| **SLU Forest Damage Centre** | **Application template** SLU ID:.SLU.sfak.2025.1.1-23423/05/2025 |
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Application template for short-term monitoring project support

The SLU Forest Damage Centre announces a call with focus on monitoring of forest damage. The call is for short-term monitoring projects that focus on method development and will be carried out in 2026 or until early 2027.

Applications will be evaluated according to below stated grounds of assessment (*project question, method and performance, relevant competence, societal relevance and communication*).

The main applicant needs to be employed at SLU. The total budget for this call is 0,5 million SEK. To be able to grant as many projects as possible, we suggest to apply for 100 000 - 250 000 SEK. Granted support may be used to cover salary (including overhead costs), travel expenses, or equipment needed for method development. **Please note: successful applicants will receive the granted financial support applied for in 2025**. Funded projects shall report a short summary by March 2027.

Please read below how to apply.

## Grounds of assessment

### Project question

- Scientific novelty, methodological advancement or other needs specified in relation to monitoring of forest damage

- 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 monitoring

- 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 the main applicant. The 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 need to be signed **electronically via EduSign** and shall be submitted digitally as one pdf to applyFDC@slu.se.

**The deadline for this call is the 15th of September 2025.**

## Timeline of this call

After the submission deadline (15 September 2025), an evaluation committee that is independent from the SLU Forest Damage Centre management team and not part of its steering group, will assess all applications.

Based on their comments and recommendations, a final decision will latest be made in November and funding for successful projects will be transferred to the applicants’ departments before 2025-12-31.

## Questions

For questions, please contact the administrative coordinator of the SLU Forest Damage Centre, katja.fedrowitz@slu.se.

| **1. Project title:**(max 100 characters) |  |
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| **2. Type of support:** | Type of support:[ ]  Continuation of a project previously funded by the SLU Forest Damage Centre[ ]  New project |

| **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 resultsc) 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 (find SLU’s project calculator** [**here**](https://internt.slu.se/en/support-services/external-funding/regler-och-verktyg/project-calculator/)**)**

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| **in SEK** | **Applied for from the SLU Forest Damage Centre in this call** | **Co-financing (if applicable)****In money** | **In kind** | **Total** |
| 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 via EduSign** |
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| **Signature of the head at the department for the project coordinator via EduSign** |
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