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SEK 405 million

Research concerning the labour market, labour organisations, public health, work and health, welfare, and social insurance, social services, and social relations.

Formas, Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning 7

SEK 840 million

Prominent research that contributes to sustainable development relating to the environment, agricultural sciences, and spatial and community planning.

SIDA, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency 8

SEK 1,05 billion

International research grants for developmental work and Swedish research concerning developmental collaboration.

Swedish Energy Agency 9

SEK 1,13 billion

Research creating conditions for an ecologically and economically sustainable energy system.

Swedish Environmental Protection Agency 10

SEK 100 million

Supports interdisciplinary research on environmental protection and nature conservation.

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SEK 60 million, national programme

SEK 120 million, Swedish contribution to ESA's scientific programme (European Space Agency)

Research, development and other activities relating to Swedish space and remote sensing activities.

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SEK 90 million

Research on radiation protection and nuclear safety.

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SEK 4,1 billion

Funding of basic research of the highest scientific quality in all fields of science.

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SEK 2,15 billion

Development of efficient innovation systems and funding of needs-driven research.



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SEK 200 million
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SEK 65 million
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SEK 60 million
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SEK 371 million
Basic, clinical, and epidemiological cancer research and demonstration projects in health care.

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SEK 111 million
Research to prevent and combat cancer in children.

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SEK 150 million
Medical research concerning the heart, lungs, and circulatory system.

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SEK 1,02 billion
Support for basic research in the natural, technological, and biomedical sciences, and for expensive scientific equipment.

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, RJ 24

SEK 350 million
Financing of research in humanities and social sciences.



The Swedish System of Research Funding

Sweden is among the nations worldwide that devote the most money to research and development (R&D) in relation to gross domestic product (GDP). This amount continues to grow, with the exception of R&D in the Swedish military. Sweden's expenditures for R&D total 3.6% of GDP. The business sector accounts for around three-quarters and the higher education sector for 21% of this spending. Companies largely fund their own research, but receive some contributions from the central government and abroad.

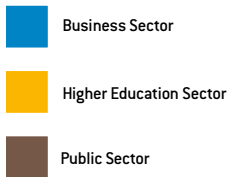
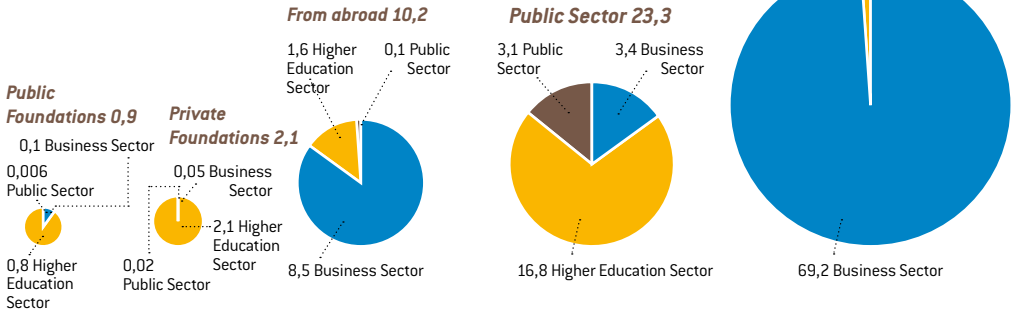
The public sector finances R&D through grants paid directly to higher education institutions (HEIs) and through support for research councils and sectoral research agencies. In addition, several research foundations have been started with public funds, providing research funding in excess of SEK 1 billion annually. The Swedish Parliament grants R&D funds in all of the ministries' spheres of responsibility. The Minister for Higher Education and Research is responsible for overall coordination of research policy in the Government Offices. By far the greatest share of publicly funded research in Sweden is conducted in HEIs. Research institutes account for only a small share, which distinguishes Sweden by international comparison.

The research councils mainly support basic research. Sectoral research agencies fund R&D aimed both at meeting the knowledge needs of individual sectors and at fostering the development of society. In all, Sweden has some 20 sectoral research agencies with resources for R&D. County councils and municipalities also fund research, mainly in health care and social services. Jointly with regional R&D units, the municipalities and county councils allocate about SEK 2.7 billion to research and development.

