

Application for travel and research activity funding for UID staff

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Applications are sent by e-mail to the UID Research Council, through [helena.moliis@dh.umu.se](mailto:helena.moliis@dh.umu.se)

Applications for funding can be handed in three times a year (suggested dates: 15 September, 15 January and 15 May). In certain circumstances, applications can be handed in also at other times.

**Name:** Åsa Ståhl

**Employment title:** Postdoc

**Purpose of travel or research activity**

*For conference related application, please state form of participation/activity and attach eventual conference programme and/or letter of acceptance or invitation. For other activities, please state how these are related to your research.*

Participate in a one-day workshop dedicated to work that pushes the boundaries of maintenance and repair. The workshop is held as a pre-workshop to the 4S conference in Denver, Colorado, USA (<http://www.4sonline.org/meeting>). The Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) is a scholarly society founded in 1975 with an international membership of over 1200. Its main purpose is to bring together those interested in understanding science, technology, and medicine, including the way they develop and interact with their social contexts. This year has a new meeting format, which is called "Making and Doing", which is promising for our discipline.

The pre-conference workshop is organised by Lara Houston and Steven Jackson at Cornell University and Daniel Rosner at the University of Washington. The aim of the pre-conference workshop is to produce a special issue of *Limn*, a critically engaged, public facing and design conscious venue dedicated to exploration, provocation, and new scholarly expression around issues of contemporary importance (for more on *Limn* and examples of past issues, see: <http://limn.it>).

**Please state how feed-back from the travel/activity will be shared at UID**

Since we are a couple of people from UID who plan to visit 4S we plan to use one research seminar to share and discuss our experiences from the conference.

The special issue for *Limn* is also of concern to the wider faculty and will be circulated. It could be turned into a Wednesday lecture.

**Sum applied for:** Conference fee and accomodation

**Specification of costs / person:**

Conference fee:	\$370	3 289 SEK
Members fee:	\$45	400 SEK
Accommodation:	\$1800	16 000 SEK
<b>Total, approx:</b>		<b>20 000 SEK</b>

**Applications from other sources of funding:**

We have already received a travel grant from Digital Information Technologies Program at the Sloan Foundation, managed by the partners at the University of Washington that will cover flight tickets.

*Please state other funding bodies you have sent applications to, and also any granted funding already received or decided upon from these. Please also state if funding has been denied, or if your application is not yet processed.*

**Possibility to use PhD student expense account or external project funding:**

Not applicable.

**Motivation for application to UID (in relation to other possible sources)**

We already have funding for the travel and hope to be able to get support for accommodation and conference fee from UID. Other funding bodies that give support to travels to conferences and alike are Wallenbergs resemedel. They do however not support funding for housing which we are in need of in this case.

**Eventual additional information:**

This pre-conference workshop forms part of a network that deals with mending, repair, waste, the becoming of obsolescence and relational brokenness that we have actively taken part in since 2012. Several workshops, symposia and conferences over the years have been very generative. This workshop however could rather be called *writeshop* since it is characterised by the focus on writing for the special issue of *Limn*. We have previously published on this (see Ståhl et al 2014 - can be retrieved from: [https://dspace.mah.se/bitstream/handle/2043/18676/Stahl%20Lindstrom%20Snodgras%20%20Staying%20with,%20working%20through%20and%20performing%20obsolescence\\_140311.pdf?sequence=3](https://dspace.mah.se/bitstream/handle/2043/18676/Stahl%20Lindstrom%20Snodgras%20%20Staying%20with,%20working%20through%20and%20performing%20obsolescence_140311.pdf?sequence=3)) but to be able to discuss in this partly new setting, with new participants, write for and publish in this special issue would make our writing come out in a very special setting.

The contribution to *Limn* would also be valid in the process of transformation that the UID is going through where designerly responses to major complexities and uncertainties are of everyone's concern. Therefore we also hope that the special issue of *Limn* could be made to circulate more widely amongst UID colleagues and students.