



## WISE Academic Projects 3 call 2026 – 2027

### ***General information about the call***

In this call, WISE is offering funding for up to 29 academic doctoral student positions and up to 29 academic postdoctoral researcher positions. Proposals in all areas of WISE are welcome. That is, proposed projects should be easily identifiable in the “WISE program matrix” ([Link to the call text](#)). Proposals are for a single PhD student or a single postdoc researcher.

WISE has the aim to promote a wide coverage of PhD and postdoc projects spanning the WISE matrix and with supervisors at different stages of academic seniority. WISE welcomes applicants with different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives – diversity enriches our work and helps us grow. Preserving everyone’s equal value, rights, and opportunities is a natural part of WISE.

The sustainability focus in WISE-ap3 is enhanced by requiring a co-applicant with sustainability expertise. Your project should clearly comprise both excellent materials science and impactful contribution to a sustainable future, ensured by the contribution of the sustainability co-applicant throughout the project. Furthermore, it is mandatory for applicants to use a methodology to cover sustainability aspects of the proposed research in the preparation of the application: for instance, the WISE ASSIST tool.

### ***KTH process for pre-selection***

It is important to note that all WISE partner universities have a pre-set and limited number of applications that can be nominated. In this WISE Ap3 call, KTH can nominate maximum 8 + 8 proposals after an internal selection process. In the previous academic WISE calls regarding grants for PhD students and post-doctoral fellows, pre-selection at KTH has been handled through nomination from the linear organisation via Heads of Schools and Heads of Departments. This time the pre-selection within KTH will be open to all KTH faculty to apply.

The time schedule for the internal pre-selection process is given below together with the key dates of the WISE call. The pre-selection will be handled by an internally appointed panel in Sep-Oct this year. If you have questions about this call, please contact [Lars Kloo](#).

In this internal selection process, there will be two essential aspects that applicants should bear in mind:

- The internal KTH selection will be based on a complete application following the WISE Ap3 instructions ([Link to the call text](#)).
- The sustainability aspects will be in special focus in the WISE Ap3 call, and the applicants to the internal KTH selection are strongly recommended to pay special attention to the sustainability aspects.



***Time schedule at KTH/WISE***

2026

29 of May: Webinar Information about the WISE AP3 call and the selection process at KTH (Lars Kloo) at kl 8.00-9.00.

June: Match-making event - Meet sustainability experts at KTH.

31 of August: Deadline at KTH for a full proposal in accordance with the instructions in the call. Proposals are sent to [wallenbergfoundations@kth.se](mailto:wallenbergfoundations@kth.se).

September/October: Internal selection panel meeting at KTH.

30 of October: Applicants at KTH are informed about the results.

1 of December: The call opens at WISE.

2027

8 of February (2 pm): The call closes at WISE.

September: Decision of accepted projects communicated by WISE.

***Full proposal in accordance with WISE AP3 call instructions - combined to a single PDF!***

The proposal should be composed in Times New Roman font, 12 pt, single-spaced text, margins 2.5 cm, and be structured as follows: [Link to the call text](#).