

digital futures

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

A big thank you to each of you for contributing to making Digital Futures a stand-out research space in Europe for the sciences of digital transformation. We are now a vibrant community across academic disciplines, industrial sectors, and public organizations, with teams engaging in hundreds of projects and activities.

I want to pause for a moment to contemplate some key achievements in 2023 and offer a glimpse into the forthcoming activities planned for an exciting 2024.

Digital Futures has enhanced its international presence and expanded its collaborative efforts globally. [A cooperation with UC Berkeley](#) has been signed. Within this framework, our Summer Research Internships Programme will be expanded starting next year with undergraduate students coming from and going to Berkeley.

Collaboration has also been initiated between Digital Futures and the Institute for Control, Optimization, and Networks (ICON) at [Purdue University](#) with strong support from our industrial partner, Saab.

Together with the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Automation in Switzerland and [Einstein Center Digital Future](#) in Berlin, two of our sister centres, we are establishing a European network on diversity and inclusion, creating a hub for representation and ethical decision-making in AI.

[Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet](#), visited Sweden and KTH in May and had breakfast at Sager Palace with a Digital Futures PhD student and postdoc, along with the Swedish Prime Minister, to discuss trustworthy AI.

During [Open Research Days in April](#), we welcomed our new partners AstraZeneca, Saab and Xylem to Digital Futures, and they are already fully engaged in several projects and activities.

Our annual flagship conference, [Digitalize in Stockholm](#), hosted on October 18-19 at Aula Medica, explored the timely dimensions of *Collaboration and Conflict* in the digital transformation of society. Drawing together international keynote speakers, industry leaders, academics, and societal stakeholders, the event provided insight into the European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles and the US Presidential initiative on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy AI, among many other things. All insightful keynote talks and panel discussions are available on the Digital Futures YouTube playlist ["Digitalize in Stockholm 2023"](#).

We've got a lot in store for 2024 – a Digital Futures Young Scientist Conference organized by students and postdocs, the arrival of several new international research scholars, matchmaking workshops for researchers and stakeholders, international conferences, focus periods for international research leaders, and a summer internship program for undergraduate students offering insights into digitalization and the life of a researcher – and of course many new research projects.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our [operations team](#): Anna, Claudia, Johanna, Silvia, Ulrika, and Vendela. Your exceptional efforts in steering Digital Futures and cultivating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for everyone are truly commendable.

As we approach the holiday season, I extend wishes for joy and safety, and may the upcoming year, 2024, bring nothing but wonderful experiences for all.

Karl H Johansson, Director Digital Futures

[Season's Greetings...](#)

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Future Digileaders Event: Nurturing Leadership in the Digital Age

The Future Digileaders event, held on 17 October as part of the annual Digitalize in Stockholm conference, was a great success, providing participants with valuable insights into leadership in the digital era, diversity and inclusion, and the latest advancements in digitalization research.

"Future Digileaders met and exceeded our expectations, leaving participants with enriched perspectives, valuable connections, and a renewed sense of purpose in their leadership journeys," says Qianwen Xu, Associate Professor at KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Chair of the Program Committee for Future Digileaders.

[Future Digileaders Event: Nurturing Leadership in the Digital Age...](#)

Open Calls



REMINDER! Call for Abstract – Digital Futures Young Scientist Conference – DEADLINE 5 January 2024

Digital Futures is thrilled to introduce its inaugural Digital Futures Young Scientist Conference! The conference is exclusively designed for PhD students and postdocs collaborating with Digital Futures affiliated faculty, providing a unique platform to share your cutting-edge research, innovative ideas, and groundbreaking solutions in the dynamic digital transformation landscape.

All Digital Futures PhD students and postdocs are welcome and encouraged to submit their abstracts. **Submission Deadline:** 5 January 2024

