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4.3.4 Decentralised education

For 2024, Umeå University has SEK 29.0 million at its disposal within the framework for the special mandate decentralised education, of which SEK 6.797 million is support for the University's decentralised medical education and SEK 8.917 million is support for the University's decentralised health sciences programme. Allocation of resources for decentralised education for 2024 is shown in Table 12.

Table 12. Budget for decentralised education in 2024 (SEK '000).

DECENTRALISED EDUCATION BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S EDUCATION	2024 Budget SEK '000	Compare with 2023 ¹⁾		
		SEK '000	Change	
			SEK '000	%
Allocation of funding				
Funding as defined in the funding target agreement (for 100 FTE)	13,300	12,850	450	3.5%
Funding decentralised medical education	6,797	6,568	230	3.5%
Funding decentralised health sciences programme	8,917	8,615	302	3.5%
Total	29,014	28,033	981	3.5%
Use of funding				
Payout of FTE/APE	7,139	6,897	241	3.5%
Additional costs/develop costs/library (share)	6,159	5,951	208	3.5%
Faculty of Medicine	15,376	14,856	520	3.5%
University Administration	340	328	11	3.5%
Total	29,014	28,033	981	3.5%

The increased funding for decentralised medical education is allocated as follows: SEK 6.458 million to the Faculty of Medicine to cover increased costs for medical education in four locations, and SEK 340,000 to the University Administration for costs related to data networks in Sundsvall, Östersund and Sunderbyn.

The increased funding for decentralised nursing education is allocated as follows: the Faculty of Medicine receives the entire amount for additional costs for the biomedical analyst programme, nursing education, midwifery education and specialist nursing education arising from offering the programmes in other locations. Nationally, the initiative totals SEK 20 million for the 2022–2030 period.

From 2023, some of the premises (except teaching premises) used for decentralised education in Skellefteå and Örnsköldsvik are funded from the University's shared premises budget. Previously, these were funded through internal invoicing to faculties and Umeå School of Education. However, the change from 2023 does not include funding premises (offices and common areas) for the nursing programme in Skellefteå and Örnsköldsvik, which will continue to be fully funded by the Department of Nursing. The potential of also funding these premises via the University's shared premises will be evaluated ahead of the 2025 budget.



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4.3.5 Allocation of other funding within bachelor's and master's education

Table 13 shows the allocation of other funding within bachelor's and master's education. Ahead of 2024, all items have been indexed higher by 3.50 per cent. Budgeted amounts are funded by the faculties/Umeå School of Education based on budgeted income for full-time equivalents and annual performance equivalents in 2024 and are specified in the Vice-Chancellor's detailed budget for 2024.

Table 13. Allocation of other funding within bachelor's and master's education 2024 (SEK '000).

OTHER FUNDING BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S EDUCATION	Relevant faculty/ equivalent	2024 Budget SEK '000	Compare with 2023		
			SEK '000	Change SEK '000	%
Language support	Faculty of Arts and Humanities	9,099	8,791	308	3.5%
Umeå School of Sport Sciences	Faculty of Social Sciences	4,479	4,328	151	3.5%
Centre for Educational Development (UPL)	UPL	1,802	1,741	61	3.5%
Ceremony for university teachers with merit-based salary increment and distinguished university teachers	UPL	108	104	4	3.5%
Orientation	Student Services Office	121	117	4	3.5%
Placement courses – of which Faculty of Arts and Humanities	Faculty of Arts and Humanities	310	299	10	3.5%
- of which Faculty of Social Sciences	Faculty of Social Sciences	937	906	32	3.5%
Curiosum	Curiosum	2,123	2,006	117	5.8%
Total		18,979	18,292	687	3.8%

4.3.5.1 Changes 2024

- Funds for **language support, the Umeå School of Sport Sciences, the Centre for Educational Development and the Student Services Office** are listed with 2024 index increases. From 2024, funds are allocated to the Umeå School of Sport Sciences and Faculty of Social Sciences.
- Funds for **placement courses** are allocated as follows: SEK 310,000 to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and SEK 937,000 to the Faculty of Social Sciences. In 2024, each faculty co-funds within its own education framework using its own funds. The funding is considered important for ensuring that the programmes within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Faculty of Social Sciences have good opportunities for placements.



