

Medical research and innovation in Sweden

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for better health, new jobs and a growing economy

Research!Sweden – an independent non-profit foundation

Founded in 2010 by 64 well-known individuals from all parts of society: politics, industry, culture, academia, health care, trade unions, patient associations and other non-profits.

Among the founders: Nobel Prize winners, former prime minister, movie directors and industry icons.

Our aim is to make medical research a higher national priority – for health and prosperity.

Our vision is that medical research and business continue to develop in, or move to, Sweden and that medical advances become of use to the public at a faster rate.

Our mission is to inform and raise awareness of the importance of medical research. This is done by providing decision-makers with facts and evidence-based proposals for change.

- Research!Sweden raises awareness by informing policy makers about the value of medical research.
- The foundation makes use of the knowledge among the founders and experts in its network to form constructive and well-founded proposals for action. The proposals have received widespread attention and are being actively used by policy makers, both in writing and speech.



Interpellation - Annie Lööf (C) and Ingela Nylund Watz (S)

➤ Research!Sweden acts as a neutral platform for constructive discussions between different actors from the life science sector in Sweden. One example of this is the foundation's network "Agenda for health and prosperity".

Agenda för hälsa och välbefinnande – ett samarbete mellan **FORSKA SVERIGE** och:



- Workshops
- Reports
- Conferences at ministerial level
- Political meetings
- Developed a shared vision for life science in Sweden 2025



Our vision for Life Science year 2025:

Sweden is a key actor within Life Science, attracting top talent

Substantial and long-term investments in education and research provides a fundament for curiosity, drive, science and excellence.

Sweden is a leading country within healthcare, by promptly putting new knowledge and expertise into practice

The interaction between academia, business, healthcare and the population creates an attractive environment for research and innovation, and brings healthcare to the forefront.

The healthcare system contributes to the development of a unique national platform for research and quality, by documenting relevant health data. Scientists and companies are attracted to Sweden as a leading nation for clinical and real-world studies.

Sweden is a magnet for Life Science investments

With its innovative and dynamic environment, as well as having attractive conditions for business, Sweden is one of the most competitive Life Science nations in the world.



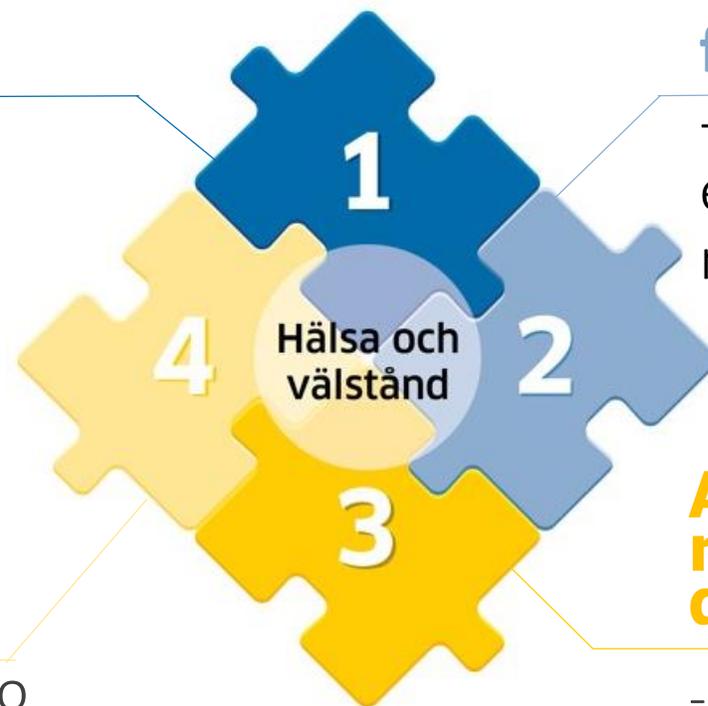
- Our reports provide input to a life science strategy with 14 proposals with actionplans. We focus on how to strengthen Sweden's position within four areas:

Excellent research and education

- a prerequisite for welfare and competitiveness

A quality driven patient-focused care

- a well-functioning system that enables patients to benefit from new innovations



An internationally competitive business environment

- that attracts companies to conduct research, development and production in Sweden

A national structure for research and quality development

- that aids the collection, utilization and sharing of data to improve health

We make yearly status-reports, where we follow-up on the governments actions and evaluate the initiatives related to our vision and actionproposals. The report is presented in the parlament in November, in collaboration with a network of politicians.

- 1.1 Förändra strukturen och underlaget för statens stöd till forskning vid lärosätena
- 1.2 Justera meriteringssystemet inom akademi och vård
- 1.3 Skapa karriärtjänster för klinisk forskning
- 1.4 Stärk nyttan av den nationella portalen för kliniska studier
- 2.1 Kräv utvärdering av behandling, utbildning och forskning
- 2.2 Inför ackreditering av universitetssjukvård
- 2.3 Inför särskild fond för introduktion av innovativa metoder
- 2.4 Utveckla och harmonisera vårdens ersättningsmodeller
- 3.1 Tillsätt en arbetsgrupp för "Nationell samordning för forskning och kvalitetsutveckling"
- 3.2 Utöka satsningen på nationella databanker, biobanker och kvalitetsregister
- 4.1 Stimulera forskning och utveckling i företag – skatter
- 4.2 Skapa specialiserade forsknings- och behandlingscentra
- 4.3 Säkerställ tillgång till kapital för små växande företag
- 4.4 Stärk innovationsupphandlingen



➤ Research!Sweden also arrange events in July, during "Almedalsveckan" where our proposals are discussed with politicians of all colours, in public and free forums



- The Research!Sweden-day, another well-established platform, gathers top-leaders in politics, business, academia, health care and patient organisations for exclusive discussions.
- During the day one researcher and one politician is honored with the Research!Sweden award. The award 2016 was highlighted on Swedish national television.



➤ Research!Sweden communicates the value of medical research in various ways; direct interaction with politicians, public opinion polls, articles etc.

➤ Research!Sweden has also developed a series of fact sheets and 12 short films to highlight the value of medical research and innovation.

The collage displays 12 fact sheets from Forska Sverige. Each sheet follows a similar layout: a patient's personal story, a 'Vad kostar det?' (What does it cost?) section with statistics, and a 'Fakta' (Facts) section. The sheets cover various conditions: Astma och Allergi, Cancer, Diabetes, Hjärt-kärlsjukdom, Psykisk ohälsa, Reumatisk sjukdom, Globala samhällsutmaningar, Vad kostar det?, Erikas lösningar på svåra problem, Birgitta Jacobson, 51 år, Stefan Di-Omnia, 49 år, Annika, 52 år, Ericsson, 45 år, Magnus Lindström, 34 år, and Christor Lovföhd, 71 år. The Forska Sverige logo is prominently displayed on each sheet.



Susanne was diagnosed with breast cancer

- Research!Sweden produces an **annual progress report** with statistics on research investments, life science companies etc, showing trends and international comparisons. It contributes to transparency and makes it possible to highlight trends going in the wrong direction and is used by the media.
- Research!Sweden is successful in the **media** and active in the debate via debate articles, press releases, comments and social media.
- Research!Sweden's Secretary General is an elected member of the **government's advisory board for life sciences**

Our goal

Research!Sweden wants the government to develop and implement a coherent and long-term strategy for creating better conditions for medical research and its applications. Over time the public investment in medical research should be doubled and correspond to 4 öre per every Swedish krona spent on healthcare.

One of Research!Sweden's strengths is that the foundation **is not a special interest**. We are focusing on medical research as an investment for Sweden from a societal perspective.