

Application guide supplement

Hans Wetterfors was a gifted photographer and wanted people to live in harmony with animals and our environment. His siblings created this foundation for two reasons:

They have close relatives and friends who suffered/are suffering from neurodegenerative illnesses and they see the need for research in order to: discover the illness earlier; better support the patient during all phases; make use of methods or medications that can stop or hinder the process.

The research/projects that the foundation supports should:

- **Promote scientific research to meet the medical and social needs of degenerative conditions such as ALS/MND, Alzheimer's disease, MSA, Parkinson's disease.**
- **Contribute to scientific research and/or projects to promote a future where people live in harmony with animals and nature.**

The scope is broad. All forms of research that contribute to the understanding of ALS/MND, Alzheimer's, MSA and Parkinson's, their prevention and treatment are of interest. All projects or research that promote harmony between people, animals and the environment are of interest.

In addition to the above, research into preventive methods against degenerative conditions such as ALS/MND, Alzheimer's, MSA and Parkinson's diseases could:

- Focus on the life situation, social contexts and recovery, eg. preventive and recovery efforts for those who are ill but also their whole context including carers of these persons.
- Research on quality of life and health linked to how people live in harmony with animals and nature.
- Develop and test new ways of organizing support and community for people with degenerative conditions.
- Investigate human relationships to nature and animals integrated into projects for health, recovery and preventive work.
- Define the role of culture (photography, storytelling, art, music, theatre) in healing from degenerative diseases and sustainable solutions for animals and nature.

Projects that promote a future where people live in harmony with animals and nature could be an investigation into:

- **Creative projects:** Artistic expressions that raise needs, create encounters and promote sustainability.
- **Joint activities:** A last nature trip together, family activities, walks in nature.
- **Neighborhood initiatives:** For example, a town or city project where neighbors help out when a partner can no longer cope, or for joint walks in the area.
- **Social structures:** Create systems where people can sign up and offer to (eg. loan a pet; help with cooking; provide company; take walks) – to counteract involuntary loneliness.

This is a new foundation and funds are still limited. Donations made to date have been between 50 000 and 300 000 SEK. The foundation can support research that is funded by several donors if the research meets the requirements of all donors, though funding cannot be negotiated or guaranteed in advance. It is of course impossible to indicate how many will apply or the chances of getting funds.

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