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- The allocation for **Curiosum** is adjusted higher than other allocations (+5.8 per cent) since a significant part of Curiosum's income cannot be increased through indexing. This means that Umeå University's allocation and Umeå Municipality's contribution need to be increased more for Curiosum to have a combined index adjustment of +3.50 per cent in 2024.

5. Research and doctoral education

5.1 Summary of the Government's proposal for the budget for research and doctoral education 2024

The allocation for research and doctoral education includes government funds associated with the research assignment.

Below are the Government's announced changes for the 2024 budget based on the 2023 budget bill and the 2023 spring financial bill.

- **Index increases** in direct government funding corresponding to 3.50 per cent in 2024 (2023: 1.36 per cent). The budget frameworks for 2025 and 2026 are based on preliminary estimates (index increase 3.80 per cent for 2025 and 1.80 per cent for 2026).
- The 2020 research and innovation policy bill stated that a new model for allocating funding for research and doctoral education will be introduced through what is known as **profile areas**. The research funding bodies, on behalf of the Government, have continued to be tasked to develop this model in consultation with higher education institutions to enable an introduction from 2024. The research funding bodies have reported on their assignments and concluded that it will only be possible to introduce the new model in an appropriate and long-term sustainable manner in 2025. The Government agrees that 2025 is the earliest a new model can be in place. It is also uncertain whether the Government will introduce a model with profile areas.

As the new model cannot be introduced earlier than 2025, it is assumed that the presented budget for Umeå University will not be revised for 2024. If an introduction occurs in 2025, it is assumed that the new model will probably be funded by reducing existing research funding for the higher education institutions. A reduction in Umeå University's research funding will reduce the ability to allocate funding to faculties, Umeå School of Education and at the university-wide level for 2025. The research and innovation policy bill stated that SEK 500 million would initially be allocated through profile areas. How much of this amount Umeå University will receive is still uncertain. In autumn 2024, the next research policy bill is expected to be adopted, and the 2025 budget bill is expected to present proposals and estimates of the financial conditions for the next four-year period (2025–2028).

Priority research areas have been identified within Umeå University. This work is managed and coordinated university-wide. The goal is to develop the University's strategic work to strengthen the quality and competitiveness of research in the long term and to prepare for a possible national funding allocation model. This work may eventually



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have an impact on the University's internal allocation of funds. In 2023, the Vice-Chancellor will designate priority research areas. This will not affect the 2024 budget.

- In addition to regular research funding, the budget bill for 2023 budget year allocates SEK 1.0 million to Umeå University for **incorporating research into police education**. The total allocation for the national initiative remains at the same level in 2024. The Government emphasises the importance of providing the necessary tools to police students for staying abreast of the state of knowledge in law enforcement. To be able to achieve this goal over the long term, the budget bill notes resources are required for developing law enforcement-related research that can ensure access to instructors and drive knowledge development within the field. The appropriation for incorporating research into police education is part of Appropriation 2:64 (Special costs within higher education institutions) and is allocated to the Faculty of Social Sciences.

5.2 Allocation of funding for quality enhancement of research and doctoral education.

The increase in research funding provided in the 2022 budget bill to Umeå University will likely also be maintained for 2024. Thus, no allocation of additional research funding has been included in the 2023 or 2024 budgets. There has also been no reallocation of existing research funding between faculties and Umeå School of Education in 2024.

5.3 Budget for research and doctoral education

Table 14 presents total budget for research and doctoral education. Changes in the 2024 budget are specified below.

5.3.1 Changes 2024

- **The increase in the research funding** is estimated to amount to SEK 43.7 million for Umeå University, of which the entire increase is an indexed increase. To finance the planned increase in research funding within Artificial Intelligence (AI) (SEK 6.0 million to the Faculty of Science and Technology and SEK 1.0 million to university-wide functions), the index allocation is reduced as follows:
 - Funding to **faculties and Umeå School of Education** receives an index increased of 3.03 per cent.
 - **Specific initiatives** awarded a fixed amount for a fixed period of time are not index-linked. These are *Research Initiative 2020–2024*, *Development of the research environments at the organisations covered by the KC study* and funds for *Artificial Intelligence*.
 - Funds for **research data management** are not index-linked 2024–2026.
 - For the 2024–2026 period, funds for **research infrastructure** are also no index-linked.
- Through **the initiative for research with Artificial Intelligence**, the University Board has approved allocating SEK 6.0 million to the Faculty of Science and Technology



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in 2024. According to the University Board's approved plan, the initiative increases annually up to and including 2029 (2025–2026: SEK 7.0 million per year, 2027–2029: SEK 8.0 million per year). The initiative is funded by reducing index-linked increases for faculties and Umeå School of Education.

