CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2 October 2017

LUND UNIVERSITY

External Relations
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Seed-funding grants for collaboration with African partners

The Lund University Africa strategy group takes the initiative to allocate funding to stimulate the build-up of research collaboration with African partners and to stimulate joint applications with African partners. The funding for the call proposals originates from funding set aside for the implementation of the strategy for collaboration with Africa (SAMV 2014/176, STYR 2016/1512, STYR 2017/922).

Call

Research and teaching staff with a doctoral degree, employed by Lund University, are hereby invited to submit applications for funding for up to a maximum of SEK 25 000. Available total funding for the call is SEK 100,000. Funding will be confirmed early November 2017 and has to be utilised before 30 November 2018. A short report (max 5000 characters including space), reviewing the activity and results, shall be submitted no later than 31 December 2018.

Guidelines for proposals

A proposal should be submitted with at least one member of faculty from Lund University and one member of faculty from an African institution. The intention is to promote the build-up of new collaborations. Funding will primarily be allocated to proposals from an LU staff which clearly show that substantial collaboration has not previously occurred within the last 5 years with the African research partner, and where there is a strong potential for long term collaboration. Universities prioritised in the strategy will also be prioritised for funding.

The call intends to promote the build-up of new collaborations aiming for external project funding. The LU Africa strategy group therefore offers to assist, where requested, in trying to find a researcher with experience from Africa-related funding applications who is willing to give advice on how to best write an application. If this is an opportunity for your project, please mention this in the application.

Deadline for submission of application: 20th October 2017

Notification of outcomes: 10th November 2017

Submission process

All applications should be sent by email to Pär Svensson (par.svensson@er.lu.se). Label your application “LU Africa seed funding” and your name.
The application shall contain the following parts (see the attached template):

1. A proposal cover sheet, with appropriate approvals
2. A Proposal (not to exceed 2 pages)  
   a) Justification and goals of the collaboration  
   b) Proposed timeline for the exchange  
   c) Projected outcomes  
   d) Steps to securing external funding  
   e) Location of the exchange  
   f) If applicable, indicate a wish to get senior advice on funding applications  
3. Budget  
4. Short biographies of the project leaders (each bio not to exceed 1 page)

All text should be in Arial 11pt, 1-inch margins, single spaced.

Activities eligible for funding:

a) Travel expenses, primarily to and from LU  
b) Accommodation  
c) Logistics, including items such as meeting room rental costs, food costs during meeting days, team dinner, etc.

Assessment and selection:

The assessment and selection of projects to be supported will be done by the LU Africa Strategy Group. Proposals will be assessed in relation to the quality of the application. Key criteria for assessment include:

- Quality of project  
- Interest in building long-term relations with an African partner/partners  
- Lack of previous experience from co-operation with African partners  
- Potential to generate external funding for joint future projects

The amount awarded will entered in the books at the relevant cost centre once a travel grant report and a disbursement request have been submitted to External Relations, Pär Svensson, internal mailing code 27. If you have any questions, please contact Pär Svensson, by phone 046-2227742 or email par.svensson@er.lu.se.

Richard Stenflo  
International Director
# 2017 Application Form for Lund University Africa Seed-Funding

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Signature and date LU applicant: 

Signature and date African applicant: 

Signature and date Head of Department/School LU: 

Signature and date Head of Department/School at African Institution:
Proposal (part 2)
Please describe the proposed project and collaboration, including the expected outcomes. Please also list potential research funding calls which the collaboration aims at applying for (max 2 pages, please be brief)

Budget (part 3)
Detail here as precisely as possible activities and planned costs for the planned activities: