



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

According to the KAW guidelines, all applications submitted to the foundation's call for research projects must undergo an internal prioritization process. At SLU, this is achieved by a process (Internal guidelines for KAW projects at SLU – [Swedish](#) / [English](#)) in which interested researchers submit a pre-proposal that is evaluated by a specially appointed prioritization group<sup>1</sup>, with the assignment of making a recommendation on which initiatives should be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. Pre-proposals must be supported by the head of the department at which the main applicant is employed and is made by filling out and submitting this form to [Ansok-KAW@slu.se](mailto:Ansok-KAW@slu.se), no later than **September 15, 2021**. Pre-proposals should be written in **English**.

Before submitting your application, carefully read KAW's project application guidelines and consider the following;

- KAW primarily supports research projects that is beneficial for the progression of research and education in Sweden.
- Project proposals should be in line with KAW's guidelines for research projects of high scientific potential and normally have a basic scientific focus.
- KAW prioritizes interdisciplinary projects and is positive towards collaborations across scientific disciplines, as well as between different universities.
- KAW will assess the competence of the entire research group, which preferentially should be complementary.
- An individual researcher is only allowed to participate in two ongoing KAW projects, of which one as main applicant.
- 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 department head well in advance of submitting your pre-proposal, as it is the responsibility the department head to ensure that the project is in line with the faculty strategy.

**Information about the main applicant and the proposed project**

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| Main applicant, title                  | E-mail                     |
| Host department or equivalent          | Phone                      |
| Preliminary budget (SEK 15-40 million) | Project length (3-5 years) |
| Project title                          |                            |

**Information about co-applicants (1-4 researchers)**

| Name, title | University, Department | Male/Female |
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**Project description (max. 5000 characters, including spaces)**

Provide a short synopsis (in English) that describes the proposed research project, including aims/objectives, positioning related to state of the art, approach/methodology and significance. Make sure to answer the following questions;

- i) What is the overall aim of the project? Which coherent research question is the project addressing?
- ii) In what way will the project move the frontiers of science in the relevant research field/s? What basic scientific knowledge will the project contribute?
- iii) Why is this knowledge important (significance)?
- iv) In what way is the project ground-breaking and bold? Define and motivate which novel research questions and/or methods that will be asked and/or developed?
- v) How will the aims of the project be achieved (approach/methodology)?

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**Composition of the research team (max. 3000 characters, including spaces)**

Describe the individually contributed and combined expertise of the research team. Motivate how the group's complementary competencies pave the way for addressing novel bold research questions and hypotheses breaking new ground in the research field.

**Strategic significance (max. 2500 characters, including spaces)**

Describe in what way the project is of strategic importance for SLU, as well as for Sweden, and in an international perspective? In what way is the proposed research contributing to promote the development of research, education and strong research environments in Sweden?

## 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.

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| Head of department | Department   |
| E-mail             | Phone number |

I hereby certify that the head of the department of the main applicant has been informed of this pre-proposal and that it is in line with the faculty's strategy.

## CV och bibliometric information

Please also attach a brief CV for all applicants (main applicant and all co-applicants), according to the dedicated [CV template](#) (max. two pages per applicant), together with bibliometric information, following the instructions given in the CV template (max. 1 page).

Please compile your pre-proposal to KAW project into a **single PDF** consisting of this form, together with CV and bibliometric information for all applicants, and **submit it by e-mail to [Ansok-KAW@slu.se](mailto:Ansok-KAW@slu.se), with a copy to the head of the department where the main applicant is employed, latest on September 15, 2021.**