| **SLU Forest Damage Centre** | **Application template** SLU ID:.SLU.sfak.2023.1.1.1-115  20/04/2023 |
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Application template for research project support in the areas of social & economic sciences, biodiversity or continuous cover forestry

The SLU Forest Damage Centre announces a call with focus on forest damage with the explicit purpose of filling crucial knowledge gaps in the areas of social, economic and/or biodiversity sciences or continuous cover forestry. The call is for research projects (project duration: 2023-2025, up to 24 months).

Applications within other areas of interest for the SLU Forest Damage Centre are also welcome, but priority will be given to the areas mentioned above.

Collaborations with external stakeholders as well as internal or external co-funding are encouraged.

Applications will be evaluated according to area applied for and grounds of assessment (*project question, method and performance, relevant competence, societal relevance and communication*). Projects for the research school as well as long-term monitoring projects will be handled separately and should not be included here.

The main applicant needs to be employed at SLU. The total budget for this call is 6 million SEK. The maximum budget that can be applied for is 1 000 000 SEK. Granted support may be used to cover salary (including overhead costs), travel expenses, accommodation costs for guests while in Sweden, or equipment unique for the centre development. Funded projects shall report yearly and at the end.

Please read below how to apply.

## Grounds of assessment

### Project question

- Relevance of the project, in relation to scientific novelty, methodological advancement or other needs specified

- Quality of intended output

### Method and performance

- Feasibility and suitability of the methods

- Well-defined and realistic work plan

- Ethical considerations when relevant

- Reasonable budget in relation to the intentions

### Relevant competence

- Ability to carry out and coordinate the project and the research group

- Communication skills (dissemination of results to stakeholders/end users)

- Strength and competitiveness of the research group

### Societal relevance and communication

- Connection to social/sectoral issues

- Short- or long-term practical application

- Stakeholder/end user needs accounted for

- A concrete and realistic plan for communication and other output

## How to apply

Applications should be written in English with a popular summary in Swedish.

To apply, use **this application template and attach the CV** of all applicants. Each CV should be a max. of two pages, and contain the 10 most relevant publications.

Please adjust the box sizes below according to the length of your answer but note that the application shall not exceed the number of signs specified for each box. The **count of characters** given in the different boxes includes spaces.

Applications shall be submitted digitally to [applyFDC@slu.se](mailto:applyFDC@slu.se).

**The deadline for this call is the 25th of June 2023.**

## Timeline of this call

After the submission deadline (25th of June 2023), an evaluation committee that is independent from the SLU Forest Damage Centre staff and not part of its steering group, will assess all applications. Also, the reference group of the SLU Forest Damage Centre will evaluate the applications.

Based on the comments from the evaluation committee and the reference group, a final decision will be made by the centres steering group in the end of August. The projects can start as soon as possible after the decision has been announced.

## Questions

For questions, please contact the administrative coordinator of the SLU Forest Damage Centre, [katja.fedrowitz@slu.se](mailto:katja.fedrowitz@slu.se).

| **1. Project title:**  (max 100 characters) |  | |
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| **2. Subject area:**  (several boxes can be crossed) | Social science  Economic science  Biodiversity  Continuous cover forestry  Other (specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Type of support:  Continuation of a project previously funded by the SLU Forest Damage Centre  New |

| **3. Project coordinator** |  |
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| Name: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Department: |  |

| **4.** **Popular summary in Swedish:**  (max 1500 characters) |
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| **5.** **Description of the project sorted under the following headings** (max 5000 characters)  a) The purpose/background of the project/main problems/hypothesis addressed  b) For continuation, explain why there is a need for this, e.g. preliminary results c) What will the benefits including the practical applicability be for:   * the SLU Forest Damage Centre and its development, * science (the scientific needs and achievements), * society in general, and * the forest sector specifically. d) Describe the cross-disciplinarity and the roles of other partners (internal and external) e) Describe how gender equality is considered |
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| **6. Methodology and time plan (include start and ending date)** (max 1500 characters) |
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| **7. List the expected outputs, including communication outputs** (max 1000 characters) |
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| **8. Competence of the applicants and other relevant information** (max 1000 characters) |
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| **9. Budget summary (full-cost analysis according to SLU shall be attached as appendix,** [**find here**](https://internt.slu.se/en/support-services/external-funding/regler-och-verktyg/project-calculator/)**)** | | | | | |
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| **in SEK** | **Applied for in this call** | **Co-financing (if applicable)** | | | **Total** |
|  |  | **In money** | **In kind** | |  |
| Salary and OH |  |  | |  |  |
| Meeting costs |  |  | |  |  |
| Communication |  |  | |  |  |
| Travel and accommodation |  |  | |  |  |
| Other costs (specify e.g. equipment) |  |  | |  |  |
| **Total SUM (SEK)** |  |  | |  |  |

| **10. Explanations to the budget**(max 1500 characters) |
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| **Signature of the project coordinator** |
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| **Signature of the head at the department for the project coordinator** |
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