



## Application template for Ph.D. student support from the SLU Forest Damage Centre Research School for externally co-financed students

### How to apply

Please use below template and adjust the box sizes according to the length of your text. Note that your application should not exceed the specified character limitations. The count of the characters given in the different boxes includes spaces. Applications should be written in either English or Swedish. It should be submitted digitally together with a two-page CV of the applicant to and an agreement/letter of intent of the external partner to [applyFDC@slu.se](mailto:applyFDC@slu.se).

The project applicant, who will be the main supervisor of the project, needs to be employed at SLU. Each proposed project must be approved by the head of the respective department.

**The deadline for this call is the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.**

For question, please contact the administrative coordinator of the SLU Forest Damage Centre, [katja.fedrowitz@slu.se](mailto:katja.fedrowitz@slu.se) or the deputy director Åke Olson ([ake.olson@slu.se](mailto:ake.olson@slu.se)).

### Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated according to below criteria for assessment by the evaluation and reference group.

### Criteria for assessment

#### *Scientific quality*

- Research questions – relevance and clarity
- Knowledge gaps – will the research fill identified knowledge gaps?
- Hypotheses

#### *Research methods*

- Possibility to reach relevant results
- Feasibility and suitability of methods
- Well-defined and realistic work plan

- Ethical considerations when relevant
- Budget congruent with project goals

### *Competence*

- Ability to carry out and coordinate the project
- Competence of the research group
- Complementation and cross-disciplinarity of the research group

### *Societal relevance and communication*

- Communication skills (dissemination of results to stakeholders/end users)
- Connection to social/sectoral issues
- Short- and/or long-term outcome
- Relevance to stakeholder/end user needs
- Concrete and realistic plan for communication and other output

## Application template

<b>1. Project title:</b> (max 100 characters)	
<b>2. Funding category:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External PhD-student project (Supported annually by 600 000 SEK externally, 300 000 SEK from the respective SLU department and 300 000 SEK from SLU FDC)
<b>3. Project applicant</b>	
Name	
Email:	
Department:	

**4. Project description, including the following headings** (max 10 000 characters):

a) The purpose/background of the project/main problems/hypothesis addressed

b) What will the benefits be, including the relevance for:

- Scientific needs
- The forest sector
- Society at large
- The Forest Damage Centre.

c) Describe the cross-disciplinarity and the roles of other partners (internal and external)

d) When relevant, describe how gender equality is considered

**5. Time plan** (max 1500 characters)

**6. List the expected outputs** (max 1000 characters)

**7. Other relevant information** (max 1000 characters)

**8. Budget summary (full-cost analysis according to the SLU project spreadsheet shall be attached as appendix, [find here](#))**

	External (if applicable)	Forest Damage Centre	Departmental co-financing		Total
			In money	In kind	
in SEK					
Salary incl. LKP					
OH					
Premises					
Running costs					
Supervision					
Other costs (specify under 9, e.g. equipment)					
<b>Total SUM (SEK)</b>					

**9. Explanations to the budget (e.g. for in kind financing and external financial support). Attach letter of intent or agreement from external partner.**

(max 1500 characters)

**Signature of the applicant**

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SLU department

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Date and signature

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Printed name

**Signature head of the department**

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_____ SLU department
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