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| **Vice-Chancellor** Maria Knutson Wedel |  |
|  | Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation (MMW) |

Vice-Chancellor’s certification of support for applying to the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation’s project call 2025

*Proposal: Project title*

*Main applicant*: Full name (date of birth, YYYYMMDD-XXXX). If the applicant does not have a Swedish personal number, use zeros for the last four digits.

**Significance of the proposed research**

Describe the major expected outcomes and the significance of the proposed research program, and how it contributes to addressing major scientific and/or societal challenges. Start by focusing on the novelty and scientific contributions, explaining how the proposed research goes beyond state of the art, and subsequently expand the statement into societal significance. Consider to also highlighting in what way the proposed research is of strategic importance for SLU, as well as Sweden, in an international perspective.

**Excellence and strategic importance of the research team**

Describe the expertise and accomplishments of the team, including international/national positioning within relevant research fields and key contributions. If the proposal is submitted by a group of researchers, pay particular attention to capturing the synergy of the team, and how the complementary expertise of the applicants make it possible for them to address the hypotheses and/or research questions stated in the proposal. This paragraph may also draw attention to key infrastructure/facilities/equipment that enable the proposed research. Highlight how the team members are strategically important for SLU and Sweden.

**Relevance for forest management and biodiversity**

Describe how the proposed research aligns with and contributes to the goals of the Wallenberg Initiative in Forest Research (WIFORCE): to promote sustainable forest management and production, simultaneously safeguarding forest biodiversity and its role in mitigating the effects of climate change.

In conclusion, it is with great pleasure that SLU endorses this proposal to the MMW call for projects of high scientific potential 2025. In the event of success, SLU ensures that indirect costs beyond those approved by MMW will be covered by the university.

Uppsala, 20 March 2025

Maria Knutson Wedel  
Vice-Chancellor