

NAVET

A hub to navigate to unexplored regions between art, technology, and design.

CALL FOR THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS (TWGs)

Call 2 - 2025: Reserved for researchers working at one of NAVET's partners

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<http://kth.se/navet/research>

BACKGROUND

NAVET is a center with the overarching goal of becoming a meeting place for research and projects in the intersection of art, technology, and design, with the purpose of facilitating and creating opportunities for exchange and research collaboration among artists, designers, engineers, humanists, natural, and social scientists. A central task for the centre is to support the subject area art, technology, and design as a field of research, as well as develop knowledge of cross-cultural management in order to facilitate the inter- and transdisciplinary culture that the centre seeks to establish.

NAVET brings together a group of internationally leading researchers and institutions located in Stockholm, with the aim of consolidating and strengthening the national and international research profile of the partners in the intersection of art, technology, and design.

This entails research and infrastructure collaboration with the different institutions. The constellation is unique in that the network covers, among others, the fields of engineering, design, music, choreography, film and media, opera, and performing arts.

NAVET promotes Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). Examples of themes could be related to "AI and the arts", "Virtual/augmented/extended reality", "Sound and light", "Material culture", "Participatory and performative practices", "Narrative strategies".

OBJECTIVES OF THE TWGs

Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) are aimed at strengthening the existing networks between the NAVET partner institutions. TWGs will contribute to the development of NAVET and the wider field of research and artistic practices by applying for new research projects and by sharing knowledge through the organization of activities such as workshops, seminars, and exhibitions.

TOPICS

Emphasis is on activities that will contribute to the research in one or more areas promoted by the NAVET partner institutions and that lie in the intersection between their specific profile areas. The applicants should, at the moment of the submission, specify which of the NAVET partner institutions (preferably all, but at least two) will be involved in the proposed project. They should furthermore show clearly in their applications how the planned activities and the selection of institutions will contribute to this aim. This can be by pointing to the particular competencies represented by the members, but also what needs the group envisions they will have.

THE APPLICANTS

The selection of the successful applications is the responsibility of the NAVET board. The applicants should normally be engaged in a programme of research as a postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow or be employed in a NAVET partner institution, but advanced-level students may be members of the group in cases where this is motivated by the project.

DURATION

The NAVET center will support the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) for a maximum duration corresponding to that of the NAVET center (December 31, 2027). A TWG is envisioned to have a long-term scope and is encouraged to exist beyond the current last date of NAVET.

ACTIVITIES

The list of activities for a successful working group can include:

- Regular meetings throughout the year
- Organizing at least one workshop, symposium, seminar, or similar event per year

- Contributing to the realization of the NAVET Week (week 50 every year)
- Applying for external research funds
- Applying for internal research funds (NAVET Small Visionary Projects)

FINANCE

NAVET will contribute to the funding of the activities listed in the Activities section above.

Each participant should contact their home institution and get approval for participating in a TWG before applying for it. The application needs to describe the distribution of work between the project participants and how their work is funded by each institution.

All costs for working time are to be covered by the home institution for each participant in the project. Regarding KKH, KMH, Konstfack, and SKH's participants: working time in TWG will be allocated within research time at the institution. Costs, for example, for travel, materials, and fees for invited guests at seminars, of a maximum amount of 50 000 sek for the entire duration of the TWG may be covered by NAVET.

APPLICATION

The applicants should apply online at the following link: <https://www.kth.se/form/navet-twg-call-ii>

DEADLINE

Applications for this call should be sent by November 21, 2025. Notifications of decisions will be sent by December 5, 2025. For this call, TWGs should start at the earliest January 1, 2026.

RULES FOR FUNDED TWGs

The funding of successful TWGs is subordinate to the following conditions:

1. During NAVET Week 2025 (December 8-12), the group will make a public 10-minute presentation of the TWG theme
2. Two months after the project start, the TWG will present a list of planned activities (at least for the first year) for NAVET partners. See activities listed above in the **Activities** section.