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Calls

There are currently several open calls suitable for SLU. For more details and a more extensive list of open calls relevant for SLU, please visit: <https://internt.slu.se/externalfunding>

BBI JU - CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020

Call identifier and more information: [H2020-BBI-JTI-2020](#)

The Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) is responsible for the implementation of open Call for proposals for Research and Innovation Actions (RIA), Innovation Actions (IA - DEMO and FLAG) and Coordination and Support Actions (CSA), in line with the Horizon 2020 rules for participation.

Highlights of Call 2020

- The Call 2020 is the last in a total of seven calls between 2014 and 2020.
- Four strategic orientations: Feedstock, Process, Products, and Market uptake.
- Indicative budget: EUR 87 million (the call budget may be topped up by unused BBI JU appropriations from previous years within the limit set in the call budget flexibility).
- 15 topics: 5 RIA, 4 CSA, 4 DEMO, 2 FLAG.
- Estimated value of the in-kind contributions by the members other than the Union or their constituent entities (BIC): minimum EUR 45 million.

Call timing (tentative)

- Publication of topic texts (via the [Annual Work Plan 2020](#)): December 2019.
- Call opening: 15 April 2020.
- Call closure: 3 September 2020, 17:00 CET.
- Proposal evaluations (indicative): October – November 2020.
- Results sent to applicants (indicative): December 2020 – January 2021.

More information

- The [Annual Work Plan 2020](#), which also contains the full topic texts.

Call open for applications for two Horizon 2020-awards

- Horizon 2020 Impact Award dedicated to EU-funded projects whose results have created societal impact across Europe and beyond. Five winners to receive 10,000 € each. Deadline is April 2nd. More information on [Commissions's web page](#).
- EU Prize for Women Innovators is a cash prize awarded every year to European women who founded a successful company and brought an innovation to market. Three winners get 100,000€ each and a Rising Innovator under the age of 35 gets 50,000 €. Deadline is

April 21nd. [More information here.](#)

Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society

Next deadline for Grant Applications: 26th of May 2020.

SPPS PhD Student Conference in Turku 2-4 Sept.

<http://spps.se>

Collaborative Doctoral Partnership programme (2020) - Call for expressions of interest from HEIs/universities.

The Collaborative Doctoral Partnership programme (CDP) is an initiative of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) to establish strategic collaborations with higher education institutions (HEIs/universities).

[European Commission webpage](#)

Carl Tryggers Stiftelse

The foundation mainly supports important research in the natural sciences in Sweden - including forestry and agricultural sciences - as well as the technical applications of these sciences.

Medical science falls outside the foundation's area. In recent years, the grant allocation has been between SEK 60 and 70 million annually, of which about two-thirds as postdoctoral grants.

Grants may be awarded individual, doctoral researchers, or institutionally run projects, such as two-year postdoctoral fellowships and/or operating equipment including smaller equipment. Salary costs can only be covered to a limited extent.

Deadline: May 18, 2020 (mid-May each year)

More information: <http://www.carltryggersstiftelse.se>

BioInnovation

Time to submit an application for a hypothesis testing project.

Realize innovative ideas in the bioeconomy! The call for hypothesis testing - step 1 is

BioInnovation's fast track where ideas are evaluated during a six-month period with a funding of max. SEK 500,000. Projects that have proven successful can then apply for Step 2. The next opportunity for assessment is March 5th, 2020.

[BioInnovation](#)

[More on hypothesis testing - step 1](#)

Apply for funds to develop materials with bio-based components

In our thematic call, we are looking for projects that want to develop new material solutions with bio-based components, or new processes for recycling and production. What is being developed should be designed for circular flows. Projects can apply for up to SEK 6 million and the

maximum project time is 2.5 years. Last day for application is April 7th, 2020, 14:00

[More on this call](#)

Information days etc.

Vinnova - [Information meeting on cooperation with India](#)

Wednesday, March 4th 2020 kl. 13:00 - 15:30, Stockholm

Are you interested in research and innovation collaboration with Indien? Welcome to a meeting where Vinnova provides information on new calls in the area of Health and AI. In addition, Vinnova offers travel grants to small and medium-sized companies participating in Indo-Swedish Automotive Days in India in April. At the meeting, you as a participant will also have the opportunity to talk about ongoing and desired collaborations with India, for example in smart and sustainable cities and advanced manufacturing, and how Vinnova could provide support in the implementation.

Vinnova - [The National Centre of Excellence Investments Conference](#)

Wednesday, March 4th 2020 kl. 09:30 - 17:00, Stockholm

What has the government's strategic investment in strong research environments meant for Swedish research? On March 4, the final evaluations will be presented by Linnaeus Support, Forte Centres of Excellence, Berzelii centres and Vinn Excellence-centra at Norra Latin in Stockholm. The conference will be held in English.

Vinnova - [Financial issues within Horizon 2020 - Basic course](#)

Thursday, April 2nd 2020 kl. 13:00 - 16:00, Stockholm

For those of you who want to know more about the financial rules from an administrative point of view, Vinnova will organize a shorter course opportunity on April 2nd, about the regulations within Horizon 2020.

