



The role of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry is to promote agriculture and forestry and related activities for the benefit of society, with the support of science and practical experience. The Academy was founded in 1811 at the initiative of Karl XIV Johan and started its work on 28 January 1813.

Call for proposals

KSLA-Wallenberg Professorship 2023

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA) has the privilege to announce four, one-year-long international visiting professorships within the green sector. These professorships will be funded by the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg foundation during the period 2022–2024. All Swedish universities are hereby invited to apply.

The UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, as well as national environmental objectives, define goals for the long-term development of a sustainable bioeconomy. The green sector has a major role to play in meeting several of the global challenges identified in the Agenda 2030, such as climate change and loss of biodiversity.

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Excellent scientific research and innovation are essential in order to achieve the global and national goals related to the green sector and the sustainable use of natural resources. The Wallenberg Professorship programme is one piece of the puzzle. Visiting Wallenberg professors will work at Swedish universities for one academic year with a focus on strengthening a sustainable Swedish green sector through scientific research. The following research areas provide examples of issues that may be addressed by the visiting professors:

- How new agricultural crops, methods and products could mitigate goal conflicts and promote synergies between sustainable development goals.
- How forestry could contribute and balance objectives of a circular economy, climate targets, biodiversity, and ecosystem services.
- Identifying opportunities for increased sustainable aquaculture while preserving wild stocks.
- The role of governance in the sustainable development of the green sector.

The Wallenberg professors are expected to:

- Add **unique scientific competence** to the host department within the green sector.
- Address **a specific issue of high societal importance** during her/his visit.
- Combine scientific excellence with **a multidisciplinary way of working**.
- In collaboration with the hosts, contribute to building up **lasting international collaboration** and to **strategic development** of the host department and university.

The visiting professors are expected to spend a full academic year (9 months) at the host institution. The funding from KSLA is maximum SEK 1.3 million per visiting professorship. The total visit may be spread over a maximum of two years, if so agreed with KSLA. During the time in Sweden, the professor and the host department are expected to arrange a public seminar to highlight their research and its societal impact.

Universities may suggest visiting professors by submitting two-page pre-proposals by **1st of March 2023**. Details of the application and selection procedures will be available at www.ksla.se.

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Criteria for assessing the applications for the Wallenberg Professorships 2022–2024

Each criterion will be judged according to a scale of 1–3, with 3 as the top mark.

1. Does the application **fall within the framework of the green sector**? In this context, we define the green sector as including issues relating to agriculture, horticulture, veterinary medicine, forestry, hunting, reindeer husbandry, fishing and aquaculture. Consumption related to the green sector is included, but not the industrial link in the production chain.
2. Does the candidate **add unique scientific competence** to the host department?
3. Does the project address a specific issue of **high societal importance**?
4. Does the application combine scientific excellence with a **multidisciplinary** way of working?
5. Will the candidate in collaboration with the hosts, contribute to **lasting international collaboration** and **strategic development** of the host department and university, either by strengthening ongoing activities or supporting the construction of new, prioritized, areas?

Process for the application

Pre-proposal

- A two-page pre-proposal is required. There are no special format requirements for the pre-proposal, but:
 - The criteria in the call should be described clearly.
 - A brief plan and timeline for the stay should be included.
 - A CV for the professor should be attached.
- The pre-proposal must be signed by the head of the department.
- Please e-mail pre-proposal to keiko.blessersholt@ksla.se by **1st of March 2023**.

Evaluation of pre-proposals

- The evaluation panel assesses the pre-proposals shortly after 1st of March 2023.
- KSLA informs the applicants of the decision from the evaluation panel during March.

Full proposal

- Applicants who are selected to send in a complete application (in English) will do so by **1st of June 2023** in the KSLA online application system. Form and instructions will be provided.
- The decision will be taken during the first week of July 2023.