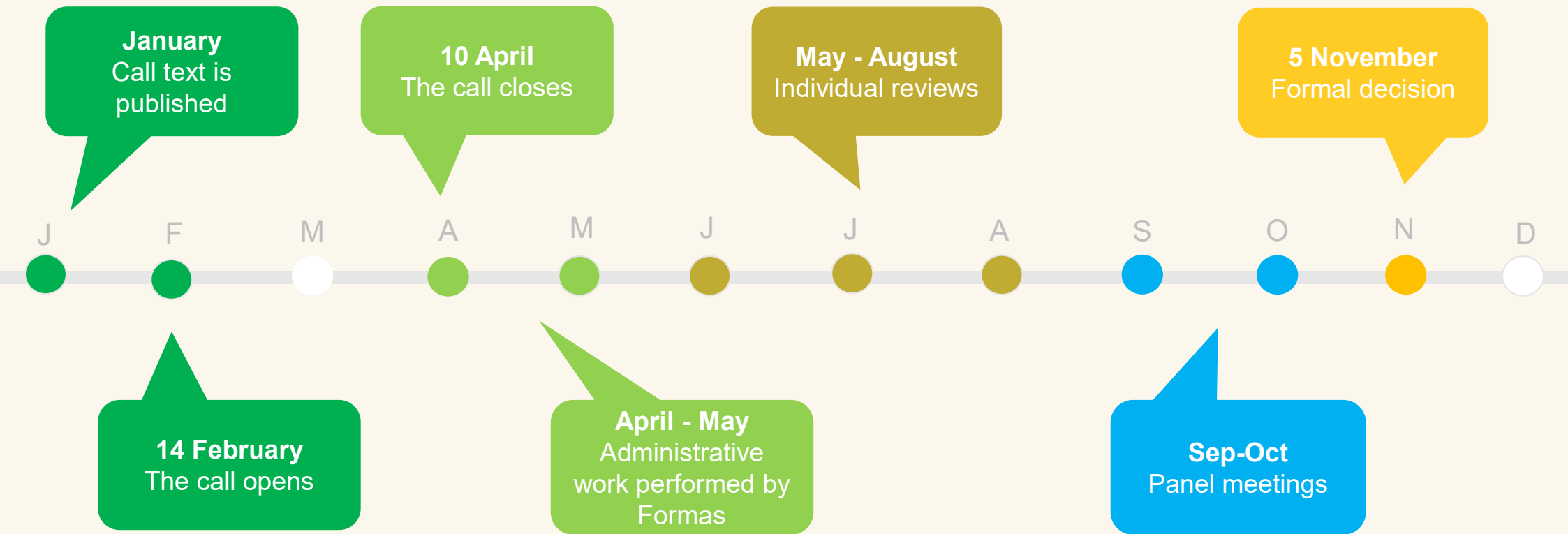


Humanities and fine arts

Select the review panel in which your application's main research subject falls.