- The 2023 funding target agreement specifies that Umeå University receives SEK 67.8 million for **Strategic Research Areas** (SRA). Umeå University is the lead applicant for the Bio4Energy and Ecochange projects. It is estimated that Umeå University will also receive funds for these projects in the 2024 budget. The amount has an index-linked increase of 3.5 per cent for 2024. The status of these funds is uncertain for the 2025–2026 period.
- The item **University-wide initiatives** includes several items defined in the Vice-Chancellor's 2024 detailed budget. Changes for one of these sub-items are presented below.
 - The allocation for the **Industrial Doctoral School** increases by SEK 1.38 million, of which SEK 1.0 million refers to an expanded allocation and SEK 380,000 to an index-linked increase. The 2021 reduction of the Industrial Doctoral School's funding was reversed in its entirety in the 2022 budget. The Industrial Doctoral School reported a deficit of SEK –5.4 million in 2022 and a deficit of SEK –6.0 million is budgeted for 2023. To reduce future needs for budget increases in years when existing authority capital is exceeded (SEK 14.5 million as of 31 December 2022), an additional SEK 1.0 million will be added to the 2024 budget. This is funded by reducing the appropriation for partial funding of the research initiative, which totals SEK 135 million.
- According to the Vice-Chancellor's approval of the **research initiative** for a total of SEK 135 million during the 2020–2024 period, SEK 9.0 million annually is taken from Umeå University's research funding (7 April 2020, Reg. no: FS 1.3.2-2250-18). To provide additional funding for the initiative, this amount was increased to SEK 10.3 million in 2023. In the 2024 budget, the funding is reduced by SEK 1.0 million to fund grant applications for the Industrial Doctoral School.
- No cost items within **Curiosum** can be index-linked. In an attempt to provide the same index-linked increases to Curiosum that Umeå Municipality provides, Curiosum is provided with an annual supplementary index adjustment. Curiosum is also funded with SEK 2.12 million from the appropriation for bachelor's and master's education (2023: SEK 2.0 million) and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Technology contribute a total of SEK 1.31 million (2023: SEK 1.26 million). To summarise, Curiosum will receive approximately SEK 10.77 million in funding in 2024 (2023: SEK 10.21 million).
- From the 2024 budget, funds for the **Umeå School of Sport Sciences** are allocated to the Faculty of Social Sciences for later allocation to the Umeå School of Sport Sciences.
- **Development of the research environments at the organisations covered by the KC study and is managed by UMARTS (Umeå Centre for Architecture, Design and the Arts)** is allocated SEK 5.0 million in the 2024 budget. The initiative



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totals SEK 45.0 million for the 2020–2024 period. In light of the fact that the initiative's start was delayed by a year, the allocation of funds from the university-wide level (and faculty level) will be put on hold in 2025. An evaluation of the initiative will review the need for allocated funds ahead of 2026.

- The University Board's approved plan allocates SEK 1.0 million for 2024 for the university-wide part of the **initiative in research with Artificial Intelligence**. This will make the allocation SEK 6.0 million in 2024. The University Board's approved plan states that the initiative's funding will increase through 2029 (2025: SEK 7.0 million, 2026–2027: SEK 8.0 million per year, 2028–2029: SEK 9 million per year). The initiative includes a total of SEK 100 million as support for research in AI during the 2020–2029 period. SEK 50 million of the initiative is for the university-wide level and SEK 50 million for the Faculty of Science and Technology. The revised decision by the University Board on 9 June 2021 states that the allocation will increase by SEK 7.0 million for the 2023–2029 period to fund joint costs that were not included in the original budget.
- For 2025–2026, SEK 5.0 million per year is earmarked for later allocation.

