

WASP and WISE joint project call 2026

WASP and WISE will jointly open a call for proposals for five-year NEST projects on February 2nd, 2026. The aim of the joint call is to initiate, expand and strengthen the collaboration between WASP and WISE researchers in the areas of AI, autonomous systems and software combined with material science for sustainability. Proposals must be within both WASP and WISE scientific areas. Detailed information about the call will be published and communicated in connection with the opening date.

NEST projects

The projects, called NEST projects (Novelty Excellence Synergy Teams), can have a duration of 4-5 years and a budget ranging from 10-25 MSEK. Every project must include at least one PI from each program, and the projects shall be jointly led by one PI from each program.

The budget, 50 MSEK per program, allows 4-10 projects, depending on project sizes.

The call closes 21 May 2026.

Projects are expected to start during the first half of 2027, at the latest 1 June 2027.

Who can apply?

The WISE main PI must be employed by any of the WISE partner universities, Chalmers University of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Linköping University, Uppsala University, Stockholm University, Lund University, and Luleå University of Technology, or with any of the affiliated groups of excellence at Göteborg University, Karlstad University, Umeå University, and Örebro University.

The WASP main PI must be employed by any of the WASP partner universities, Chalmers University of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Linköping University, Lund University, Umeå University, or with one of the Affiliated Groups of Excellence at Örebro University, Uppsala University or Luleå University of Technology.