

Announcement of funding for up to 7 BECC post docs

The BECC boards at Lund University and Gothenburg University have decided to strengthen the interdisciplinary development of BECC research by announcing funding for six 2-year post doc positions at Lund University and 1 at Gothenburg University. This effort aims to favour BECC's research development by creating and strengthening interdisciplinary interactions between different research groups within BECC. In order to create these interactions, the proposed projects must include at least two research groups at different institutions/departments. Projects with clear synergistic effects when it comes to collaboration across disciplines and research groups will be prioritized over projects that only touch upon one or two closely related disciplines. The post docs are expected to work in projects that actively involve the research groups concerned. The funding cannot finance present post docs.

To create a common cohort of BECC post docs, the positions in Lund will be located at the Centre for Environment and Climate Research (CEC). A close collaboration with the post doc in Gothenburg is also assumed. Decided post doc positions will be announced at the same time in a common advert. The planned start for all positions is by the end of 2019 or 2020.

The post docs are expected to put the majority of their working time on research, and, within the frame of their position actively work with developing BECC as a research environment, e.g. by participating at its yearly meetings and theme meetings, and by contributing to activities and initiatives such as Action Groups and other events. The post doc may also take part in teaching to a limited extent.

Who can apply for finances?

At least two BECC researchers are expected to be the hosts of each post doc and should belong to different research groups at different institutions/departments. Interdisciplinary collaboration between BECC researchers at Lund and Gothenburg Universities is encouraged.

The main applicant must be a BECC PI and be employed as a teacher (associate senior lecturer, lecturer, or professor) or be a permanently employed researcher. A list of PIs is available at <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/becc-pis>.

There can be up to two co-applicants and their roles should be clearly described. An applicant may only apply as main applicant for one proposal and as co-applicant for another proposal.

Terms for financing

BECC will only finance salary (including OH) during 24 months for the post docs. The hosts are responsible for support in terms of research expenses.

The post docs at Lund University have their workplace at CEC and are assumed to work in projects that involve the different research groups in BECC that have applied for the financing. The hosts are supposed to offer temporary workplaces at other institutions/departments when needed.

Evaluation of applications

The application will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Scientific quality. Only applications of highest scientific quality will be supported. The application shall describe a project that can be achieved within the frame of a two-year post doc position.

- Relevance in relation to BECC's strategy 2016-2020 (https://www.becc.lu.se/sites/becc.lu.se/files/becc_strategic_plan_2016_en.pdf) and to the development of BECC's research themes (http://www.becc.lu.se/sites/becc.lu.se/files/becc_challenge_themes_160603.pdf), including the potential to strengthen or create new interdisciplinary cooperation of high relevance to the BECC strategy.
- Projects with clear synergistic effects concerning cooperation between different disciplines and research groups are prioritized over projects that only concern one or two closely related disciplines.
- The applicant's scientific merits and demonstrated engagement in the development of BECC.
- Adequate resources to carry out the project (e.g. external funds sufficient to support project operation).
- A credible plan for dissemination of results, adapted to the research conducted.

Instructions for the application

1. First page: project title, names of main applicant and co applicant/s and a project summary (max 200 words).
2. A scientific description of the post doc project (max 5 pages, 12 point text) including a clear aim and description of how the project will be carried out that also describes cooperation and division of responsibilities of involved research groups, and project budget.
3. Grants: applied and obtained grants should be shown so that the operation of the project is apparent.
4. CV should be attached for main and co-applicants and follow the form of FORMAS. The list of publication should include the 10 most relevant articles and a link to the complete list (applicants from Lund University should refer to their LUCRIS page).