Table 14 presents the total allocation of funding for research and doctoral education in 2024 per faculty board/Umeå School of Education and others. In the event that the Government's 2024 budget bill includes changes to allocations for Umeå University, the Vice-Chancellor is to decide how this addition or reduction is to be allocated.

ALLOCATION OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT FUNDING RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL EDUCATION	Budget 2024 SEK '000	Index	Other adjust-ments	Increase research area funding	Compare with 2023 Difference			Preliminary Frame-work 2025 SEK '000	Preliminary Frame-work 2026 SEK '000
					SEK '000	SEK '000	%		
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	114,738	3,372	0	0	111,367	3,372	3.0%	119,098	121,242
Faculty of Social Sciences	217,612	6,395	0	0	211,217	6,395	3.0%	225,881	229,947
Faculty of Medicine	363,361	10,678	0	0	352,683	10,678	3.0%	377,169	383,958
Faculty of Science and Technology	348,713	10,247	0	0	338,466	10,247	3.0%	361,964	368,479
Faculty of Science and Technology, research support within the AI initiative	6,000	0	6,000	0	0	6,000	0.0%	7,000	7,000
Umeå School of Education	54,893	1,613	0	0	53,280	1,613	3.0%	56,979	58,005
Strategic research areas	70,135	2,372	0	0	67,763	2,372	3.5%	72,800	74,110



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Cont. table allocation of funding. Research and doctoral education

ALLOCATION OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT FUNDING RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL EDUCATION	Budget 2024 SEK '000	Index	Other adjust- ments	Increase research area funding	Compare with 2023			Preliminary framework 2025 SEK '000	Preliminary framework 2026 SEK '000
					Difference				
					SEK '000	SEK '000	%		
University-wide initiatives ¹⁾	38,710	1,275	1,000	0	36,435	2,275	6.2%	40,181	40,904
Research initiatives 2020–2024	9,331	0	-1,000	0	10,331	-1,000	-9.7%	10,861	10,910
Curiosum	7,340	403	0	0	6,937	403	5.8%	7,619	7,756
Research infrastructure	38,255	0	0	0	38,255	0	0.0%	38,255	38,255
Arcum	5,981	202	0	0	5,778	202	3.5%	6,208	6,320
Umeå School of Sport Sciences	4,001	135	0	0	3,866	135	3.5%	4,153	4,228
Development of the research environments at the organisations covered by the KC study	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0
Artificial intelligence university-wide	6,000	0	1,000	0	5,000	1,000	20.0%	6,000	7,000
Research data management	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	0	0.0%	2,000	2,000
Funding for later allocation	0							5,000	5,000
Total	1,292,070	36,693	7,000	0	1,248,377	43,693	3.5%	1,341,168	1,365,114

Table 14. Budgets for research and doctoral education 2024 and preliminary budgets for 2025–2026 (SEK '000). Allocation of direct government funding for university-wide initiatives specified in the Vice-Chancellor's 2024 detailed budget.

5.4 Other comments

Up to and including the 2023 budget, the faculties have paid for three **doctoral supervisor courses** (2023: SEK 1.06 million) using funding specified in the Vice-Chancellor's detailed budget. In consultation with the faculty managements, the University Library Board has decided that this approach will end as of 2024 and this funding will instead be agreed upon separately.



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6. University-wide functions, premises rent, premises maintenance and salary surcharges

The following table presents the total budget for university-wide functions in 2024, divided among the items *Base appropriation* (as per Sections 6.1.1–6.1.3), *Local appropriation* (as per Section 6.1.4), *Cleaning services appropriation* (as per Section 6.1.5), and budget for *Acquisition* (as per Section 6.1.7). Appropriations in this section refer to the university-wide funds that the University Administration, University Library and Other university-wide functions receive for their costs in the capacity of university-wide activities (Activity 91). Funding is in the form of university-wide increase; see Section 6.2 for more information.

Table 15 Compilation of the total budget for university-wide functions in 2024 (SEK '000).

