

## Template for pre-proposals to KAW projects 2026 at SLU

According to the KAW guidelines, all applications submitted to the 2026 call for KAW projects must undergo internal prioritisation at the nominating university. At SLU, this is achieved by a process in which interested research groups submit a pre-proposal. All pre-proposals are assessed by a specially appointed prioritisation group that is tasked with recommending which projects should be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. Internal guidelines for the nomination of KAW projects at SLU can be found here – [Swedish](#) / [English](#). Please note that all pre-proposals must be supported by the head of the department where the main applicant is employed. Before submitting your application, carefully read KAW's project application guidelines and consider the following:

- KAW primarily funds basic research of the highest international standard.
- Project proposals should align with KAW's guidelines for research projects of high scientific potential, have a basic scientific character, and focus on a coherent research question. Funding will not be given to already ongoing operations/projects.
- An application can be made by research groups consisting of 2-5 researchers with complementary expertise, headed by a main applicant (PI). The PI and co-investigators must have a long-term association with a Swedish institution of higher education. The main applicant and all co-applicants must spend at least 70% or 50% of their position and working time in Sweden, respectively.
- An individual researcher is only allowed to participate in two ongoing KAW projects, of which one as main PI.
- KAW conducts active gender equality work and encourages an increased proportion of female main applicants, as well as gender equality within the research groups.
- Discuss your project idea with your head of department well in advance of submitting your pre-proposal, as it is their responsibility to ensure that the project is in line with the faculty strategy.

» The pre-proposal is made by following the instructions provided in Appendix 1 of the “SLU internal guidelines for research project applications to the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (KAW projects 2026)”, using this pre-proposal template as the cover page. A complete pre-proposal consists of the following parts in this order:

- 1) Template for pre-proposals to KAW projects 2026 at SLU
- 2) Project description (max. 3 pages)
- 3) Significance of the research and synergy of the team (max. 1 page)
- 4) CV for the PI and all co-investigators (max. 3 pages/applicant)
- 5) Bibliometric overview and list of 10 selected publications for each applicant

The pre-proposal should be written in **English**, compiled into a single PDF and submitted to [Ansok-KAW@slu.se](mailto:Ansok-KAW@slu.se), no later than **15 September 2025**.

## Pre-proposal to be nominated by SLU for KAW projects 2026

### Information about the main PI and the proposed project

Name, Title	
Host department + Faculty (NJ, S, VH, LTV)	
Female/Male	
E-mail	
Phone	
Preliminary budget (SEK 15-40 million)	Project duration (3-5 years)
Project title	

### Information about co-investigators (1-4 researchers)

Name, Title	University, Department	Male/Female

## Endorsement by the host department

All pre-proposals for KAW projects need to be supported by the head of the department where the main applicant is employed. This is preferably done by informing the department head in good time before submitting a pre-proposal. Further, when submitting a pre-proposal, a copy of the proposal must be sent to the head of the department.

Head of Department	Department
E-mail	Phone

☐ I hereby certify that the head of the main applicant's host department has been informed of this pre-proposal, and that the focus of the proposed project is in line with the faculty's strategy.