

Template for pre-proposals to WAF at SLU

According to the KAW guidelines, all applications submitted to Wallenberg Academy Fellows (WAF) must undergo an internal prioritisation at the nominating university. At SLU, this is achieved by a process in which interested researchers submit a pre-proposal for WAF. This application is first assessed at the faculty level, and then by a specially appointed prioritisation group that is tasked with recommending which candidates should be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. Internal guidelines for WAF at SLU can be found here – [Swedish](#) / [English](#).

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

- WAF is a program open to researchers up to nine years after their PhD, who are working in any scientific discipline. Candidates who are nominated to WAF in the 2025 call must have obtained their PhD after January 1, 2016.¹
- Candidates who successfully defended their PhD thesis before 2016 can be nominated if they provide documented evidence of parental leave or long-term sick leave after being awarded their PhD.
- Nominated candidates should focus on research of basic scientific nature, and demonstrate a strong potential to become future research leaders.
- Researchers who are nominated to WAF should work in areas that are in line with the priorities of SLU, the faculty, and the nominating department, and be considered to have the qualifications necessary to pursue an academic career at SLU.
- Discuss the candidate's profile and project idea with the head of the intended host department well in advance of submitting a pre-proposal. It is the responsibility of the department head to ensure that the candidate's research is in line with the faculty's strategy.

» The **pre-proposal is made by following the instructions provided in Appendix 1** of the “**Internal guidelines for nomination to Wallenberg Academy Fellows at SLU**”, using this pre-proposal template as cover page. A full pre-proposal should be submitted as a compiled PDF, consisting of the following parts:

- 1) SLU Wallenberg Academy Fellows pre-proposal form
- 2) Project description (max. 2 pages)
- 3) CV (max. 2 pages)
- 4) Publication list (no page limit)
- 5) Background and expertise of the nominated candidate (max. 1 page)
- 6) Strategic significance (max. 1 page)

¹ Eligibility is calculated from the date of the successful PhD defence, not the date when the degree was awarded.

Information about the researcher proposed to be nominated for WAF

Name, title			
External/Internal candidate (E/I)		Female/Male (F/M)	
Date of successful defence of PhD thesis (year/month/date)			
Deductible time (reason + duration)			
<u>Reason</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>% of working time</u>
Host department + Faculty (NJ, S, VH, LTV)			
Research field – choose one of the following: <i>Medicine, Natural sciences, Engineering and Technology, Social sciences or Humanities/Religion</i>			
E-mail			
Phone			
Project title			

Endorsement by the host department

All pre-proposals to WAF need to be supported by the nominating department. 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 must be sent to the head of the department.

Head of department	Department
E-mail	Phone

I hereby certify that the head of the candidate's intended host department has been informed of this pre-proposal, and that the nomination is in line with the faculty's strategy.

Submit your pre-proposal to WAF by e-mail to the **research officer of the nominating faculty**, with a **copy to the head of the nominating department**, by **September 16, 2024** at the latest.