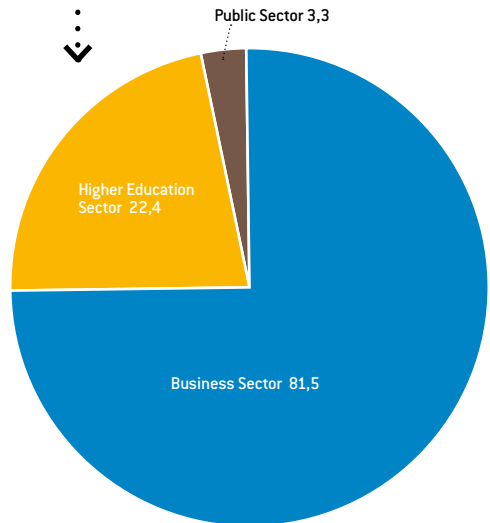
In addition to public sources of funding, Sweden has private funding sources, foundations, and fundraising organisations. Several are major stakeholders in the research sphere and provide substantial grants for research in their respective fields. Collectively, private nonprofit organisations contribute SEK 2.3 billion to Swedish research.

Research (or artistic R&D) in Sweden is conducted at 14 universities and 25 other HEIs. The student population totals approximately 384 700, postgraduate students 17 000 and 27 800 holding positions as teachers and researchers (in 2008).

Financing Bodies



Performing Sectors



The illustration describes the flow of money (in SEK billion) to R&D in 2007. In Sweden, the business sector is the main source of R&D financing. Public funds for R&D are distributed either directly to higher education institutions (HEIs), or through research councils and sectoral authorities. Private Foundations cover fund-raising organisations and other non-profit organisations. In addition to the R&D financing shown in this illustration, the municipalities, county councils, and regional R&D units provide around SEK 2.7 billion.

FAS, Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research

Research Council, Government agency under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, research communication and information, R&D statistics, evaluation and supervision

The Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS), is tasked with supporting and initiating primary and needs-driven research in the fields of employment, work organisation, work and health, public health, welfare, caring services, and social relations.

The main tasks of FAS include evaluating research in its own fields of responsibility, identifying fields for new ventures and drawing up research programmes in consultation with other research funding agencies, working for greater national and international cooperation and exchange in the research community, promoting multi- and interdisciplinary research, promoting scientific publishing, knowledge transmission, and dialogue, and furthering gender equality in research. FAS has a special responsibility to coordinate research relating to older persons, disability, international migration and

ethnic relations, and social science research concerning alcohol and narcotics. FAS is also charged with observing research concerning electromagnetic fields and electrical hypersensitivity.

EU and international cooperation

FAS promotes international contacts and works for greater international cooperation and exchange within its fields of responsibility in the global arena. FAS is actively involved in the implementation of the European Research Area (ERA) through EU's framework programme and the European Science Foundation. FAS is engaged in increasing the mobility of researchers and their access to research infrastructures and in networking with other European research financing organisations in three ERANETs dealing with working life and the elderly.

Research funding 2009:

SEK 405 million



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Research Council, Government agency under the Ministry of the Environment

Subject field

- Environment
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, Information concerning research and research findings

The mission of the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas), is to promote and support research to help society at large adapt to sustainable development. Formas supports basic and needs-driven research in the fields of the environment, agricultural sciences, and urban development. Formas

promotes ecologically sustainable growth and development in the community, multi- and interdisciplinary research, and international collaboration in research and sharing of experience. Formas is also responsible for information concerning research and research findings.

Formas promotes eminent research for sustainable development. For instance, it supports young researchers by funding postgraduate students in projects or within the framework of research schools. Formas also finances research assistants, postdoctoral fellowships, and fixed-term "special researcher" appointments. Further, the Council is responsible for ensuring ready access to information on research and research findings. It works to create platforms for dialogue between research and practice, and it supports the obligations of higher education institutions to collaborate with society. Formas promotes international contacts. One of its major tasks is to safeguard Swedish interest as regards national presence in EU research programmes.



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Research funding 2009:

SEK 840 million

Sida, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Government agency under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing

Sida is a major agent in Swedish international developmental cooperative work. Sida's goal is to enable the poor to improve their living conditions.

