

Bo Rydin Foundation

for Scientific Research

2019/20

The foundation promotes research at Swedish universities and institutes in technical or natural sciences within Essity´ s and SCA´ s business areas

During 2017 the SCA Group was splitted into two listed companies; one hygiene and health company, Essity, and one forest products company, SCA. The aim of the Foundation is to promote research at Swedish universities and institutes within strategic areas of both companies. The relation of the companies´ net sales will be mirrored in the scientific areas that the Foundation supports which is 80 % hygiene and health related and 20 % forest related projects. The Foundation´ s main activity is the provision of research grants. In addition, we offer travel grants for doctoral students who wish to participate in scientific conferences and we also awards grants for the best annual master´ s thesis.

Business areas

Essity has three business areas; Personal Care, Consumer Tissue, and Professional Hygiene.

Essity is a leading global player in Personal Care and the offering includes Incontinence Products and Solutions, Feminine Care, Baby Care, Cleaning and Skin Care products and Medical Solutions. We offer a broad range of personal absorbing products together with skincare products, wet wipes and lotions. In Medical Solutions Essity offers products and services in wound care, vascular and orthopedics. The products are sold under Essity's global and regional brands, such as, TENA, Libero, Libresse, Nosotras, Saba, Jobst and Leucoplast and under retailers' brands.

Essity is the world's largest supplier of products and solutions within the market for Professional Hygiene under the global Tork brand. Essity's offering includes complete hygiene solutions, including toilet paper, paper towles, napkins, hand soap, hand lotion, hand sanitizers, dispensers, cleaning and wiping products, sensor technology, service and maintenance.

The core of **SCA's** business is the forest, 2.6 million hectares in northern Sweden. Around this unique resource, SCA has built a well-developed value chain based on renewable raw material from own and others' forests. SCA offers paper for packaging and print, pulp, wood products, renewable energy, services for forest owners and efficient transport solutions. SCA welcomes research applications in prioritized areas like solid wood, forest management, pulp technology, fiber chemistry and biorefinery.

Research Board

Our Research Board ensures scientific quality and determines which research projects should be funded. The Research Board members are:

Honorary Doctorates **Bo Rydin**, chairman

Professor **Per-Ove Bäckström**, Swedish University of Agriculture, Umeå

Professor **Thomas Hjertberg**, Borealis AB, Stenungsund

Senior Professor **Gunilla Jönson**, University of Lund, Lund

Director **Jerker Karlsson**, SCA Forest Products AB, Sundsvall

Associate Professor **Anita Teleman**, RISE Bioeconomy, Stockholm

Secretary and contact person:

Associate Professor **Rolf Andersson**

Research Grants

Research applications of high scientific quality will be granted provided that the scientific area is aligned with Essity's and SCA's prioritized areas. Besides, the Foundation can support scientific conferences and establishment of new professorships.

Applications should include:

- Description of the project (title, summary, background, research goal, expected results, outline, time schedule and budget)
- Participants (project manager, staff, partners)
- Contact information and CV (maximum one page) for main applicant

The Research Board has its annual decision meeting in the beginning of December and applicants will receive a decision during this month. Applications for research projects shall be sent electronically to the Foundation at the latest on September 30th 2019.

Travel Grants

The Foundation awards individual travel grants which support doctoral students to actively participate in scientific conferences in areas which the Foundation supports. Applications shall be mailed and are evaluated as they are received. They should include:

- Short information about the doctoral project including relevance for Essity's or SCA's business areas
- Short description of the conference
- Justification for participation including in which way the applicant will be active
- Budget
- Contact information

Awards for Best Master´s Thesis (at least 30 credits)

Bo Rydin Foundation annually awards grants of 30,000 SEK each for the year´s best master´s thesis. For work performed jointly by two students, the award is 20,000 SEK each. The thesis shall be done at Swedish universities within Essity´s and SCA´s strategic areas; personal hygiene products, tissue paper or forest products. High quality Master thesis works can be nominated by supervisors. Two paper copies of the thesis should be sent to the Foundation by September 30th together with comments and recommendations from the supervisor and/or head of department.

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