

# Food & Cities: Seed Funding Call 2023

## What can you apply for?

1. Short-term projects/pilot studies, which could be the basis for larger cross-disciplinary projects
2. Writing applications, or preparing for writing applications, with a multi-, inter-, or transdisciplinary approach.

The project activity should be carried out during 2023 and reported no later than 24th November 2023.

The seed funds can be used for salary, costs of stay and travel for those involved in the project and for organizing seminars/workshops/consortium building, for example.

## Who can apply?

Researchers at any faculty at SLU. Involving junior colleagues is encouraged. It is also encouraged to involve one or more key actors outside of academia as co-applicants.

## How much can you apply for?

We will grant three projects SEK 50,000 each.

## Call deadline

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Submission

Submit the proposal [as a PDF in the form that can be found on the web page of the call](#).

The proposal should contain the following information:

- Name of lead SLU researcher(s), email, faculty, department
- Name of co-applicants and partners. We give priority to proposals that establish new collaborations within SLU, and/or where SLU partners come from at least two different departments. External academic or non-academic partners are allowed.
- Project description (maximum 2 pages, font size 10.5, Arial) including;
  - Short description of project idea, aims and objective (max 2500 characters)
  - Short description of how the project relates to the thematic focus of Food & Cities (max 1 500 characters) (See description below)
  - Short description of how your project is cross-disciplinary and what new cross-disciplinary collaborations have been identified/established (max 1 500 characters) (This is our main basis for assessing and approving the applications. See description below)
  - Brief description of how the project contributes to the SDG 11 goal in combination with other SDGs (one or more). You must show a clear connection between goals relating to food systems *and* urban development (max 1500 characters)
  - A simple budget outline (how you intend to use the seed funding) (max 1 500 characters)

## The aims and thematic focus of Food & Cities seed funding:

In 2023, Food & Cities seed funding wants to encourage and will give priority to projects investigating aspects of food planning, but applications addressing other subjects will also be considered. Uttermost it is the quality of the application that is the decisive factor for the application to be granted.

*Food planning* refers to the integration of food issues into urban planning and policy-making encompassing a variety of different priorities broadly centered on creating a more sustainable food system that is better aligned with societal goals of public health, ecological integrity and social justice. Food planning can occur across different governance levels and can involve a variety of societal actors such as, urban planners, government, civil society, business and other food systems actors.

The overall aim of the Food & Cities seed funding call is to support cross-disciplinary research that explores the systemic relations of food systems and urban development and how these relationships influence the transformation towards sustainable societies. Projects should contribute to research for sustainable development, addressing SDG 11 in combination with other SDGs (one or more) that are relevant to sustainable food systems and sustainable cities, and must show a clear connection between goals relating to food systems and urban development. Applications should further demonstrate how their project establishes new collaborations at SLU and/or outside of SLU.

## What do we mean by multi- inter- and transdisciplinary research?

Multi- inter-, and transdisciplinary research is here defined as research that comprises theory, method or research approaches from more than one scientific discipline or fields of research. In multidisciplinary research the different theories, methods or approaches are used side by side, and in interdisciplinary research they are, at least to some extent, integrated. Transdisciplinary research is distinguished in its recognition and inclusion of other types of knowledge than scientific knowledge, such as practice and experience-based knowledge and know-how.

The Food & Cities seed funding will favour cross-disciplinary projects made between two or more departments at SLU. It is the applicant's responsibility to justify in what way the application and the proposed work is multi-, inter- or transdisciplinary, and this will be our main basis for assessing and approving the applications.

## Assessment

The proposals will be evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from SLU Urban Futures and SLU Future Food. Only applications meeting the requirements listed in the call and with a clear link between the activity and the proposal will be evaluated. Approved applications will be published on the Food & Cities webpage. The proposal will be evaluated by a cross-disciplinary group so make sure to explain your project in a way that is comprehensible and possible to evaluate for researchers in entirely different scientific disciplines.

Applicants will be notified of the decision with a brief motivation from the evaluation group, approximately three weeks after the end of the application period.

For questions regarding the application, please contact: [andrew.gallagher@slu.se](mailto:andrew.gallagher@slu.se)

## Reporting of completed project

The project activity should be carried out during 2023 and reported as a written report no later than 24 November 2023.

Any problems with fulfilling these requirements should be communicated to the Food & Cities coordinator Andrew Gallagher as soon as possible by sending an e-mail to [andrew.gallagher@slu.se](mailto:andrew.gallagher@slu.se).

The written project report:

- Short summary describing the project / activity, 500-700 words
- Brief explanation (1-2 pages) of project results and future roadmap. Describe in what way the collaboration has evolved and developed and describe the long-term effect and continued value for cross-disciplinary research at the intersection of sustainable food systems *and* sustainable urban development.
- Two illustrative images related to the project
- A short summary (400 words) of your project to go on the Food & Cities webpage; and if relevant, web links to creative products that have come out of the project/activities that can be made available online. An example of such a creative product can be, for example, a film, a book or a conference.

Mail the final reports to [andrew.gallagher@slu.se](mailto:andrew.gallagher@slu.se) no later than **Friday 24th November 2023**. Please note that the final project reports will be archived and thus be publicly available. If this creates problems for any reason, please notify the project coordinator. The final project report, or parts of it, may be published on SLU's Food & Cities website. If the report cannot be public in its entirety, it is essential to announce this in correspondence with the Food & Cities coordinator.

We would also be happy if you would join a Food & Cities seminar or network meeting to share thoughts or results related to your project, e.g. achievements in terms of new cross-disciplinary collaborations and obstacles/challenges encountered throughout the process.