Sida supports research conducted by partner countries and research relevant to the countries' development. Sida also funds Swedish research of value for developing countries. The Links programme promotes scientific contacts and supports scientific cooperation between researchers and research institutions in Sweden and some developing countries.

Sida's Research Secretariat covers science and technology, natural resources and environment, social sciences and humanities, and health research. Bilateral efforts account for over 30% of the aid.

EU and international cooperation

Sida's Department for Research Cooperation (SAREC) Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical

Diseases (TDR), Joint Coordinating Board, WHO; Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction, (HRP), Policy and Co-ordination Committee, WHO; European and Developing Countries' Clinical Trials Programme (EDCTP); European Malaria Vaccine Initiative; Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR); European Initiative for Agricultural Research for Development (EIARD); International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE); International Foundation for Science (IFS).

Research funding 2009:

The budget for research cooperation through Sida is approx SEK 1, 05 billion, of which SEK 350 million is allocated to Swedish research and research cooperation with low-income countries



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Swedish Energy Agency

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Subject field

- Environment
- Natural sciences and Technology

Main R&D task

Financing Research, Development and Demonstration, Commercialisation, Networking, R&D statistics, evaluation and supervision

The Swedish Energy Agency endeavours to achieve the safe, efficient, and sustainable supply and use of energy.

The Agency is the central administrative authority for matters concerning energy supply and use. Its main task is to implement the energy policy programmes ratified by the Swedish Parliament in 1997 and 2002. The programmes aim to create an ecologically sustainable and economically viable energy system in Sweden and abroad.

The goal is to develop the energy system and generate growth. Activities include basic and applied research, development, demonstration projects, and commercialisation in six thematic areas: fuel-based energy systems; energy use in buildings; the transportation sector; energy-intensive industry; the power system; and energy system studies. Each theme has a developmental platform for collaboration with the business sector and other users of the results. The platforms analyse the situation and identify needs, e.g. to enhance collaboration between research and other means of control.

EU and international cooperation

The Agency actively engages in joint international efforts concerning climate issues, energy research, and other matters. Most of the work is conducted through its involvement at various levels of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and in various R&D programmes under way in the European Union.

Research funding 2009:

SEK 1.13 billion



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Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Government agency under the Ministry of the Environment

Subject field

- Environment
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, R&D statistics, evaluation and supervision

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is a central environmental authority commissioned to coordinate and promote environmental work, both in Sweden and internationally.

The Agency is in charge of issues relating to environmental policy goals and the natural environment and has particular responsibilities to coordinate, monitor, and report on 9 of the 15 environmental objectives established by the Swedish Parliament. In addition, the Agency is responsible for conducting environmental surveillance, for preparing descriptions and analyses of the environmental situation and environmental developments, and for certain official statistics.

Other Agency responsibilities include taking steps to ensure that information about the environment and environmental policy work is made available and to serve as a rallying and galvanising influence in environmental work of various sectoral authorities.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency regularly allocates funding to certain environmental protection and nature conservation agencies and finances environmental research in support of its own activities. Its remit includes acquiring, on behalf of the nation, areas of outstanding natural beauty and scientific interest.

EU and international cooperation

Much of the environmental work is pursued through the European Union, where the Agency represents Sweden in over 100 of EU's expert groups, committees, and subgroups for environmental issues. The Agency also participates in global environmental efforts through several international conventions

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 100 million



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Swedish National Space Board, SNSB

Government agency under the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications

Subject field

- Natural sciences and Technology

Main R&D task

Financing

The Swedish National Space Board (SNSB) is responsible for national and international activities relating to space and remote sensing, primarily research and development. SNSB's mission is to initiate research, development, and other activities relating to Swedish space and remote sensing activities, and to promote the coordination of these activities. In addition, SNSB aims to promote suitable information and documentation activities relating to space and remote sensing.

SNSB distributes government grants for space research, technology development, and remote sensing activities. It initiates research and development in space and remote sensing areas, and serves as a contact point for international cooperation.

Research funding 2009:

SEK 60 million, national programme

SEK 120 million, Swedish contribution to the scientific programme of the European Space Agency (ESA)



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Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, SSM

Government agency under the Ministry of the Environment

Subject field

- Environment
- Natural sciences and Technology

Main R&D task

Financing, Research, R&D statistics, evaluation and supervision

The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, is an agency with collective responsibility for the areas of radiation protection and nuclear safety. The Authority takes initiatives and preventive actions to protect people and the environment from the adverse effects of radiation, now and in the future.

