

digital futures

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French–Swedish Workshop on AI: Strengthening Cross-Border Collaboration for the Future of Artificial Intelligence

The French–Swedish Workshop on AI, held on 16–17 October 2025 at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, brought together world-leading researchers, industry innovators, and policymakers to deepen collaboration between France and Sweden in artificial intelligence.

Co-organized by KTH / Digital Futures and the Embassy of France to Sweden, the two-day event marked a major milestone in fostering strategic alignment between the French and Swedish AI ecosystems...

[French–Swedish Workshop on AI](#)



Nobel Calling: Discovering how the digital society of the future is being shaped at Digital Futures

On 8 October 2025, the Digital Futures hub opened its doors for Nobel Calling Stockholm, welcoming curious minds to explore how cutting-edge research is shaping tomorrow's digital society.

Throughout the day, the vibrant space at Osquars Backe 5 buzzed with energy – from morning visits by two school classes to an afternoon session for the general public that gathered more than 60 participants...

[Nobel Calling at Digital Futures](#)



Digital Futures researcher honored with GSA International Distinguished Career Award

Digital Futures is proud to share that Professor Prosun Bhattacharya, one of our faculty members, is receiving the Geological Society of America (GSA) International Distinguished Career Award at the GSA Connects 2025 meeting on 19 October, in San Antonio, Texas.

KTH President Anders Söderholm highlights the broader significance of the award: "This honour reflects his decades of leadership in groundwater science and commitment to translating research into public-health impact across continents. Bhattacharya exemplifies the international collaboration and societal relevance that KTH values."

[Prosun Bhattacharya honored with GSA Award](#)



Shaping the next five years: Annika Szabo Portela on leading Digital Futures

Digital Futures marks its fifth anniversary this October – five years since its inauguration on 1 October 2020. Over this short but impactful period, the research centre has grown into a vibrant hub where academia, industry, and the public sector come together to shape a sustainable digital future. As Digital Futures enters its next chapter, we spoke with Annika Szabo Portela, the newly appointed Executive Director.

In this interview, she reflects on her first impressions, shares her vision for the future, and discusses how collaboration and responsible innovation will drive the next five years of Digital Futures...

[Shaping the next five years](#)



Sacha Baclet wins “Best Young Researcher Elevator Pitch” award at EU Forum in Brussels

KTH young researcher Sacha Baclet has been awarded the prize for “Best Young Researcher Elevator Pitch” at the EARPA Future of Road Mobility Forum, held in Brussels on 30 September – 1 October 2025. The event gathered leading European experts and institutions to discuss the future of sustainable mobility, where KTH represented its membership in EARPA.

The presentation drew upon results from projects funded by Digital Futures, KTH–City of Stockholm collaborations...

[Best Young Researcher Elevator Pitch](#)



Over 700 registered for Digitalize in Sthlm - few seats left - hurry up!

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, 09:00–17:40 followed by mingle

Where: Onsite at Münchenbryggeriet, Stockholm

Attendance is free of charge. Hurry up and register if you want a seat!

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

Open calls

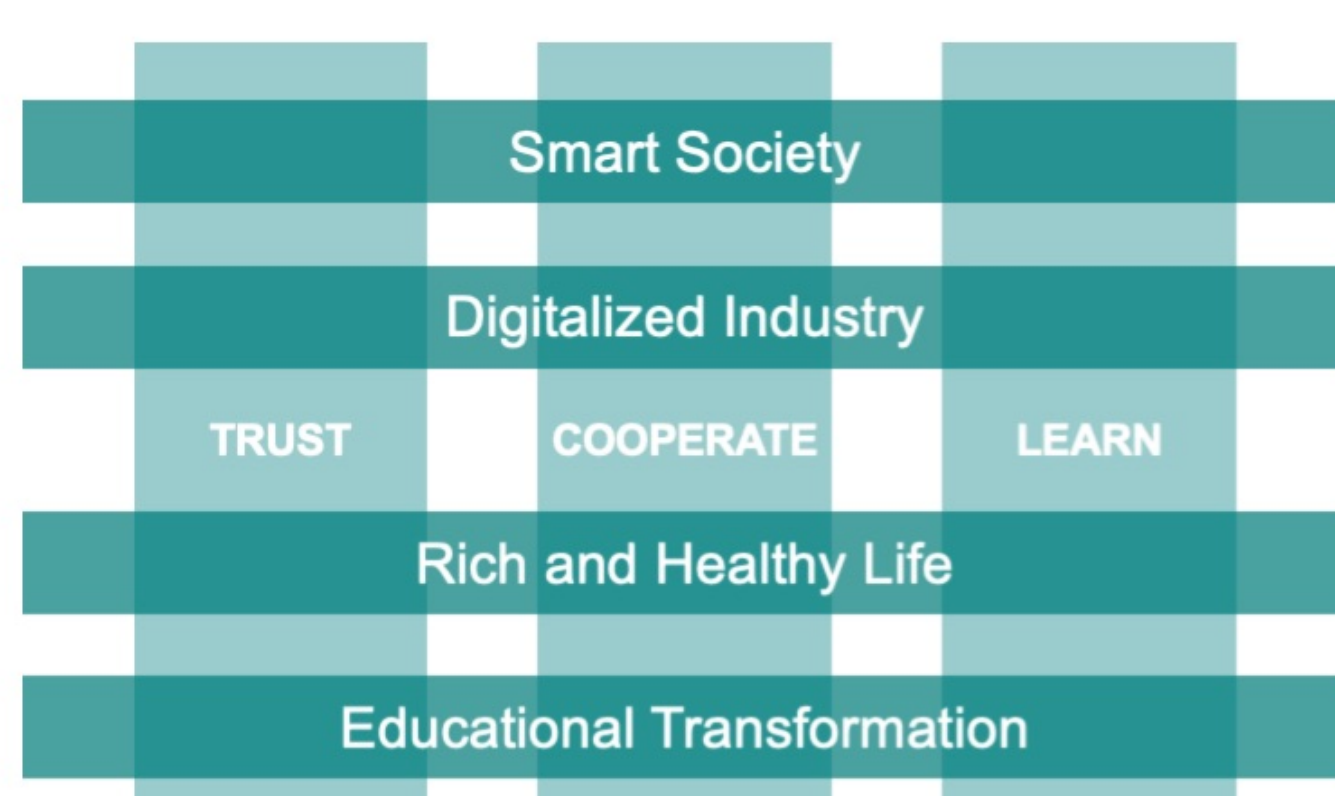
Digital Futures provides funding for research projects that drive innovation and create impact. [More on upcoming calls here!](#)



Open calls for Mobility

- **Open call:** Scholar-in-Residence programme. Deadline 10 November 2025.
- **Open call:** Digital Futures 2026 Summer Early Career programme – SEC programme. Deadline 25 November 2025.
- **Call for nominations:** KTH–UC Berkeley Summer Research Exchange Programme. Deadline 1 December 2025.

[Open calls for mobility](#)



More Open calls!

- **Open call:** ISPP Postdoc Projects. Deadline 1 December 2025
- **Open call:** Societal Innovation Projects. Deadline 1 December 2025
- **Open call:** Industrial Innovation Projects. Deadline 1 December 2025
- **Open call:** ISPP Mobility Grants. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- **Open call:** For Support Funding for ERC grants. Reoccurring call until 10 granted applications.

[All Open Calls announced by Digital Futures](#)

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