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3rd Funding call for short research exchanges to initiate collaborations linked to SUCCeSS

Stockholm University Center for Circular and Sustainable Systems ([SUCCeSS](#)) aims to promote broad transdisciplinary research, in collaboration with industry and policymakers. We now open a third call for research exchange funding to initiate research collaborations in Europe, and invite proposals that address any of the three research focus areas of SUCCeSS, which are **Circular and sustainable processing**, **Data driven circular and sustainable chemistry**, and **Circular and safe food and water systems**.

The call aims to support the applicant to learn new technologies and create new networks with international peers, including non-academic stakeholders, preferably within Europe. The funding is not intended to cover travel costs for conference participation, but the research visit can be combined with a conference trip to decrease the carbon footprint.

Eligible applicants: There are two applicant groups, either for outgoing or incoming travels.

- a) **Outgoing travels:** PhD students and post docs at SU can apply for travel funds for stays at an international environment relevant to SUCCeSS.
- b) **Incoming travels:** PIs at SU (excluding SUCCeSS board and core team) can apply for travel funds for temporary stays at SU by PhD students and post docs from an international environment relevant to SUCCeSS.

Time period: Minimum 2 weeks stay during June 2025-September 2026.

Available funding: up to 50 000 SEK per application, until we have reached the budget maximum of 600 000 SEK including the already funded applications in call 1 & 2. Only travel and accommodation costs are covered, not daily allowance.

Evaluation & Decision: Applications will be evaluated on a continuous basis, within 1 month of submission, by the SUCCeSS Executive Committee (EC). If there is a conflict of interest (CoI), one board member will be asked to replace the person with a CoI. The EC will decide whether to fund the application and report the status of the call at the board meetings under "Director's report".

The evaluation will be based on the criteria below, where the numbering reflects the order to importance:

- (1) Scientific quality (within the SUCCeSS focus areas)
- (2) Level of novelty and cross-disciplinary collaboration

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(3) Strategic relevance for SU and SUCCeSS

Demands on grant receivers:

- The exchange should be within Europe. Travelling should be planned with low carbon footprint, and international train travel is encouraged.
- A scientific report should be submitted to SUCCeSS after the visit.
- The collaboration should be presented at a SUCCeSS seminar after the visit, and grant receivers should also engage in and contribute to other SUCCeSS activities.
- The collaboration should aim to result in a joint publication with the partnering group. Such publications should have SUCCeSS as an affiliation.

For more information about SUCCeSS and the research focus areas, please see www.su.se/success

The application should include:

A) Project plan: A short description of the planned collaborative project, where the relation to the SUCCeSS focus areas is explained. Describe the expected outcome from the research visit, as well as any long-term collaboration plans. Also include a work plan with the suggested time period and a budget. (2 pages)

B) Applicant CV (1 page)

C) Support letters

- for outgoing travels, support letters should be provided from the supervisor and from the hosting PI. The SU supervisor will ensure that the travel funding is used according to SU regulations for travel and accommodations.
- for incoming travels, the letters should be from the Head of department at SU and from the supervisor at the sending institution.
- in both cases, please indicate if this is a new or ongoing collaboration.

Application submission: email the as one single PDF document to SUCCeSS administration (info.success@su.se) at the latest by March 1, 2026. Write "SUCCeSS travel fund" in the subject line.

Requisition of funding: Request the approved funding within 2 months after the international stay through email to info.success@su.se. *The funding cannot be transferred outside of SU.* A scientific report (1 page) should be submitted to SUCCeSS at the time of requisitioning of the funding.

Time plan:

March 1 2026	Deadline for application
<i>within 1 month</i>	Decision on funding – evaluation of applications on a continuous basis
September 2026	Travel should be completed
October 2026	Funding requisitions should be submitted (within 2 months after the stay)
November 2026	Deadline for organizing a SUCCeSS webinar to present the exchange

Welcome with your application!

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