Key facts about the Foundation

- The Foundation was founded 2011 by the Kamprad family. The Foundation is private and is financed by donations from Ingvar Kamprad, Inter IKEA group and Ikano group. The Office of the Foundation is located in Växjö. Professor Lena Fritzén is Executive Board Member.

- The Foundation supports:
  Research and Higher education
  Charity to the elderly to improve quality of life

- The Foundation seeks to support research projects that are “reality based” often in partnership between universities and other organisations. The result of the project should benefit many people quickly and cost-efficiently.
Funding

- The Foundation has a capital of 3 billion SEK
- Since the start the Foundation has supported projects with a total of 330 million SEK (100 research grants and 40 charity grants)
- Total grants/per year 100 million SEK
Areas of funding

The Foundation supports new knowledge and expertise through research/higher education within these areas:

- Improve quality of life for the elderly
- Entrepreneurship – especially promoting a living countryside
- Medical research and education
- A better environment – with a special focus on opportunities to practically implement research results
General terms of application

- Projects are selected through open calls.
- The open calls are public to all Swedish universities and research institutes.
- The topic of the call is announced in June every year. The call is open from September-November. Grant decision in April.
- The main applicant must have at least a Swedish doctoral degree or an equivalent foreign degree.
- The research, which may be conducted in a broad spectrum of disciplines, must be of high scientific quality.
- Grants are awarded for one, two or maximum three years.
- The Foundation finances project-related expenses as well as part of the salary for teaching and research staff.
Scientific assessment

Projects are evaluated by external assessors.

Five criteria are assessed:

1. Scientific quality
2. Beneficial aspects for society (practical)
3. How the result will benefit the wider public
4. Originality and innovative value
5. Feasibility of the project based on financial resources and expertise
Funding

- Announcement of Grants in the Field of Environmental Studies - sustainable product chains

Research and education within the field of environmental studies for increased sustainability will contribute to an understanding of, or direct improvement in, how different actors, techniques and information flows can interact in one or more product chains/activities with a view to maintaining or increasing customer satisfaction while significantly reducing the use of natural resources, materials and energy. Projects may be more or less focused on a specific discipline, or they may be interdisciplinary (closer collaboration between research disciplines), or trans-disciplinary (also involving those utilizing the research) and include or involve both private and public as well as non-profit participants. Projects that are transformative in nature, as well as clearly show how the results can be implemented in practice will be given priority.
Projects funded within the Field of Environmental Studies

- Hållbar processledning inom logistiksektorn, Peter Cronemyr, Linköpings universitet.
- One-stop-shop business model for energy renovation of detached houses, Krushna Mahapatra, Linnéuniversitetet
- Växtnäring från organiska restprodukter för hållbar grönsaksproduktion i moderna odlingssystem, Håkan Asp, SLU
- Sustainable Product Chains for Plastics, Lars J Nilsson, Lunds universitet
- Integrated quality management from fork to farm to increase efficiency and profitability in the production of Swedish added-value cheese. Åse Lundh, SLU.
- Identifiering och kvantifiering av garvaktiva ämnen i barkextrakt. Erik Hedenström, Mittuniversitetet.
- Improved utilization of regionally grown protein feeds for Swedish dairy cows by adapted handling technology and monitoring of milk urea concentration. Torsten Eriksson, SLU.
- Blue Wetlands, Catherine Legrand, Linnéuniversitetet
Open calls 2016 - 2018

2016
- Effectivisation of health care (medicine)
- Integration of newcomers (entrepreneurship)

2017 (plan)
- A better environment with a focus to practically implement research results
- Improve quality of life for the elderly

2018 (plan)
- Medicine
- Entrepreneurship, particularly for the development of a living countryside
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The application

- The electronic form is to be submitted through our web system FundPro.

- The research plan:
  a) Purpose of the project
  b) Expected result/benefits, describe how the research result will benefit the wider public
  c) Co-operation with other universities/actors, nationally and internationally
  d) Persons participating in the project
  e) How the project will be carried out
  f) The originality and newsworthiness of the project
  g) The scientific methods that are to be used