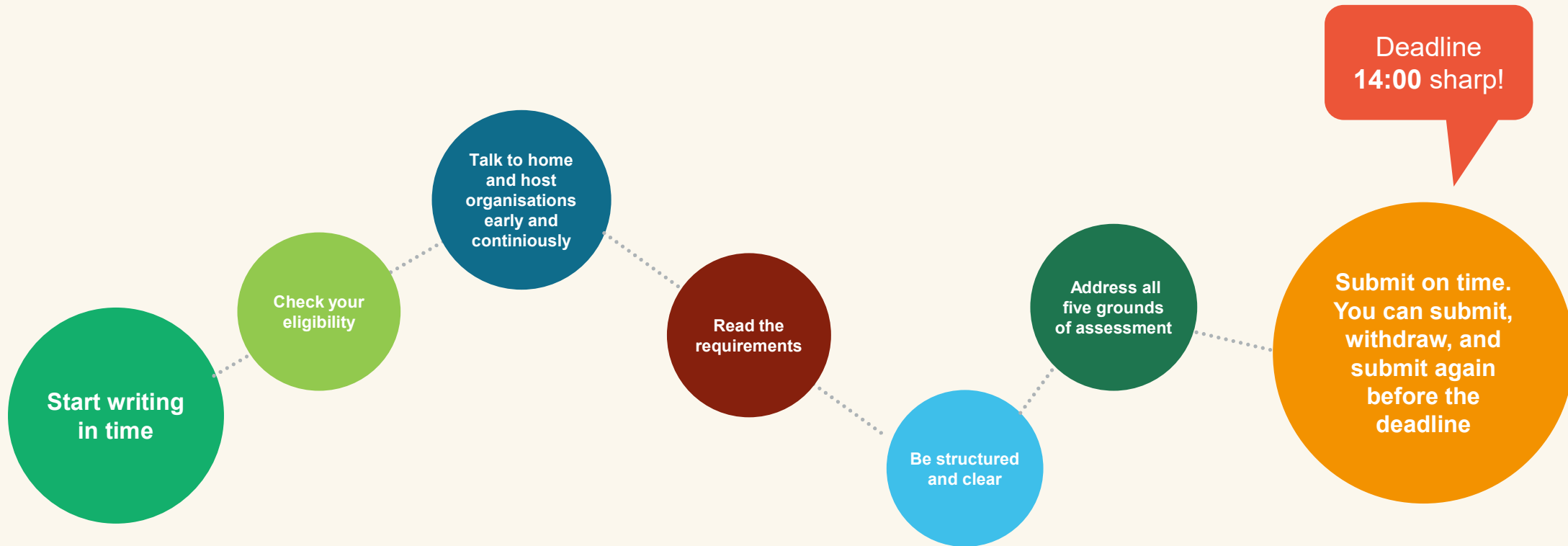


Timeline 2024

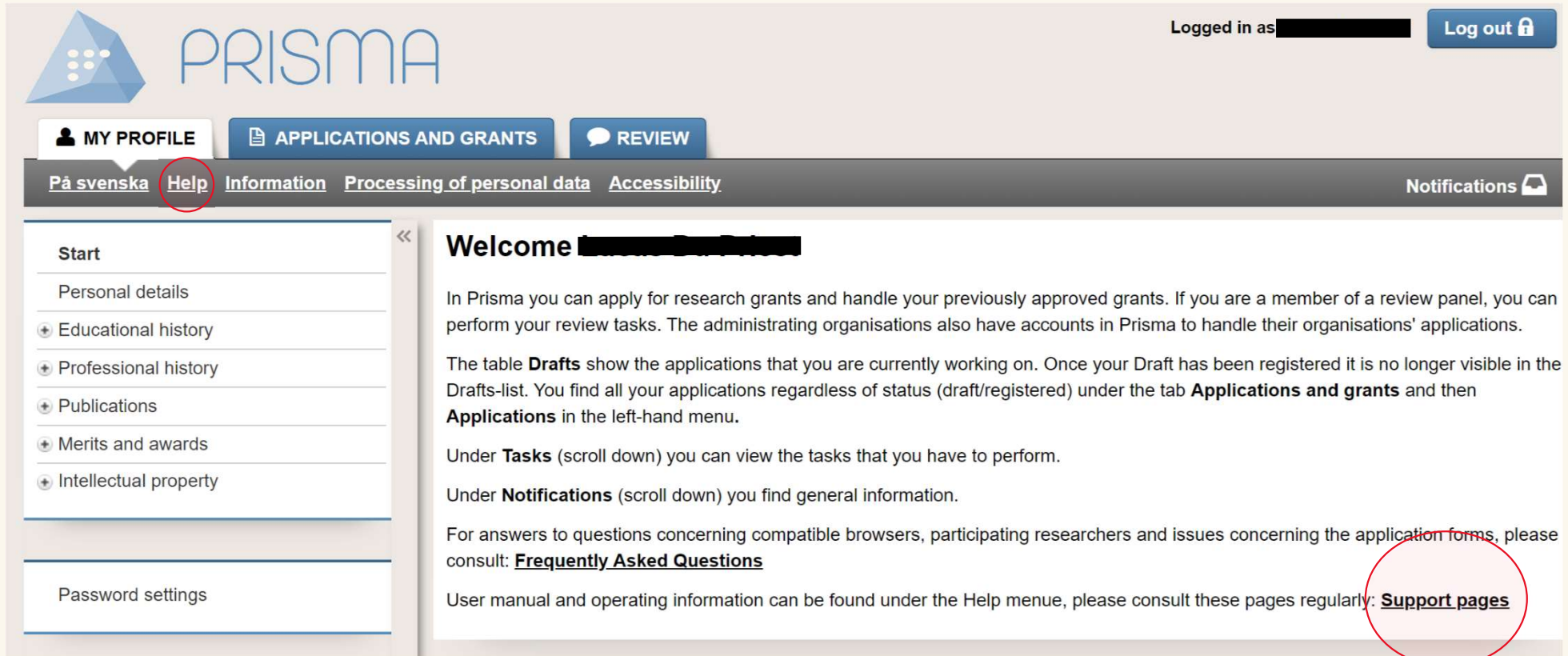




Advice when applying



Having Prisma issues?



The screenshot shows the Prisma web application interface. At the top left is the Prisma logo. On the top right, it says "Logged in as [redacted]" with a "Log out" button. Below the logo are three main navigation tabs: "MY PROFILE", "APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS", and "REVIEW". A secondary navigation bar contains links for "På svenska", "Help" (circled in red), "Information", "Processing of personal data", and "Accessibility". On the far right of this bar is a "Notifications" icon. The main content area is titled "Welcome [redacted]" and contains several paragraphs of text. The left-hand menu is visible, listing options like "Start", "Personal details", "Educational history", "Professional history", "Publications", "Merits and awards", "Intellectual property", and "Password settings". At the bottom of the main content area, the text "User manual and operating information can be found under the Help menu, please consult these pages regularly: [Support pages](#)" is shown, with "Support pages" circled in red.

Need help in your application process?

- Grants Office
- FAQ: [Frequently asked questions and answers – Formas](#)
- **Chat with us:**
 - 2nd of April 13-15
 - 9th of April 10-12

Contact us at careergrant@formas.se



Questions?





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