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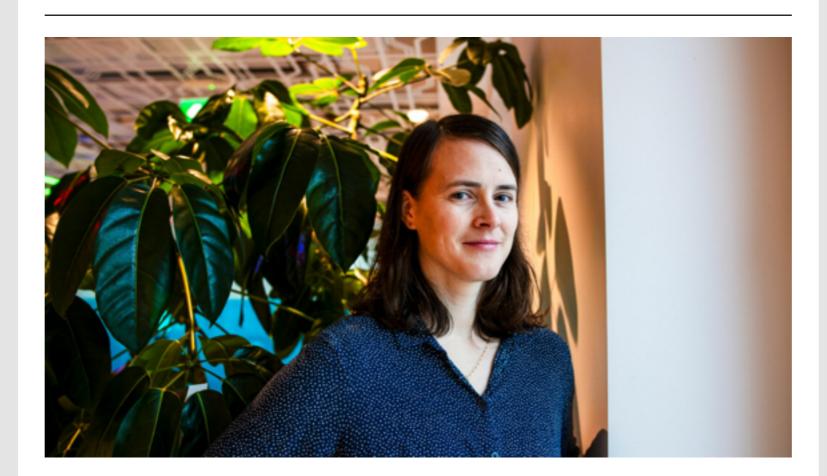


Reimagining Digital Futures through a Feminist Lens: Inside the FemTech and **Feminist Tech Focus Period**

In May and early June 2025, the five-week Digital Futures FemTech and Feminist Tech focus period unfolded at Digital Futures in Stockholm, offering an expansive and critical exploration of what digitalisation might look like if designed centered on feminist values – a perspective that embraces care, difference, and social responsibility at its core.

This initiative gathered a vibrant, diverse and excellent group of over 60 researchers, practitioners, and artists to challenge assumptions embedded in the design of digital systems, with a central aim to interrogate how gendered perspectives-and feminist and intersectional frameworks—can generate not only fairer but also more innovative and inclusive technologies...

FemTech and Feminist Tech Focus Period



The hidden climate cost of AI and Internet use

The rapid growth of AI and internet usage is contributing significantly to increased energy consumption and environmental impact.

Anna Furberg, a researcher at KTH and affiliated with Digital Futures, was recently interviewed by both Ingenjören and Läget (a youthfocused web magazine from Stockholm University) about these issues. In Ingenjören, she discussed how AI requires large amounts of electricity – often significantly more than traditional internet services like search engines – and warned that without responsible management, AI could worsen climate challenges...





Digital Futures Summer Research Internship (SRI) Program 2025: A **Launchpad for Future Researchers**

The Digital Futures Summer Research Internship (SRI) is an exciting initiative aimed at offering undergraduate and master's students from KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm University a handson introduction to academic research. Designed specifically for students nominated by Digital Futures faculty, this program fosters the development of critical research skills, collaboration, and academic growth within a high-impact, interdisciplinary, and increasingly international environment.

In addition to the core research and training agenda, the program features several optional activities aimed at broadening participants' professional and cultural horizons.

On 13 June, during a scheduled tour of AstraZeneca, students learned more about the digitalization journey of the Operations Unit in Södertälje. Here they gained valuable insights into how digital technologies are reshaping the pharmaceutical industry...

SRI Program 2025: A Launchpad for Future Researchers



AI with a Purpose: AymurAI Supports Justice for Women and LGBTI People in Latin America

A groundbreaking AI initiative is making a real-world impact in Latin America's justice systems. Ivana Feldfeber, CEO and co-founder of Argentina-based DataGénero, presented the AymurAI tool during the Digital Futures FemTech and Feminist Tech focus period at KTH (May 12-June 13, 2025).

AymurAI is an AI-powered app that helps criminal courts better understand and respond to gender-based violence. It was developed in collaboration with Buenos Aires' Criminal Court No. 10, using open justice data while ensuring no sensitive information leaves the court system or touches the internet...

