Call for Projects – Autumn 2026

Swedish Electromobility Centre (SEC) is a node for research and development of electric transport and charging infrastructure, funded by the Swedish Energy Agency in partnership with Swedish industry, academia and institutes.

Who can apply?

The project participants must be SEC full partners or program partners and should include at least one industrial partner and one academic partner. SEC network partners can participate in reference groups. Any project participant can apply for the funding, but the funding will be allocated to the academic partner(s) to finance the academic researchers.

Scope of the call

SEC opens a call for PhD projects with the time frame from 1st March 2027 to 31st December 2031. In this call SEC will provide funding for:

PhD projects ≤ 4 years, max 1 MSEK/year, conditioned with a 3+1 model. The fourth year's funding (1 MSEK) will be available when the project demonstrates that it can utilize the allocated project funds within the time frame.

The projects must be co-financed with at least the same amount of in-kind from the partners as the amount of funding applied for from the SEC. Please contact industrial partners early in the application process, since the industry needs time to anchor internally.

The projects should be within the scope of one or more of the Centre's theme areas and contribute to the Centre as a whole. All applicants applying for research projects are required to present their project idea in a theme area meeting before submitting the proposal. Possible dates for each theme area are stated on the SEC home page.

Projects can apply for co-funding from Energiforsk through the research programme "Elnätens teknikutveckling och digitalisering". Please, indicate in the application if you plan to apply co-funding from Energiforsk. Note that the in-kind requirement above applies, however if co-funding from Energiforsk is granted it could be accepted as in-kind after dialogue with the Director. Information about the Energiforsk programme is linked to the SEC home page.

Note: Each project application must be feasible without dependence on any other application.

Pitch dates

Contact theme leader to provide meeting link. Contact information to the theme leaders is accessible on the SEC homepage where you also find the pitch dates for each theme.

Theme 1 Intelligent Vehicles and Systems

Theme 2 Electric Drives and Charging

Theme 3 Energy Storage

Theme 4 Environment and Society

Theme 5 Vehicle-Grid Interaction

Evaluation process

The project applications will be reviewed by the full partners and the program partners of the Centre. Recommendation for funding will be decided by the program council. The formal decision is taken by the host of the Centre.

For further information concerning the evaluation process and criteria, read carefully the document "Project application evaluation".

Note: The applicant (or another relevant partner from the project consortium) **must be available on 20 January**, as the evaluation groups may contact the applicants and invite them to a Q&A session.

Granted projects

When the project is approved, a "Project Manager Agreement" (PMA) must be signed by the project manager. Please note that regular knowledge exchange is an essential part of the Centre and its projects. If your project is granted, you are expected to take part in yearly reporting, theme activities and contribute to SEC workshops and seminars.

Application template and deadline

The projects should be applied for by using the Centre's application template "Project application" and "CV template" (for all key participants) is linked to the SEC home page. Please note that SEC will neither consider applications using any other application template (or older versions of this template), nor applications which do not meet formal criteria.

You have the possibility to include one appendix (max 3 pages) with images and tables, supporting the project description. Send to application@emobilitycentre.se and mark the mail with "Project application".

The Centre needs your application by **9th December at 14.00 at the latest.**

Good luck and welcome with your application!

Important information documents. Read carefully before submitting the project application.

SEC Project Call VI.1.pdf
SEC Project Information VI.1.pdf
SEC Project Application Evaluation VI.1.pdf
SEC Project Manager Agreement VI.1.pdf
SEC Main Agreement (SEC huvudavtal) – available from 15 of November

Theme roadmaps

Theme 1 roadmap: Intelligent Vehicles and Systems.pdf
Theme 2 roadmap: Electric Drives and Charging.pdf
Theme 3 roadmap: Energy Storage.pdf
Theme 4 roadmap: Environment and Society.pdf
Theme 5 roadmap: Vehicle–Grid Interaction.pdf

Application documents

SEC Project Application Template.docx
SEC CV Template.docx

Information about the Energiforsk programme

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