

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Research opportunities at the Centre for Geomedia Studies, 2024

Are you interested in geomedia and in contributing to the development of the Centre for Geomedia Studies at Karlstad University? We invite researchers at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Karlstad University (KaU) to apply for a research grant intended to boost international publications, spur individual careers, and expand the interdisciplinary research environment of Geomedia. The grant amounts to four months part-time research in affiliation with Geomedia. We hope this call will be of interest to both new and longstanding members and friends of Geomedia.

#### 1 career grant, September-December 2024

*Purpose:* The aim of the grant is to enhance the writing up of research articles, books and/or book proposals. It is thus intended to spur the publication records of researchers affiliated with Geomedia. The career grant covers salary costs amounting to approximately 40% of full time (depending on suggested project and salary level) during four months, September-December 2024.

*Application deadline:* **6 December 2023** – the decision will be made by the Geomedia management team at their first meeting following the application deadline.

*Who can apply?* Researchers at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, KaU, holding a PhD (full professors excluded)

*Application format:* The applicant should specify in 1-2 pages which writing project(s) they intend to work with during the stipulated period, who else is involved (if there are co-writers), where the manuscript is intended to be published (especially if there is already a contract), and the current status of the manuscript(s). It should also be specified and motivated if any additional data gathering is needed and whether the applicant expects to receive additional external research funding during the stipulated period.

*Evaluation criteria:* Priority will be given to applications that pertain explicitly to the subject areas of Geomedia (see [www.kau.se/en/geomedia/about-geomedia/geomedia](http://www.kau.se/en/geomedia/about-geomedia/geomedia)) and present a clear specification of aims, methods, and (if applicable) empirical data and results of the planned publication(s), as well as the names of prospective or contracted journal(s)/publisher. The selection process will account for Geomedia's policy for gender equality, equal opportunities and diversity, as well as for interdisciplinary representation. Also, the current funding situation and outcomes from previous Geomedia grants will be considered. Single-authored work (alternatively, first-authorship) is particularly encouraged for this grant.

*Follow-up:* The successful candidate is expected to present their research at a seminar during spring 2025 and submit a written report to Geomedia before the end of May 2025. Send your application to André Jansson: [andre.jansson@kau.se](mailto:andre.jansson@kau.se)

## Seed funding 2024

*Purpose:* Seed funding may be awarded for concrete research activities that take place during 2024 intended to initiate new research projects and the formation of groups and networks for research collaboration. Such activities include the organization of workshops, study visits to relevant research environments and workshop participation. Seed money may also cover costs associated with the writing of research applications, e.g., expenses associated with travel and temporary accommodation during the writing period. Seed funding *will not be awarded* for salary costs or general conference attendance.

*Application deadline:* Continuous – decisions are made by the Geomedia management team at their regular meetings (approximately 3 times every semester).

*Who can apply?* Geomedia group members holding a PhD

*Maximum amount of funding:* 75,000 SEK

*Application format:* The applicant should specify in 1-2 pages what the grant will be used for and explain the overarching goals of the research activity. It should also be stated how the activity will lead to further research funding, preferably indicating planned sources of future funding. The application should be accompanied by a budget, including a statement of whether/how the grant will be combined with other sources of funding.

*Evaluation criteria:* Priority will be given to activities that show good potential to generate new applications and sustain interdisciplinary and/or inter-/national collaboration within the subject areas of Geomedia (see [www.kau.se/en/geomedia/about-geomedia/geomedia](http://www.kau.se/en/geomedia/about-geomedia/geomedia)).

*Send your application to:* [andre.jansson@kau.se](mailto:andre.jansson@kau.se)