

# SLU LANDSCAPE ANNUAL CALL FOR IDEAS

2023-2024 CFI THEME

## FIELDWORK APPROACHES – RECONNECTING TO OUR LIVING TERRITORY

**How to approach fieldwork in rapidly changing landscapes? How do we reconnect to our living territory through 1:1 encounters with the field? How to give voice to territories - people, places and more-than-humans - through our fieldwork approaches?**

### TIMELINE

SUBMISSION DUE  
**24 November 2023**  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS  
**15 December 2023**  
KICK-OFF PROJECT MEETING  
**in January 2024**  
PROJECT CHECK-UP  
**in June 2024**  
PROJECT REPORT AND FINAL INVOICES DUE  
**15 September 2024**  
PROJECT AND OUTCOMES PRESENTATION AT SLU-LANDSCAPE DAYS  
**in autumn 2024**

### THE AIM OF CALL FOR IDEAS PROJECTS

is to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration, expand and maintain networks within the landscape field, update the current state of knowledge and identify future visions and trends. Up to SEK 200,000 will be distributed equally to support four project proposals' operational costs.

### ABOUT THE THEME

The theme 2023/2024 is a call for re-engagement in fieldwork in order to rethink our fieldwork approaches. Ecological crisis and climate change are radically changing the landscapes in which we work. Also our emotional relations to nature are in crisis (solastalgia). Drawing inspiration from posthumanist perspectives, and Metropolitan trails - understood as trails offering manifold possibilities of experiencing landscape - we would like to inspire the next CFI projects to explore, debate and rethink fieldwork approaches within landscape architecture.

### WHAT FORM MIGHT THESE PROPOSALS TAKE?

We encourage you to go out and do fieldwork and experiment with fieldwork approaches. Bring back your experiences in ways that enrich fieldwork practice at SLU and beyond. Your project can support ongoing work or start shaping something new.

### FOR YOUR PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CFI FUNDING, YOUR TEAM MUST:

- Include at least 3 people from at least 2 SLU Landscape units (SOL, LAPF, IMS, Movium, SLU Urban Futures). We welcome collaborators

with fieldwork expertise from various disciplines at SLU or elsewhere.

- Formulate an implementation plan.
- Concretize activities that add value to SLU Landscape.

### WHAT IS NEEDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL? (MAX. 2 PAGES)

**ENGAGEMENT**—list of the participants and their regular workplaces. Also their main activity, e.g. research / teaching, w/dept, campus location and affiliations. Identify a primary contact person.

**IMPLEMENTATION**—provide an activity plan on timeline until September 2024; outline action step/tasks and preliminary budget.

**RESULT**—list concrete outcomes for SLU Landscape and team members that come from realizing this idea. Also, identify immediate and long-term values.

### WHAT IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

Email questions to [Bruno.Santesson@slu.se](mailto: Bruno.Santesson@slu.se).

### WHERE DO YOU SEND THE PROPOSAL, AND BY WHEN?

Email completed English proposals (2-page max) to: [Bruno.Santesson@slu.se](mailto: Bruno.Santesson@slu.se) latest the 24th of November 2023.

Proposals are assessed on: team mix, feasibility of action plans, proposed effects and relevance to SLU Landscape's mission to build on existing resources for the benefit of all SLU Landscape members.

The proposals are reviewed by SLU Landscape Steering Group:  
Mats Gyllin (IMS, chair),  
Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin (LAPF),  
Lars Johansson (Movium),  
Bruno Santesson (SOL),  
Nina Vogel (Urban Futures Platform),  
Karl Lövré (LTV),  
assisted by Anna Robling (WG member).

**“What do you do when your world starts to fall apart? I go for a walk, and if I'm really lucky, I find mushrooms. [...] Then I know that there are still pleasures amidst the terrors of indeterminacy.”**

Lowenhaupt Tsing, A. (2015). *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.