Is your research worth gold for the forest industry?

YOUNG RESEARCHER´S AWARD 2027

The Swedish pulp and paper industry needs to continuously strengthen its competitiveness. The Gunnar Sundblad Research Foundation now awards SEK 400 000 in the Young Researcher's Award, which goes to a researcher who has recently completed a PhD or has done research for a maximum of five years after completing a doctoral degree.

The research project must have a clear connection to the paper and pulp industry and its products and processes. Interdisciplinary projects with newly established collaboration are rewarded. Researchers can be awarded only after completing a doctoral degree. The laureate must be affiliated to a university or a research institute in Sweden. The award is administered by the laureate's employer.

A two-step application:

• As a first step, send in an **expression of interest** latest **November 20, 2026**. You will find an **application template** at sundbladsfonden.se. Describe how the award is intended to be used, who you are, which organization you belong to, your background and your research interest. Briefly describe the proposal and how it is expected to contribute to renewal of the use of fibers and chemicals from wood. The expression of interest do not need to be extensive (maximum 2 pages).

• In the beginning of December 2026, the board of the foundation will select a smaller number of proposals which are invited to submit, in a second step, a final proposal. To assist preparation of this, the proposer will receive an instruction. The final proposal shall be received no later than **January 31, 2027**.

The awards ceremony takes place at the event "Framtidsmötet" in the spring of 2027.

Further inquiries can be made to Linda Larsson, to whom you shall also send **the initial expression of interest**, e-mail: linda.larsson@skogsindustrierna.se, phone: + 46 (0)76-800 94 97.

For further information about the award please visit www.sundbladsfonden.se.