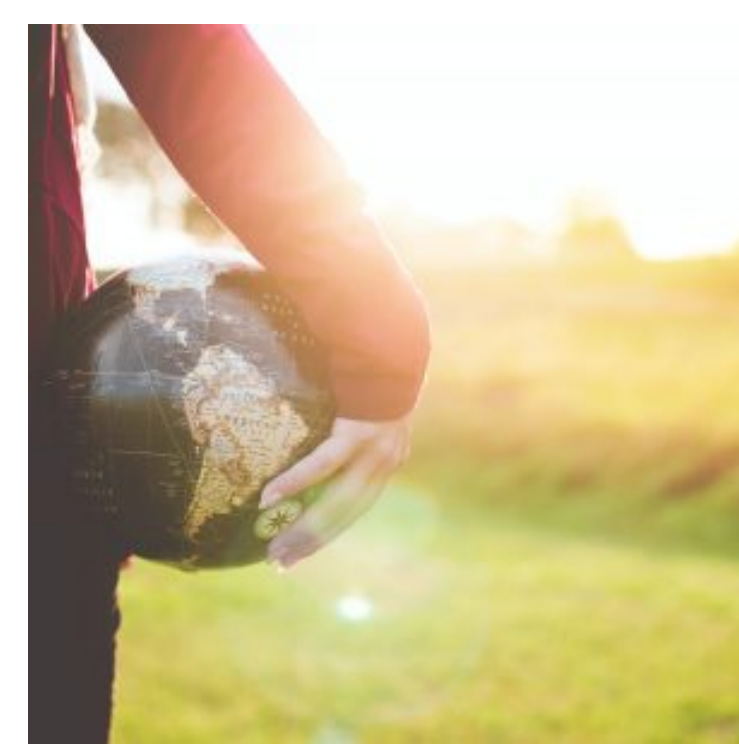
[More information on the Digital Futures Young Scientist Conference website](#)



Call for Papers for the ICT4S 2024 conference is open!

The conference aims to create discussion and movement towards fundamental change in ICT systems among researchers focusing on ICT effects on sustainability and developers of sustainable ICT systems or applications. **Submission deadline:** 26 January, 2024

[Find out more on ICT4S 2024 Call for papers](#)

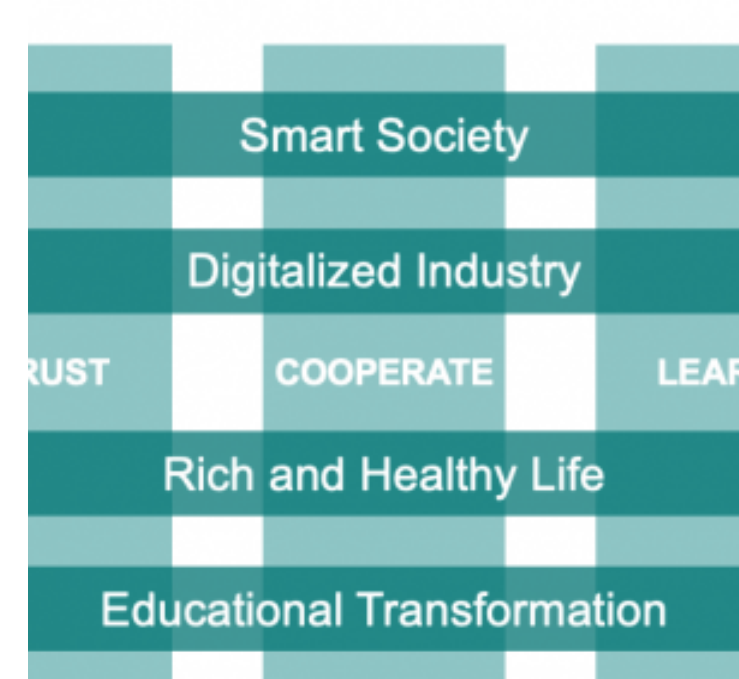


Open call: Scholar-in-Residence programme

Providing scholars at non-Swedish universities with financial support to enable short and longer-term visits to Digital Futures. How this time away from a home institution is used is flexible and for the scholar-in-residence to decide. Applications are possible every three months.

Next deadline: 4 March 2024

[Scholar-in-Residence programme](#)



Digital Futures Strategic Research Matrix

Open call: ISPP Mobility Grants

ISPP (Industrial and Societal Partnership Program) Mobility Grants are targeted at preparing/initiating new interactions between Digital Futures faculty and representatives of ISPP members. Applications are possible every three months.

Next deadline: 15 March 2024

[Open call: ISPP Mobility Grants](#)