The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority finances basic and applied research in four areas:

- Safety at nuclear power plants
- Waste, transportation, and physical protection
- Radiation protection
- Nuclear nonproliferation.

Each area of research provides the Authority with knowledge necessary to:

- Assess the safety situation at nuclear power plants
- Assess the effects of radiation on health
- Develop nuclear nonproliferation efforts
- Ensure national expertise and research capacity.

The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority commissions external consultants from consulting firms and universities to conduct most of the agency's research. Foreign research institutes and consulting companies conduct some of this research. The agency also finances professorships and doctoral students at some universities in Sweden. This is done partly through research grants and positions at the institutes of technology and partly through financing professorships in radiation biology, radiation ecology, dosimetry, and Man – Technology – Organisation.

EU and international cooperation

The Authority actively engages in international collaboration in the area of nuclear safety, e.g. through involvement in the Organization of Economic and Cooperative Development/Nuclear Energy Safety (OECD/NEA).

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 90 million



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Research Council, Government agency under the Ministry of Education and Research

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, R&D statistics, evaluation and supervision, Research communication

The Swedish Research Council is the largest governmental source of funding for basic research. Its objective is for Sweden to be a leading research nation.

The Swedish Research Council supports research in the fields of medicine and health, humanities and social sciences, natural and engineering sciences, and educational sciences. The Council is also responsible for promoting and supporting the deve-

lopment and use of research infrastructures, such as research facilities and databases.

The Swedish Research Council supports research initiated by the researchers themselves. Most of the funding goes to research projects. Other forms of support include grants for appointments and scholarships and support for excellence in research environments.

The Swedish Research Council is tasked with identifying research areas for strategic commitments in consultation with other research financiers.

The Swedish Research Council also analyses, evaluates, and follows up research and research funding. The Council monitors advancements in Swedish and international research and works continuously to develop statistics and methods in the field, including bibliometric studies.

The Swedish Research Council advises the Swedish Government about issues involving research policy.

It also promotes communication among researchers in different fields and between researchers and society at large.

EU and international cooperation

The Research Council works to stimulate Swedish participation in European and international research work and exchanges of experiences.

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 4,1 billion



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VINNOVA, Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems

Government agency under the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, Networking

VINNOVA promotes sustainable growth through financing of needs-driven research and development of effective innovation systems. Primarily, VINNOVA works within the areas of IT, biotechnology, product development and materials, working life, environmental and energy technology, and transportation.

VINNOVA aims to contribute to long-term economic growth that is ecologically and socially sustainable.

VINNOVA's particular area of responsibility comprises innovations linked to research and development, i.e. innovation, successful products, services, or processes based in science. VINNOVA finances needs-driven research, where the needs are identified in the business sector, society, and new areas of potential growth, and it strengthens the networks required for this work. Hence, VINNOVA analyses areas having a potential for innovation and growth.

VINNOVA works with many different types of initiatives to achieve sustainable growth. What they have

in common is a desire to establish collaboration among researchers, the public sector, and the business community. VINNOVA requires co-financing of all projects.

EU and international cooperation

VINNOVA seeks to promote Swedish research, innovation and competitiveness through international cooperation and linkages. This is done in several ways: through bilateral programs (with Japan, India, China and the US, among others), through internationalization of VINNOVA's existing programs and initiatives, through increased focus on European cooperation and through EU's policies with Third Countries.

VINNOVA has the national responsibility for strengthening Sweden's participation in the EU Framework Program for Research. VINNOVA is also the national contact organization for COST, EUREKA and Eurostars.

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 2,15 billion



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Mistra, Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research

Foundation [public]

Subject field

- Environment
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, Networking

Mistra's vision is to become a leader in innovative research, which both prevents and solves important environmental problems.

The foundation aims to promote the development of state-of-the art research environments with the highest international standards to improve the significance of Sweden's future competitiveness.

Mistra will support research of strategic importance for creating a good habitat. This means that the data, models, methods and conclusions of Mistra's research investments will be put into use — either as a knowledge base for politicians and other decision makers or as green products, processes or services.

