



Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
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Call for Applications, the University of Gothenburg's Internal Climate Fund 2019

The University of Gothenburg has an explicit ambition to reduce the total amount of CO₂ emissions from job-related travel per full-year full-time staff equivalent from 2015 to 2019 and has been carbon offsetting all of its job-related air travel since 1 July 2011. The Vice-Chancellor made a new decision about the University's carbon offsetting and climate fund on 30 May 2016 (meeting minutes, Vice-Chancellor's meeting 2016:10 Sec. 1 M2016/13).

Among other things, the Vice-Chancellor decided:

- That the carbon offsetting of job-related air travel would continue.
- To continue to apply the 'polluter pays principle', which means that the carbon offsetting shall be paid by the unit, section, department etc. paying for the air travel.
- That the fee would continue to be SEK 118 SEK per one-way trip by air.
- That funds from the carbon offsetting programme would go to the University's internal fund for measures to reduce CO₂ emissions, called the University of Gothenburg's internal climate fund.

The purpose of the climate fund is to enable researchers, teachers, students and other staff to participate actively in the University's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint.

Applications and funding decisions

Until 9 November 2018, staff and students at the University of Gothenburg can apply for grants from the internal climate fund to fund projects that either directly or indirectly help to reduce the University's negative effects on the climate. Staff and students can submit applications via their respective departments or other unit at the University. The received applications will then be reviewed by an assessment committee comprising representatives

from around the University. The director of the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development is in charge of administering and developing the internal climate fund. The Vice-Chancellor makes the final funding decisions.

Criteria

Funding can be granted for projects that either directly or indirectly help to reduce the University's carbon footprint. The aim of an approved project may for example be to reduce the University's consumption of electricity, increase the use of renewable energy sources or promote climate-friendlier travel. Funding can also be granted for projects with an indirect climate benefit for example through research, education, seminars and dissemination of information.

Funding can only be granted for projects that will not be feasible without financial support from the fund. The amount granted for a project can only be disbursed following the Vice-Chancellor's formal funding decision. The project directors will need to provide a report on the content and costs of their project according to special instructions before the end of 2019. If an applicant has access to co-funding from another source, this must be indicated in the application. Funding will not be granted for projects that have already been completed.

To be considered for funding, projects should be both initiated and completed in 2019. If a project is expected to take longer to complete, a progress report must be submitted by the end of the year and a final report must be submitted upon completion of the project. If a project is expected to last longer than until the end of 2019, this must be specified in the application.

Note! If an applicant wants to apply for funding to pay for multiple climate-oriented measures, it may be a good idea to submit several applications.

The assessments of applications will give particular attention to the following factors:

- *Relevance/effectiveness* – How relevant and effective will the project be in relation to the climate change problem?
- *Innovation* – Does the project involve a new approach that may inspire others?
- *Feasibility* – How feasible is the project in practice, and what goals may realistically be achieved?

How to access the granted funding

Once a project has been granted funding, the project director must send an internal invoice for the total granted amount to the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development. Further instructions regarding this will be provided with the grant letter. The climate fund will cover project costs as specified in the respective application, including indirect costs. *Any unused funding must be returned to the fund upon completion of the project.*

A total of about SEK 2.2 million is available for 2019.

Student applicants

Students who would like to apply for a grant from the climate fund should contact their respective department or faculty, depending on whether the proposed project is department oriented or involves an entire faculty. If a proposed project concerns the entire University, the students should contact the climate fund administrator at the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development.

Important dates

12 September 2018	Call for applications for funding from the University's internal climate fund 2019
9 November 2018	Application deadline
13 December 2018	The Vice-Chancellor makes the funding decisions
16 January 2019	Announcement of funding decisions

More about how to apply

Applications for grants from the University's climate fund for the year 2019 must be received by **9 November 2018** using the enclosed application form, signed by the Head of Department/equivalent.

Please email all applications to fredrik.hogberg@gu.se

The applicants will be informed about the funding decisions by 16 January 2019 at the latest.

We look forward to receiving your application!