



Guest researchers Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in a Changing Climate (BECC)

Researchers affiliated with BECC are welcome to apply for support through BECC funds and facilities to invite guest researchers to work in areas that fall within the scientific framework and interests of BECC. The overall aim of guest researchers is to further strengthen the research and research groups involved in BECC.

BECC strives for a better understanding of the impacts of climate change and land use decisions on terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity, addressing the consequences of ecosystem changes for human beings and socio-economic systems.

The vision of BECC is to establish interdisciplinary research that contributes to the sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity in a rapidly changing world. To achieve this, BECC seeks to bring together modelling, empirical ecology, economics and social science research at Lund and Gothenburg Universities relating to climate change, its impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems, and societal measures to combat and reduce such impacts.

In addition, BECC strives to promote the relevance and dissemination of research findings in this general area by integrating stakeholder experience in the research process. An important part of BECC is the postgraduate research school ClimBEco. BECC also encourages the development of relevant undergraduate education.

Purpose of guest researchers

- The overall aim of guest researchers is to further strengthen the research and research groups involved in BECC.
- Guest researchers are invited to bring in new scientific ideas and methodologies not previously represented within the research of BECC.
- Precedence will be given to guest researchers whose expertise and activities span across multiple research disciplines within BECC.
- Guest researchers are envisaged to inspire other researchers and co-workers at CEC and Lund University, including PhD and undergraduate students. Thus guest researchers are encouraged to e.g. give seminar(s) in BECC and at CEC and participate in activities also beyond those of BECC.
- Information about a guest researcher shall be on the web-site and Newsletters.
- Apart from conducting research and disseminating science, a desirable purpose for guest researchers is also to participate in the planning of new research projects or strategies of mutual interest to the guest researcher and BECC.

Guidelines for proposals

- Applications for guest researchers are to be submitted by the intended host, who must be a researcher or research group/department affiliated with BECC. Direct applications from prospective guest researchers will not be considered.

- Guest researchers must be affiliated to a university or research organization other than those directly engaged in BECC. However, coverage of extra living expenses for Gothenburg University BECC researchers in conjunction with longer research visits in Lund may also be considered (salaries are expected to be covered by BECC at Gothenburg University). A guest researcher can also represent a stakeholder interest.
- Guest researcher should have at minimum of 2 years' prior postdoctoral research experience, preferably more.
- Guest researchers can spend a period of between 2 weeks and 6 months full-time at Lund University associated to one or more of the research groups involved in BECC.
- Guest researchers may be located at CEC or at the hosting department. In the latter case, provision of office space and facilities such as telephone, network access etc is the responsibility of the hosting department. For guest researchers placed at CEC, temporary/part-time office space may also be provided for researchers from the host department collaborating with the guest.
- Please consider gender and minority aspects when suggesting guest researchers. Also consider suggesting researchers that complement existing research areas and researchers, and research areas where existing BECC research has a gap.
- It is advisable that guest researchers have secured permission for absence from his or her home organization before applying.

BECC may cover the following expenses, including overhead, related to the visit at Lund University:

- Salary (including social security expenses) and/or accommodation
- Travel to and from Lund (at one occasion each)

Submission and decision on applications

- Applications should be submitted using the application form, found on BECCs webb-site.
- Applications that are incomplete or do not follow the structure of this form will be returned unconsidered.
- Applications may be submitted at any time but at least 3 months before the planned arrival of the guest researcher.
- Applications can only be handed in during the time-period September 1st – May 31st.
- Decisions on proposed guest researchers are taken by the BECC board and normally take c. 2 months to process during term time.

More Information: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/guest-researchers>

Applications may be submitted electronically to: Anna Boo: anna.boo@cec.lu.se