



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Project period 2017-2019

**STERF (Scandinavian Turfgrass and Environment Research Foundation) is an independent research foundation that supports existing and future R&D efforts and delivers 'ready-to-use' research results that benefit the golf and turfgrass sector. STERF was set up in 2006 by the golf federations in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland and the Nordic Greenkeepers' Associations. STERF's vision and strategic objectives can be found in 'Guide for applicants' at [www.sterf.org](http://www.sterf.org).**

### Challenges and programs

Over the next decade, the golf and turfgrass industry faces a number of major challenges, including providing a high quality arena for golf and other sports, and at the same time responding to increased environmental regulation, rising pressure on natural resources (notably water, energy and land), and rising operating costs of key inputs including labour, energy, water and fertilizers. The challenges also include the emerging role of turf management in supporting ecosystem services and enhancing biodiversity, the continued need to promote integrated pest management, and the challenges posed by a suboptimal and changing climate,

The challenges need concerted and collective solutions, underpinned by robust, applied science. To meet the challenges

the sector has to face STERF has created four international and trans-disciplinary R&D sub-programs, including:

- Integrated pest management;
- Sustainable water management;
- Turfgrass winter stress management, and;
- Multifunctional use of golf facilities and ecosystem services

In the present call for proposals, STERF has decided to prioritize research and development within the four R&D sub-programmes.

STERF R&D programmes can be found on [www.sterf.org](http://www.sterf.org)

### Guide for applicants

STERF has reserved about 2 million SEK per year for, 2017, 2018 and 2019 for new ordinary research projects, and about 100.000 SEK for new large scale trials / demonstrations on golf courses.

Instructions for those wishing to apply for funding for research projects from STERF can be found in the "Guide for applicants" at [www.sterf.org](http://www.sterf.org) The "Guide for applicants" also describes how applications for project funding are assessed by STERF.



## Deadline

Deadline for application: December 12th 2016.

Agreement for approved project will be written for one to three years, however continuation of the project will be determined annually based on status reports delivered to STERF.

Decisions on funding can be expected approximately by March 15th, 2017.

### **The proposals should be sent as a PDF-file to:**

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