Digital Futures seminars & workshops

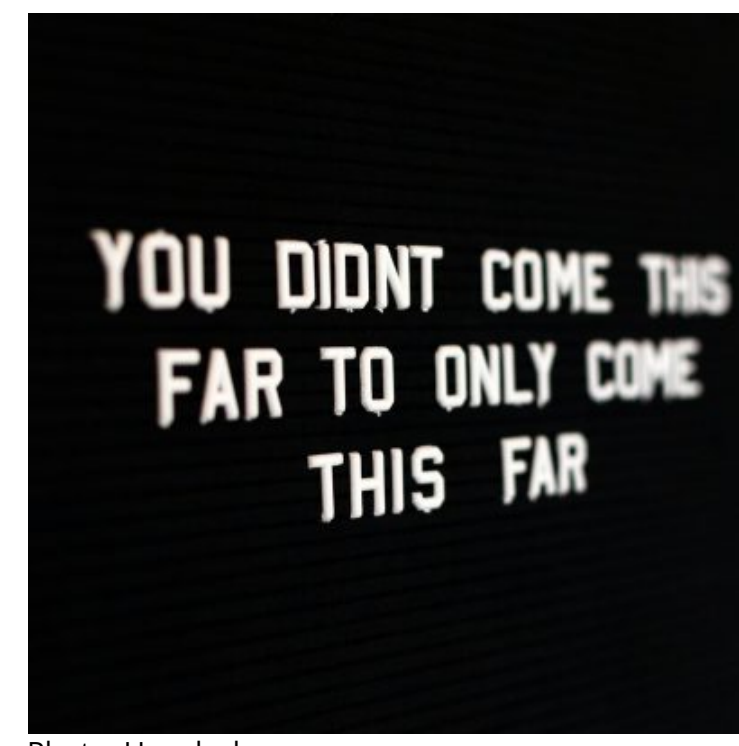


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Digital Futures Career Development Session

When: 17 January 2024, 14:00-17:00
Where: Digital Futures hub OR Zoom
For postdocs who are interested in learning more about applying for an assistant professor position. The seminar will include discussions with a panel of Digital Futures senior academics. REGISTRATION is open!

[Program and registration for Career Development Session](#)



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Workshop on Digital Solutions for Animal Science

When: 7 February 2024, 10:00-15:00
Where: Digital Futures hub
Interdisciplinary workshop, bringing together researchers in animal sciences from SLU and researchers in digitalization at KTH, Stockholm University and RISE.
Organizer: Hedvig Kjellström, Professor at KTH, Guest Professor at SLU, and Digital Futures Faculty.

[Workshop on Digital Solutions for Animal Science](#)

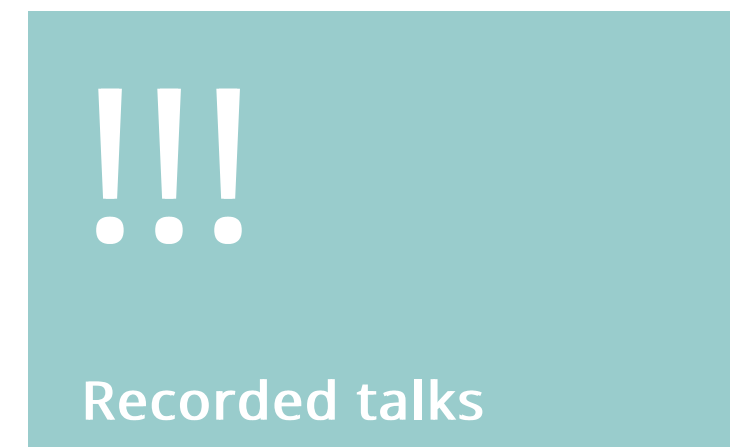


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Digital Futures Faculty Lunch on 14 Feb, 2024

When: 14 Feb 2024, 12:00-13:00 CET
Where: Digital Futures hub
Registration is open for Digital Futures Faculty members only.
Digital Futures Faculty lunch is a great time to get together, enjoy a nice lunch, network and find out what's happening in the community...

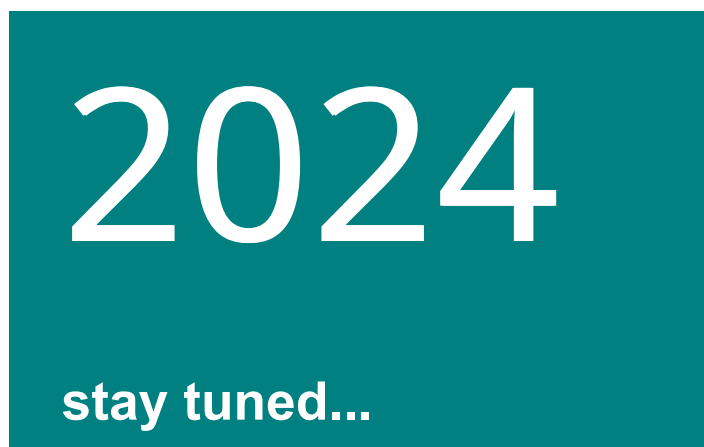
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Distinguished lectures, Curtain talks, Fly High and Dive Deep lunch seminars... Look forward to many more exciting seminars, workshops and distinguished guest speakers during 2024.

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