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What is the Interdisciplinary Academy (IDA) at SLU?

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IDA is a programme where SLU's researchers are offered an opportunity to collaborate across disciplinary boundaries on complex issues in the broad field of green transformation

It is the journey and not the goal that matters





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During an 8-month period, researchers with different academic backgrounds will have the opportunity to jointly increase knowledge of interdisciplinary working methods SLU.



The aim

- is to increase knowledge of and interest in interdisciplinary research among researchers at SLU,
- is to strengthen their ability to address research issues from an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspective and
- Is to facilitate collaborations between different departments.





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Linked to the initiative, is an open lunch webinar series on interdisciplinarity, with the first webinar on 18 May





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What's the plan for IDA?

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You apply with

**a theme together with a group of
colleagues representing different
science branches**



What is a Theme?

A theme in this call is shaped around a scientific problem that requires collaboration between several disciplines.

The work within the theme can be about developing perspectives, definitions, concepts, models, working methods, etc.

The theme's questions may preferably be exploratory and searching, and be at a stage that makes it not mature enough for ordinary research funding.

The work of the thematic groups can result in applications for larger projects or seed funds, or for different types of research communication, but do not need to do so



Requirements

- All researchers who are part of a theme must be employed at SLU
- All researchers included in the theme must hold a doctoral degree
- All applicants must have a main position at a department at SLU that you can be free from the equivalent of 20% of full-time during the entire project period
- The groups should consist of researchers from at least two different science branches (natural sciences, social sciences, engineering sciences, humanities, etc.)
- It is not allowed to include more than one researcher from the same department in a theme





About the call

- **Call opens:** Monday 16 May 2022.
- **Call closes:** Wednesday 24 August 2022.
- **Who can apply:** The call is aimed at all researchers at SLU holding a doctoral degree, regardless of faculty affiliation or subject focus.
- **Call focus:** Cross-disciplinary themes within the broad field of *green transformation*.
- **Size of the grant:** 1-2 groups of 5-10 researchers (maximum 10 in total) will be funded the equivalent of 20 percent of full-time during the project period.
- **Project period:** 2 November 2022 to 30 June 2023, and including a final event on 30 August 2023.
- More info on SLU Future Food's website.



Support and inspiration

- **18 May, 2022:** The new Interdisciplinary Academy at SLU and why it is an opportunity for complex challenges, at 12:10 - 12:55, via Zoom.
- **31 May, 2022:** Inspiration and speed dating for joining the Interdisciplinary Academy at SLU.
1p.m.-3 p.m., via Zoom.
- **June 22, 2022:** Lunch webinar with Q&A on Interdisciplinary Academy, 12-1 p.m., on Zoom.
- **August 16, 2022:** Lunch webinar with Q&A on Interdisciplinary Academy, 12-13, on Zoom.



Steering group

- Dean at the NJ faculty
- Vice Dean responsible for multi- and interdisciplinary science at the NJ faculty
- Programme manager for SLU Future Food,



Assessment group

- Jan Bengtsson, NJ
- Lena Ekelund Axelsson, LTV
- Karin Holmgren, NJ
- Harry Blockhuis, VH
- Christer Björkman, S
- Marie Stenseke, GU



The work and location

In order to promote the cross-disciplinary work, the Ullbo building on Campus Ultuna will provide the environment where creativity, discussions, group work, individual work, seminars and more can alternate and coexist at the physical meetings

The group(s) set up their own work and will receive support from the appointed programme manager.

Researchers who are granted funding undertake to devote the equivalent of 20 per cent of their work time during eight consecutive months to developing the theme together with their co-applicants.

The work will be carried out through nine (9) mandatory physical meetings during the project period as well as through other digital and hybrid meetings and individual work.



Webinar series on interdisciplinarity

SLU will organize an open webinar series aimed at everyone at SLU who wants to increase their knowledge and insights about interdisciplinary work.

- **18 May 2022:** The new Interdisciplinary Academy and why it is an opportunity for complex challenges
- **September 2022:** How have interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies affected our academic careers?
- **30 November 2022:** How can you work practically with interdisciplinary research?
- **January 2023:** Successes and mistakes – an interdisciplinary journey
- **March 2023:** Interdisciplinary research and applications



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Welcom with your application!

