

## Quality Assessment Criteria for Applications for Uppsala Forum Research Support Grants

### Background

The main objective of Uppsala Forum is to support research and to promote cooperation between different academic fields and actors, inside and outside of academia. Uppsala Forum publishes two call for applications per year for grants to organize a workshop and to invite guest researchers to Uppsala University. All researchers at Uppsala Forum units are eligible to apply for Forum grants. Besides applications connecting to Uppsala Forum's main goals, the steering committee wants to clarify and make the quality assessment criteria that the committee uses when considering applications transparent. This document is designed to be an aid for researchers in the application process.

### Criteria

When making the assessment, the application as a whole will be considered. Of crucial importance is the way in which the intended project supports and advances Uppsala Forum's objectives. Within the Forum assessment process, there are a number of distinct quality assessment criteria that are at times overlapping:

- **Relevance.** In what way does the project contribute to research on democracy, peace and justice conducted at Uppsala Forum units?
- **Multidisciplinarity.** How does the project make use of various competences on democracy, peace and justice in different fields? Does the application involve at least two Forum units?
- **Implementation.** How well can the project be implemented given the content, time and budget?
- **Result.** What is the project's expected result and what benefits does it bring to researchers, the general public and other interested parties?
- **Budget.** Is the budget cost effective? Does it follow the Forum's budget rules?

When prioritizing applications, the research director and steering committee members might also consider if and how many times the applicant(s) have previously received grants from Uppsala Forum.