

# digital futures

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## Digital Futures welcomes new Executive Director

At Digital Futures, we are proud to announce Annika Szabo Portela as our new Executive Director.

"We are delighted to welcome Annika as Executive Director. Her international experience and proven ability to connect diverse stakeholders will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen Digital Futures' role as Sweden's leading research centre in digital transformation," says Karl H. Johansson, Director of Digital Futures...

Annika Szabo Portela - new Executive Director



## Honorable Mention for Paper on Intimate Technologies

A team of researchers, including Digital Futures postdoctoral researcher Alejandra Gómez Ortega, received an Honorable Mention Award at the ACM Designing Interactive Systems (DIS) Conference 2025, held in Portugal this July.

The award recognizes the paper "Designing for Secondary Users of Intimate Technologies", co-authored by Alejandra Gómez Ortega, Joo Young Park, Deepika Yadav, Madeline Balaam, Nadia Campo Woytuk, Anupriya Tuli, Marianela Ciolli Felice, and Airi Lampinen...

Awarded paper: Designing for Secondary Users of Intimate Technologies



## Digital Futures Summer Research Internship 2025 concluded with poster session

The Digital Futures Summer Research Internship (SRI) 2025, which ran for eight weeks from June to July, concluded on August 26 with a well-attended poster session. Throughout the summer, students from KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm University had the opportunity to develop their research skills and work closely with researchers affiliated with Digital Futures.

At the final session, students presented the results of their projects through a total of 63 posters, divided into two sessions. The audience voted for the best poster in each group...

And the winners of the SRI poster session are...



## How AI affects the energy demand of a Google search

In a broadcast segment on AI and environmental impact on SVT Rapport, Anna Furberg, researcher at KTH and affiliated with Digital Futures, was interviewed on the subject.

Anna Furberg was also interviewed on TV4 Nyhetsmorgon about AI and the situation in Dublin, where data centers account for more than half of electricity consumption...

High energy demand of AI

## 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](#)



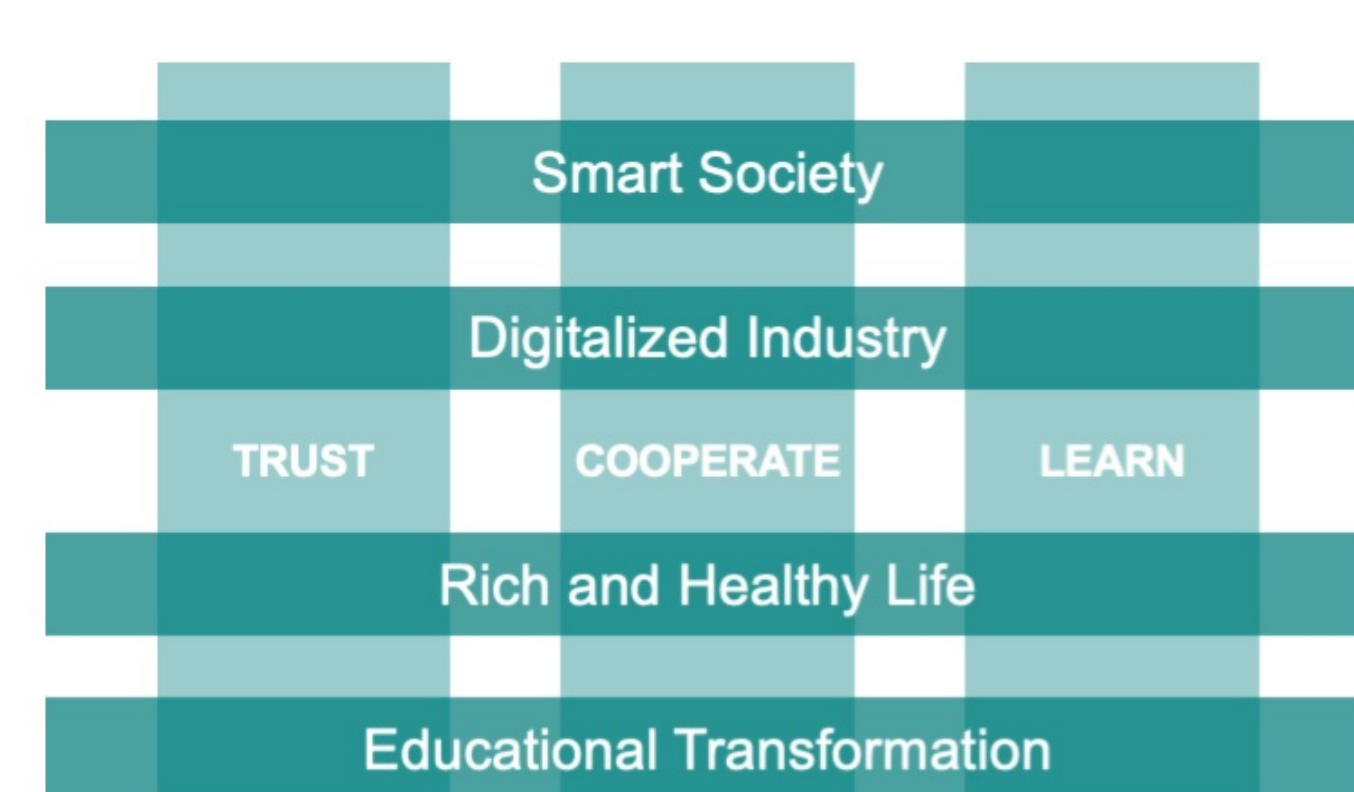
## Open call: Digital Futures Scholar-in-Residence programme

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!**

[Apply for Digital Futures Scholar-in-Residence programme](#)



## 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

**Project 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

**Where:** Onsite at Münchenbryggeriet, Stockholm

**Attendance is free of charge.**

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November

[More information on Digitalize in Sthlm website](#)

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