SUMMARY UNIVERSITY-WIDE FUNCTIONS	Budget 2024 SEK '000	Compare with 2023		
		SEK '000	Change SEK '000	%
Base appropriation	445,575	423,406	22,169	5.2%
Local appropriation	92,500	86,964	5,536	6.4%
Cleaning services appropriation	7,061	6,716	345	5.1%
Acquisitions	68,776	63,793	4,983	7.8%
Total	613,912	580,879	33,033	5.7%

The total budget for university-wide functions is SEK 613.9 million in 2024, which is an increase of SEK 33.0 million or +5.7 per cent. Of the change in 2024, SEK 17.0 million refers to an index adjustment of 3.50 per cent, SEK 7.4 million refers to volume changes between 2024 and 2023, SEK 2.7 million increased appropriations for acquisitions and SEK 5.9 million increased appropriations for premises and premises cleaning services. The change in volume means that the proportion of budgeted funds for university-wide functions (excl. acquisitions) increases slightly in relation to total available resources and that funding for university-wide functions also increases slightly in relation to the increase in funding for core activities.

The overall percentage increase (5.7 per cent) exceeds index-linked adjustments (3.50 per cent) primarily because:

- funding increase for premises is calculated with an increase in the internal rent (3.50 per cent) and changed premises area, see Sections 6.1.4 and 6.3.;
- cleaning services are increased for increases in costs of cleaning services (5.20 per cent) and annual change of ratio between billable area/total area; see Sections 6.1.5 and 6.4.;
- allocation increase and index increase of acquisitions (+7.7 per cent); see Section 6.1.7; and
- funding increase based on volume change.

A goal when budgeting for university-wide functions is that their relative share of the University's total funding should not increase over time. According to the annual statistics from the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions (SUHF), in 2022 Umeå University had the fourth lowest percentage of indirect costs of all surveyed universities overall for both education and research. In education alone, Umeå University has the eleventh lowest share, while the share in research is the second lowest of all universities.

	BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S EDUCATION 2024			RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL EDUCATION 2024			UNIVERSITY-WIDE FUNCTIONS 2024					TOTAL ALLOCATED FUNDING
	Awarded allocation university-wide funding	Special mandate ¹⁾	TOTAL UNIVERSITY-WIDE FUNDING	Awarded allocation research areas	Special costs ^{4.)}	TOTAL RESEARCH AREAS	Awarded allocation	Shared premises	Cleaning services shared premises	Acquisitions	TOTAL UNIVERSITY-WIDE COSTS ^{2.)}	
Unit: SEK '000												
Faculty of Arts and Humanities including Arcum	159,517	2,809	162,326	120,719		120,719	0	0	0	0	0	283,045
Faculty of Social Sciences including Umeå School of Sport Sciences	460,861	0	460,861	221,613	1,000	222,613	0	0	0	0	0	683,474
Faculty of Medicine	508,508	19,231	527,739	363,361		363,361	0	0	0	0	0	891,100
Faculty of Science and Technology including research in AI	369,726	0	369,726	354,713		354,713	0	0	0	0	0	724,439
Umeå School of Education	177,505	4,723	182,228	54,893		54,893	0	0	0	0	0	237,121
University Library	0	2,621	2,621	0		0	78,636	52,515	4,372	68,776	204,299	206,920
University Administration	0	1,663	1,663	0		0	246,818	17,244	1,684	0	265,746	267,409
Other university-wide functions ^{3.)}	0	4,538	4,538	176,771		176,771	120,120	22,741	1,005	0	143,866	325,175
Total	1,676,117	35,585	1,711,702	1,292,070	1,000	1,293,070	445,575	92,500	7,061	68,776	613,912	3,618,684

1.) The funding may be used for expenses at the University for special mandates, which for Umeå University's part refer to decentralised education (Faculty of Medicine, University Administration and other university-wide functions), contributions to lectureships in Sámi and Bildmuseet (Faculty of Arts and Humanities), teacher training in minority languages (Umeå School of Education) and Idea Bank funding for Umeå University Holding AB. The allocation also includes SEK 7,139,000 for FTE/APE within the budget of the special mandate to decentralised education.

2.) Funds allocated to university-wide functions are financed via the debiting of fixed percentages to faculties, Umeå School of Education, the University Library and University Administration.

3.) Including the Internal Audit Office.

4.) Special expenses for basing the Police Education Unit on research with SEK 1 million for 2024.