Research initiated by the foundation will contribute to more effective energy usage, transports, poison/pollution free and efficient circulations, sustainable production, as well as cost-effective consumption of land, water and developed areas.

Sustainable asset management is a major priority for Mistra. The foundation's own capital is managed by principles of sustainability; Mistra has initiated and invested in the international research program Sustainable Investments.

Mistra's research programs are high-impact and barrier-breaking. Currently about 20 programs are ongoing in close cooperation with corporations, authorities and consumers.

EU and the International Cooperation

Research is conducted in cooperation with international research nodes.

Research funding:

approx SEK 200 million annually



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STINT, Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education

Foundation (public)

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing

The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) aims to enhance quality and competence in Swedish higher education and research through international cooperation.

STINT's activities should establish and foster new links, especially with countries where Sweden has a special interest in developing cultural, economic, and academic relations.

Research funding 2009:

SEK 65 million



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Swedish Foundation for Health Care Sciences and Allergy Research

Foundation (public)

Subject field

- Medicine and Health

Main R&D task

Financing

The purpose of the Vårdal Foundation is to improve human health and living conditions. As a means of achieving that purpose, the Foundation funds innovative research and strategic collaborations. The Foundation is an independent financier of research, with two of its main target areas being health issues of children and adolescents, and the challenges of ageing.

The Vårdal Foundation is one of the major players in Sweden for interdisciplinary research in the field of professional health care. By collaborating with other financiers, the Foundation is able to give the funding effort a greater impact, as compared to what individual financiers would be able to achieve on their own. Supporting innovative research and initiating collaborations, the Foundation has launched several successful research projects, for instance *Swedish Brain Power*, a project that addresses cerebral disease and that has attracted much international attention; and *Ethics in Health Care*, which has initiated comprehensive nation-wide training measures for professional nursing staff.

Research funding 2009:

SEK 60 million



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Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research, SSF

Foundation (public)

Subject field

- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology

Main R&D task

Financing

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF) finances about 100 major research programmes and about 100 research projects. Its efforts focus on enabling the establishment of strategic research centres that have an international impact. SSF also provides individual grants to outstanding researchers. Industrial cooperation plays an important role, and international evaluation is a pivotal function for guaranteeing quality and relevance.

The purpose of the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research is to support research in the natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. Its mission is to promote the development of strong research environments of the highest international standard with a bearing on the development of Sweden's future competitive strength.

EU and international cooperation

The Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research has signed memorandums of understanding with Genome Canada, Japan Science and Technology Agency, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and The Wellcome Trust (UK).

Research funding 2009:

SEK 508 million



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The Knowledge Foundation

Foundation (public)

Subject field

- Environment
- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology
- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing, Networking

The Knowledge Foundation is the research financier for new higher education institutes with the task of strengthening Sweden's competitiveness and ability to create value. The Foundation supports research that is conducted at Sweden's new higher education institutes provided that industry provides a matching amount and actively participates in order to achieve development there as well.

The Knowledge Foundation was established in 1994 and since then it has invested nearly SEK 7 billion in more than 2 000 projects.

The Knowledge Foundation strives to help institutions of higher education create internationally competitive research environments, work long-term on strategic profiling and increase cooperation between academia, industry, institutes and society. The higher education institutes are responsible for a significant portion of knowledge development and research. Many are leaders in their own special areas, cooperate extensively with industry and contribute to strengthening Sweden's competitiveness and creating growth.

Research financing in 2009:

approx SEK 300 million



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Swedish Cancer Society

Fundraising organisation

Subject field

- Medicine and Health

Main R&D task

Financing, Public Opinion, Information

The Swedish Cancer Society is an independent fund-raising organisation that focuses on financing research and forming public opinion. The Society is the single largest funder of cancer research in Sweden, financing about 400 research projects annually. The Swedish Cancer Society receives no government grants, but depends entirely on wills and donations from individuals and corporations.

Vision, strategy, and objectives

Swedish Cancer Society envisions that cancer should be curable. The path towards achieving this vision is measured over time through reduced cancer incidence and increased survival from cancer. Three guiding principles govern all work conducted in the name of the Swedish Cancer Society:

- Independence – The Swedish Cancer Society is politically, economically, and financially independent.
- Knowledge – Through research and information the Swedish Cancer Society promotes the advancement of knowledge in the cancer field.