Naturvårdsverket – [Learn more about the Life-program](#)

Monday, March 30th 2020 9:30-12:00. Via Skype from your own computer. In Swedish.

The seminar aims at those who are interested in learning more about LIFE or are looking to apply for a LIFE project. We will go through the basics of the LIFE program, general rules and how to apply. We will also hear from some previous LIFE projects and share their experiences.

Formas – [The road to sustainability and competitiveness](#) – a day on food, research and innovation

Wednesday March 11th 2020 kl. 10.00 – 17.00

Fika from 9.30, lunch and mingle at Stockholm City Conference Centre, Norra Latin, Drottninggatan 71B, Stockholm

How do we strengthen the food system's innovation, production and competitiveness within the framework of Agenda 2030? Meet different actors from the food sector and get inspiration, knowledge and new openings for collaboration.

Skogsindustrierna - [Forum for Bioeconomy during Skogsnäringsveckan 2020](#)

Tuesday April 21st, 2020, 08.30-16.00, Stockholm

The 2020 Bioeconomics Forum will take place on April 21 at the Münchenbryggeriet in Stockholm. The focus is on the importance of digitization for the entire forest industry's value chain as well as the EU and "The European Green Deal" and other current forest industry issues.

[Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking Info Day](#)

Wednesday, 22 April, 2020, Brussels

The seventh BBI JU Info Day will present the [2020 call for proposals](#) and give participants the opportunity to hold pre-arranged face-to-face meetings.

Throughout the day, the BBI JU's Programme Office staff will be available to answer questions about the application process and call procedures. The participants will also have the opportunity to speak to representatives from BBI JU's founding partners and Member States, as well as exchange views with entities in synergy with BBI JU.

There will be plenty of informal networking opportunities throughout the event.

[Registration](#) for the event is compulsory and free of charge. Registration for face-to-face meetings will open later in early March.

You will also be able to follow the event online.

[EU Green Week 2020](#)

1-5 June, 2020, Brussels

A forum for stakeholder debate at the European, national and local levels, generating input that feeds back into policymaking and implementation. EU Green Week 2020 will focus on nature and biodiversity.

Information points

Future European research funding under threat

At SLU, we receive a significant proportion of our external funding from the EU. The European Council is in the process of agreeing the final budget for the next framework programme for Research and Innovation – Horizon Europe. The original budget proposed by the European Parliament was €120 billion, but this was cut to €94 billion last year, and due to ongoing negotiations on EU Member State fees, there could be a further reduction to perhaps as little as €75 billion. The consequences of this on research, innovation and education are likely to be felt across all of Europe.

The Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE), an independent platform for science communities and research organisations, has started a petition to influence the European Council and the Member States to work towards a more ambitious budget for Horizon Europe. ISE invites researchers, students, research organisations and citizens to lend their support to the initiative. To read more and sign the petition, [please click here](#).

Four Marie Curie fellows to SLU

In February 2020, SLU got the great news that four Marie Curie postdoctoral fellowships were granted to young researchers, who will now engage in world-leading research at the university. At present, these fellowships are awarded on an annual basis as part of the Horizon 2020 framework programme, allowing researchers to work in a new country during two years.

This is a major leap forward, since SLU on average has managed to secure one fellow each year, at best. Since the *Marie Skłodowska Curie individual fellowship* (MSCA-IF) is one of most prestigious postdoctoral fellowships and an acknowledged sign of excellence, this will increase

the visibility and recognition of SLU globally. Grants Office now wishes to congratulate and welcome all new Marie Curie fellows to SLU - one to the Department of Plant Biology, two to the Department of Forest Genetics and Plant Physiology and one to the Department of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment.

Two new ERC projects to SLU in 2019

In 2019, the European Research Council (ERC) granted funding for two new projects at SLU, something that has never happened before. In total, this means about SEK 75 million to SLU researchers at the forefront of their respective research fields, Tomas Roslin at the Department of Ecology and Paul Kardol at the Department of Forest Ecology and Management.

In both of these projects, big questions are asked about how life on earth is organized and how it will be affected by climate change, knowledge that is extremely important for us to understand and predict the effects of global warming, and contribute to a sustainable development. In the project [LIFEPLAN](#), funded by an *ERC Synergy Grant*, Roslin will work together with two fellow researchers from Finland and the United States, to map the life and biodiversity on earth by developing new methods for gathering information and processing large data on species communities. In parallel, Kardol will lead the individual project [THRESHOLD](#), funded by an *ERC Consolidator Grant*, with the aim of understanding how and when climate change will affect ecosystems' carbon cycling and identify critical tipping points when entire ecosystems may change character. Together, these projects will strongly reinforce SLU's position in the cutting edge of ecological research.

Update on Horizon Europe

SLU's representative in Brussels Rickard Ekstig provides a summary of the main news in the next EU framework programme, as well as an outline of the next steps in the process of developing and implementing the programme.

Read the report on the [Staff Web \(pdf\)](#)

This mail is distributed to researchers, teachers and PhD students at SLU

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