

CULTSUS – Call for Seed Money

The CULTural heritage and SUSTainability (CULTSUS) network invites researchers to apply for Seed Funding to develop new, collaborative research ideas in line with the CULTSUS approach. CULTSUS is one of the thematic profile areas based at the Faculty of Science and Technology and is represented by all faculties across the University of Gothenburg. CULTSUS explores the vital intersections between cultural heritage and sustainable development, with themes spanning preservation, adaptive reuse, circular economy, resource management, social justice, identity, and environmental change. This call seeks innovative projects that bring critical heritage perspectives into dialogue with urgent sustainability challenges across local, regional, and global contexts.

AIM: This funding is meant to support new collaborations across CULTSUS institutions and disciplines through the organisations of workshops, retreats, or pilot studies that lead to larger research proposals in 2026.

Eligibility: applicants must be affiliated with a CULTSUS partner institution at the University of Gothenburg. Proposals should involve at least two CULTSUS partners, or one CULTSUS partner and an external collaborator.

Funding and Timeline

- Total available: SEK 100,000
- Application deadline: 12 December, 23:59 CET, spent until end of 2026

Application Content (1-3 pages)

- Project title and team members (when not confirmed, provide a proposal on potential partners)
- Summary of the research idea (max. 400 words)
- Planned activities and expected outcomes in terms of a research project proposal.
- At least two potential funding sources
- A brief budget summary explaining how the requested funds will be distributed among the planned activities. Please note that the Seed Funding covers only direct expenses, except premises. Indirect expenses (e.g., overheads) are not covered.
- Applicant's short CV and a list of publications from the last 5 years

Evaluation Criteria

- Relevance to CULTSUS themes of cultural heritage and sustainability
- Originality and research potential
- Collaborative and interdisciplinary value
- Feasibility and clarity of the implementation plan, with a clear path toward a competitive external funding proposal that can be submitted in 2026.
- In the implementation plan, include a feedback report (1-2 pages), explaining how the funding was used. To be submitted not later than February 2027.

How to Apply

Submit your application (PDF, max. 2 pages) to cultsus@gu.se.

Questions can be directed to Feras Hammami at the same address.