

Open CALL – SNS research projects to start in 2015

SNS announces a call for SNS research projects to start in 2015. The total pool for this call is 500.000 SEK per year for a time frame of 3 years. 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.

Prioritised areas Bioeconomy and biochemistry: Specific scope of this call is on bioeconomy in general and on biochemistry within forestry and forest products in particular. The overall goal with the funded projects is to develop a forest value chain with new and a wider range of forest products that have a potential to be a sustainable alternative to fossil based products.

SNS aims at fostering a sustainable development and green growth within the Nordic forestry sector. Besides Nordic collaboration among forestry and forest products researcher we also welcome cross-sectorial collaboration with other sectors of the bioeconomy, e.g. agriculture, energy, and chemical industry.

Deadline

Deadline for application is **September 15th 2014 at 24.00**. Successful applicants will be notified ultimo November 2014.

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 100.000 - 350.000 SEK/year from SNS.
- 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 which 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.

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