AI with a Purpose: AymurAI

Open calls

Digital Futures provides funding for research projects that drive innovation and create impact. More on upcoming calls here!



Open call for Participation: Future Digileaders 10-12 November 2025

Future Digileaders is an event held in Stockholm, Sweden, for selected early-career researchers interested in the broad area of digitalization. The event includes a career workshop featuring talks, panels, and discussions. It focuses on career development, offers opportunities to meet inspiring role models, and encourages networking among participants.

Application deadline is 4 September 2025 AoE.

This year's **Future Digileaders program** includes:

- A mingling event on 10 November 2025
- Poster presentations at the Digitalize in Stockholm conference on 11 November 2025
- An onsite workshop at the Digital Futures hub on 12 November 2025

Link to the Open Call for Future Digileaders 2025

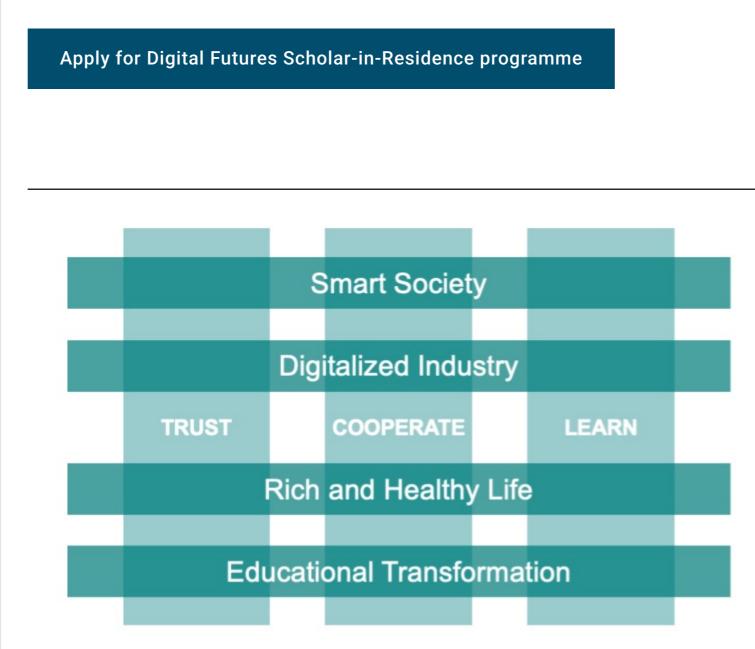


Open call: Digital Futures Scholar-in-Residence programme

The programme aims to provide established research leading scholars at non-Swedish universities with financial support to enable short and longer-term visits to the Digital Futures environment.

Find out more about our visiting scholars here!

This is a reoccurring call with applications every three months. **Next** deadline is 15 September!



Open call: Flagship Projects

The Flagship project call is a funding instrument designed to support excellent scientific research and build competence and broad expertise towards digital transformation. Project proposals should be of the highest scientific quality and show originality, high impact, and an interdisciplinary approach. This instrument also aims to encourage collaboration between senior and early-career researchers to ensure the future need for researchers in the sciences of digital transformation. Collaboration with industry and society is encouraged.

Project Proposal Registration: 8 October 2025

Proposal Submission Deadline: 15 October 2025

Open call for Flagship Projects

Key events in 2025

Interested in exciting seminars, workshops and distinguished guest speakers? Check out Digital Futures event calendar!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN - sign up now for Digitalize in Sthlm 2025

The Theme: AI EVERYWHERE -Exploring the Challenges, Risks, and Opportunities of Autonomous Systems

Get ready to be inspired! Join us for Digitalize in Stockholm 2025, a premier annual conference that brings together global thought leaders, emerging talents, and innovators from academia, industry, government, and civil society. **When:** 11 November 2025, 09:00-17:00 followed by mingle



Sthlm website

Where: Onsite at Münchenbryggeriet, Stockholm

Attendance is free of charge.

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