

Exploratory Pre-Seed Programme

SUPPORT TO EXPLORE THE INNOVATIVE POTENTIAL OF YOUR RESEARCH

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LU Innovation hereby announces the possibility to apply for funding to bridge the gap between basic research and innovation/utilization of research results in technology.

WHAT IS THE EXPLORATORY PRE-SEED PROGRAMME?

The programme targets research projects in tech with an innovative potential. To explore this potential, activities outside the scope of existing research project can be funded by the Exploratory Pre-Seed Programme.

The programme aims at supporting the development and verification of a hypothesis of an innovative service, method, product, process or technology, based on results from the main applicants own research.

The underlying research, which is the basis for the project application, should have resulted in confirmation of basic principles. The projects should, after completion, result in a formulated and verified innovative concept/hypothesis ready for other type of funding (for example <u>Verifiering</u>).

Granted proposals receive funding up to 300 000 SEK per project, paid to appropriate host department for the duration of a maximum of 12 months.

Granted projects are expected to be reported within one month after termination/conclusion.

THE EXPLORATORY PRE-SEED PROGRAMME - FOR WHOM?

The main applicant must be a researcher or PhD student employed at Lund university. Additionally, the applicant must have carried out, or been active in the research project which the application is based on.

Project leaders that received Pre-Seed funding during 2016-2019 are not eligible to apply for funding this year

We specifically encourage young researchers, and female researchers, to apply.

It is only possible to be main applicant in one application.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Eligible expenses should be related to specific activities needed to develop/demonstrate/verify the innovative potential of the research results and/or salary costs when relevant.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications (application form and CV) should be sent to <u>mattias.esbjornsson@innovation.lu.se</u>. An e-mail that confirms that an application has been received will be sent to each applicant.

Download Application Form at http://innovation.lu.se/vara_tjanster/finansiering/exploratory_pre_seed

TIMELINE

Deadline for applications 17th of September, 2020 Formal decision: 20th of November, 2020

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Fullfilment of the purpose of the programme
- 2. Feasibility
- 3. Expected results and effects

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Contact relevant businessdevelopers at: https://www.innovation.lu.se/