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## **LUSEM announces proposal development funding**

Once every calendar year, eligible LUSEM researchers (see bottom of document) may apply for 40 hours of seed time to develop an application for research funding as a Principal Investigator (>2.5 million SEK/year for >2 years, >50% at LUSEM's disposal). For funding opportunities designated as particularly desirable or prestigious, such as ERC starting/consolidator/advanced grants, up to 80 hours of seed time may also be awarded during a calendar year. Generally, the threshold for this category of grants is 5 million SEK/year and a project duration exceeding three years, where at least 2 million SEK/year is expected to be at LUSEM's disposal. Note that it is permitted to apply for both types of seed time funding during the same calendar year. The seed time will be funded by LUSEM and added to the P.I.'s teaching hours.

While it is allowed to apply for seed time to further develop an earlier unsuccessful application that was developed and submitted with the support of this mechanism, it is in that case important that the applicant specifies how this additional time substantially will improve the application(s) prospects of obtaining funding. The number of hours of seed time is ultimately determined on a case-by-case basis. Previously obtained seed time that failed to result in the intended application(s) being submitted will also be considered. Applications funding LUSEM researchers beyond the P.I. are encouraged.

To apply for seed time funding, fill out the form [here](#) and submit it to [margareta.dackehag@ehl.lu.se](mailto:margareta.dackehag@ehl.lu.se), with "Proposal development" in the subject line. Applications for 40 or 80 hours of seed time should be submitted as separate pdf documents, named according to the following standard: karin\_andersson\_40 or karin\_andersson\_80. Applications will be evaluated during the LUSEM research committee meetings, taking place twice every semester (typically March/May/October/December). Note that the application requires the physical or electronic signature of the head of department, confirming that they support the intended application(s) and will provide the required co-funding, should the application be funded.

For previously submitted applications that are at an advanced stage of a selection process that involves in-person interviews or similar, additional hours for preparation and/or assistance with travel funding may be awarded, decided on a case-by-case basis. Such requests, along with an itemized budget, should be directed to [jonas.helgertz@ekh.lu.se](mailto:jonas.helgertz@ekh.lu.se).

Eligibility criteria:

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