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OPEN CALL – SNS research projects to start in 2016

SNS announces a call for SNS research projects to start in 2016. Projects should relate to the prioritised themes of the SNS strategy. SNS wishes to initiate projects which focus on “Forestry within bioeconomy, climate, and social-aspects” that are key elements in both, national, regional and EU strategies.

Timeline of Call and Application period:

The call will be announced on Wednesday the 17th of June 2015

Deadline for application is **September 15th 2015 at 24:00 CET**. Successful applicants will be notified in December 2015 and financing will start in January 2016.

Call description

SNS supports research projects that focus on forests and forestry in the Nordic region. Support may be granted to research collaboration with duration of no more than three years. Support from SNS is normally based upon a co-ordination of on-going national research.

- The application is open to participants from the Nordic and Baltic countries, with adjacent areas. At least three Nordic countries should participate in each project.
- All SNS projects include a national co-financing of at least 67%, with SNS funding a maximum of 33% of the project.
- Projects typically apply for 200.000 - 500.000 SEK/year from SNS and 3 -5 projects will be financed.
- SNS takes into account gender equality when evaluating the applications, having an overall goal of 40 to 60% representation in all of SNS activities.
- Projects should relate to the prioritised themes of the SNS strategy. SNS wishes to initiate projects that focus on “Forestry within bioeconomy, climate, and social aspects”, which is a key element in both national, regional and EU strategies.
- The application form can be downloaded from www.nordicforestresearch.org/calls/research-projects

SNS strategy

The SNS strategy (<http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/SNS-Strategy-plan-2014-2017.pdf>) has focus on sustainable use of forest under three thematic main areas: bioeconomy, climate, and social aspects of forests. Specific priorities for this are:



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- Climate change, including adaptation and the ability of forests to counteract climate changes.
 - The role of forest and forestland in the carbon balance.
 - Sustainable biomass production for replacing fossil fuels.
 - Climate effects on forest pathogens and invasive species and their control.
 - Adapt silvicultural activities to a changed climate (heavy rains, harvest, forest soil disturbance).
- Development of a value chain within bioeconomy to achieve a wider range and a new use of forest products.
 - Foster a cross-sectorial sustainable development and green growth.
- Management of forest and forestland in a way that allows social welfare and health also from an economic perspective.
 - Promotion of urban and multipurpose forestry.
 - Competition between an increased demand for forest products and the increased interest and public attention for the recreational value of forest.
- The economic, ecological, recreational and cultural values of forests in society.

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How to apply

The application form can be downloaded from www.nordicforestresearch.org/calls/research-projects and applications will be sent as pdf to Inga Bödeker: bodeker.sns@slu.se