- Hope – The purpose and result is to reduce the incidence of cancer and increase survival from cancer.

Research funding

The mission of the Swedish Cancer Society is to support, organise, and coordinate cancer research and stimulate development of new methods for the diagnosis, treatment, and care of cancer. The Swedish Cancer Society allows all research projects to compete with each other regardless of the type of cancer they address.

Forming public opinion

Pressing for improvements through organised, opinion-shaping activities is an important way to contribute towards reducing cancer incidence and increasing the cancer survival rate.

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 371 million



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Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation

Fundraising organisation

Subject field

- Medicine and Health

Main R&D task

Financing

The Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to support research on childhood cancer. Since it receives no funding from the government or local authorities, the Foundation relies solely on donations and gifts from individuals, organisations, and corporations.

The Foundation currently provides some form of research support to around 120 researchers. It also supports training and continuing education of paediatric oncology nursing staff to give optimal care to children and teenagers with cancer and to fac-

ilitate life during and after treatment. Furthermore, the Foundation provides care and recreational opportunities for families who have, or who have had, children suffering from cancer.

The Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation aims to use various educational initiatives to increase awareness of childhood cancer and to change attitudes, thus improving the situation for children with cancer and their families.

EU and international cooperation

The Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation is involved in international activities through ICCCPD (a confederation of organisations for parents of children with cancer) and through SIOP and NOPHO, international and Nordic societies of paediatric oncology physicians. The Foundation also funds participation in international symposia and cross-border exchange among paediatric oncology researchers.

Research funding 2008:

approx SEK 111 million



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Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation

Fundraising organisation

Subject field

- Medicine and Health

Main R&D task

Financing

The Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation is a fundraising organisation whose primary function is to finance independent research projects dealing with the major widespread diseases, such as diseases of the heart, lungs and the circulatory system.

The Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation is Sweden's largest funder of independent, nonaligned medical research in the cardiovascular field. In 2008, the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation allocated SEK 140 million in research funding. However, the Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation is able to grant only 18% of the research funds requested, which means that it faces a major challenge to collect more money in the future. The Swedish Heart-Lung Foundation supports research that is mainly clinically oriented, with the intent that health services can quickly benefit from the findings.

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 150 million



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Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation

Foundation (private)

Subject field

- Medicine and Health
- Natural sciences and Technology

Main R&D task

Financing

The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation is a major source of research funding in Sweden, supporting research and educational projects at national universities, colleges and comparable research institutes.

In 2008, the Foundation awarded SEK 1 017 million to around 50 different projects. Most of the grants comprised donations for selected research projects of significant potential and equipment for research in natural sciences, technology, and biomedicine.

The Foundation's purpose is to support scientific research, teaching, and education to benefit the

Swedish nation. Its policy supports universities, institutes and other higher education institutions in Sweden with grants in the following areas:

- Special research projects of high scientific value
- Expensive scientific equipment
- Scholarship programmes
- Wallenberg Scholars
- Projects in the field of educational sciences

The Foundation is financing scholarships to promising young scientists. Programmes administered by Royal Academy of Sciences and the Swedish Academy and the Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities in collaboration.

Priority will be given to applications for funding equipment in national research facilities and equipment in outstanding scientific projects where other funders already provide support for personnel and operational costs. The Foundation also grants research awards to promising young scientists via donations administered by the Royal Academy of Sciences and jointly by the Swedish Academy and the Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities.

Research funding 2008:

approx SEK 1,02 billion

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Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, RJ

Foundation (private)

Subject field

- Society and Culture

Main R&D task

Financing

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ), supports scientific research by awarding project grants to individual researchers and research groups. In the humanities and social sciences, the Foundation is the largest funder of research outside the universities and university colleges.

At times, the Foundation establishes special sector committees to investigate the need to invest in research and promote sharing of information in sectors judged to be of special significance. Examples include: Mankind and Communication Technology, Research on Equal Opportunities, Alcohol Research, Parliamentary Research, Capital Market Research, Art and Design, Research on the Knowledge Society, and Research on Culture – Security – Sustainable Social Development.

Research funding 2009:

approx SEK 350 million



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To learn more about the Swedish system of research financing please visit the website:

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