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Call: Seed money within the Profile Area Human Rights

Human Rights is one of Lund University's five profile areas. The profile area aims for excellence in research, education, and external collaboration – nationally and globally – in human rights as an interdisciplinary field. One goal is to facilitate the initiation of new research ideas with potential to secure external funding. Another goal is to build a well-connected community of interdisciplinary researchers in Human Rights at Lund University. The Profile Area Human Rights now offers an opportunity to apply for seed money (25 000-75 000 SEK) for initiation of interdisciplinary and innovative research ideas, groups or project proposals.

Instructions:

- The **applicant** has to be a member of the Human Rights Profile Area with a PhD *and* employed at Lund University.
- The **research initiative should have an** interdisciplinary approach. The group can include external participants. We encourage research groups to include early-career researchers. (An overview of the profile area members can be found on the profile area's website: <https://www.humanrights.lu.se/peoplelist>)
- **Grant period:** Granted funds need to be used in 2026.
- **Submission deadline:** 3 May 2026.

The application must include:

- **A clear description of the research initiative** (max 500 words), consisting of aims (including relevance and novelty of the proposed initiative), activities, participants, how it fits and promotes interdisciplinary human rights research generally and the Profile Area Human Rights specifically, and how this is a new initiative.
- **Budget** with specified expected costs. The money can be used e.g. for activities or hiring of research assistant(s), but not for researchers' salaries. Be sensible when it comes to expenses for consumption (SEK 175 for lunch, SEK 275 for dinner). No per diem or allowances for travels and guests. Include overhead costs in the budget or check with your institution if there are possibilities for co-funding.
- **CV** of the applicant, including link to updated Lucris-page, and **names and affiliations** of other participants.

The application should be written in English and submitted as a pdf-file to info@humanrights.lu.se. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We expect to fund roughly three initiatives.

Selection process: Applications are assessed by the profile area's [management team](#) and decisions will be communicated around mid-May 2026.

Project reporting: Successful applicants are expected to submit an economic report on how the funds were used and present the initiative at the Profile Area's Human Rights Lunch Online seminar as well as contribute a post on the Profile Area's blog.

We look forward to receiving your applications!