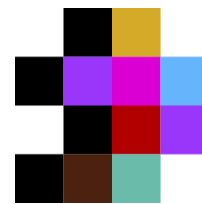




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Call for applications: CDHU Pilot Project Support 2026- 2027



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The Centre for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences (CDHU) is pleased to announce a 6th call for applications for **Pilot Project Support**, an initiative that commences during the autumn semester 2026. The call provides technical and methodological support, and computational resources for research projects in the humanities and social sciences. **Pilot Project Support** is a recurring and periodical initiative connected to the research development and support that CDHU provides to The Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences.

For information on previous pilot projects (2021–2025), please consult the CDHU web site ([here](#)).

Pilot Project Support is open to all researchers and staff in the humanities and social sciences at Uppsala University. The purpose is to support the digital implementation of research projects. Applications may concern new ideas or be spin-offs of existing projects, and should be clearly delimited in scope. Project proposals that can demonstrate concrete outcomes or importance and reusability are especially **welcome**, for example those aimed at larger external applications.

Pilot projects that are granted support will have access to: (1) implementation support in terms of human resources (research engineer time – including support and advice with methods, tools, and data processing); and (2) computational resources that are required to achieve the project's goals. Before implementation CDHU staff will also help developing the design of the project in collaboration with the PI.

Please note that after a pilot has ended, the applicant will need to take responsibility for long term solutions for resulting data and/or live services.

In order to apply for **Pilot Project Support** should have employment at Uppsala University (PhD students can apply too with supervisor's permission). The following need to be submitted:

- A **project plan** written in English of a maximum of 1500 words. This should include:
 - Overall aims and purpose
 - Primary sources/datasets
 - Possible methods and tools

- How you plan to disseminate the results of the pilot project and to what audience
- The afterlife of your pilot project (e.g. research application).
- A filled-in form (see below) describing the data concerning your proposed project.
- A short **CV** (max 1 page) for each applicant.
- If the project relates to or builds upon an already existing project, please also provide a short summary (250 words) of that project, and attach the project application (if available).

If possible, the project plan should also describe any infrastructural relevance the project has, and how it may be generative and reusable in a broader context. When relevant/possible, also include estimated storage and computational needs (specified in GB/TB and CPU/GPU needs). If the pilot is part of a plan to apply for external funding at a later stage, please state so and include the funding body/ies where you plan to apply, the timeline for this and whether you plan to involve CDHU in the project.

If you are a **PhD student**, please ensure your supervisor is aware and has given you permission to apply.

The application's quality is assessed in terms of (1) feasibility and (2) infrastructural relevance and reusability by CDHU's management in consultation with the centre's research engineers.

In the 2026 round of pilots the following will be prioritised:

- Projects that present a plan for seeking further funding based on the pilot results.
- Projects that have a clearly defined prototype as an outcome and a plan for how this prototype can be used to support publications and/or in further research/applications.
- Projects that are clearly defined and that we assess could be implemented in no more than 1–2 months' time (1 engineer working full time)—although smaller or larger projects may also be accepted.

Persons who received pilot project support in the previous year (2025-2026) are not eligible to apply again in this round.

Prior to sending in the **Pilot Project Support** application *please ensure that your head of department is informed and in agreement.*

Please submit your application and fill in the form describing your data through the following link: <https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/8907264>. **Deadline is 15 September 2026.** If you have questions regarding the call, please check the FAQ below and then direct further questions to the CDHU research coordinator via cdhu-abm@uu.se

FAQ

■ **Q:** *Can I write the application in Swedish?*

A: Unfortunately not, since the working language of several of our research engineers is English.

■ **Q:** *Do I need to have a permanent position at UU to apply?*

A: No, but you need to be employed at UU.

■ **Q:** *Do I need to make a budget?*

A: No, you apply for a technical/methodological need, and then we help you with that need.

■ **Q:** *Can I apply for salary for myself or others, including for technical support?*

A: No, that is unfortunately not possible. Should your application be successful we assign a research engineer that is placed within the centre.

■ **Q:** *What kind of technical competencies are available?*

A: Current options include a wide range of computational expertise, such as computer vision, image processing, Natural Language Processing, data science, database and information systems, GIS and other visualisation expertise.

■ **Q:** *Can I include scholars from other universities?*

A: Yes, that is possible as long as the main applicant and the pilot as such is anchored at Uppsala.

■ **Q:** *When will the next call (following this one) be out?*

A: In early June 2026 with a deadline in mid-september.

■ **Q:** *Do I need to make a time plan?*

A: Not as part of your proposal, but when your pilot is accepted you will need to make a time plan together with the involved CDHU engineer(s). Most projects are expected to start in the fall, and all projects need to be finished before the next call is out.

■ **Q:** *What does “infrastructural relevance and reusability” mean?*

A: It means possible benefits of pilots, beyond the individual project (e.g. a database open to other scholars, development of a tool that can be helpful to others)

■ **Q:** I am eager to apply but I am not sure about how to structure my idea nor about the possible methods and tools?

A: Please make contact! You can book an appointment for a consultation at cdhu-abm@uu.se