Research projects with high scientific potential 2026

The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation supports projects with high scientific potential. Projects should be focused on a coherent research question where the complementary competencies of the participating scientists gives new possibilities to attack the chosen research question. Projects normally have a budget of between SEK 15 million and SEK 40 million. Projects can have a duration of three to five years. High-priority projects include new research areas and research that is interdisciplinary in nature. A project must have a freestanding purpose and not merely constitute auxiliary funding for current operations or other projects in progress. For subjects in which research is generic in nature, such as mathematics, a project can consist of joint concept development.

You find the instructions for the call here: [2026: Research projects with high scientific potential | Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation](https://kaw.wallenberg.org/en/calls/2026-research-projects-high-scientific-potential). The [E-application](https://kawansokan.wallenberg.org/en) states what information and appendices are mandatory - but for the application to KTH we only need the *Project description* and *CVs* (at this point we do not need the *Brief popular scientific summary in Swedish*, *Budget calculation* nor the *Support letter from our President*).

**Follow the instructions below:**

**1st page**

* Project title
* Main applicant (name, gender and school at KTH)
* Co-applicants (school at KTH and/or other universities, name, gender). Please indicate if you plan to apply from several universities with the same application
* Total budget applied for and the duration of years (short version!)

**Pages 2-11 Project description**

* Objective of the project including a clear scientific question
* Describe the originality, boldness and groundbreaking ideas
* Short presentation of the scientists, their contribution to the project scope and how they complement each other
* State of the art on the international level related to the project
* Suggested methodology
* Expected results, scientific impact and national use
* Other information pertinent for your application (risks, collaboration, etc)

**CVs**

Maximum 2 pages CV of each applicant (PI and co-applicants) including:

* Selection of maximum 10 publications
* Short description of how the selected publications are relevant to this project
* Link to Google Scholar profile and e-mail address
* From Web of Science:
	+ Total number of publications last ten years
	+ Total number of citations (excluding self-citations)
	+ h-index

Please look at the assessment criteria for evaluation of project grants when your write your proposal: [Assessment criteria for evaluation of project grants | Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation](https://kaw.wallenberg.org/en/assessment-criteria-evaluation-project-grants).

The proposal should be send to Research Support Office wallenbergfoundations@kth.se no later than **October 1, 2025**. Please put the different parts of the application together into **one PDF file!​​​​​​​​​​​​​​**

An expert group does the prioritization of those who are allowed to submit a complete application with representatives from the faculty under the leadership of the Vice President for research. This expert group is appointed by the faculty's dean, together with KTH's faculty council, and is tasked with drawing up a priority list for KTH's President who make the final decision.

KTH is allowed to nominate **10 candidates**. At least 40 % of the nominated projects must be led by a researcher from the underrepresented gender.

**Timeplan**
**2025**

1/6 Opening of the call at KTH

1/10 Deadline to send in the application to KTH

week 46 The expert group meets

14/11 Results from the expert group meeting

**2026**7/1 Opening of the call at the Wallenberg Foundations

1/2 Deadline to send in the application to Wallenberg