



Guest Scholarships for Advanced Academic Studies or Research in Sweden 2007/08

The Swedish Institute, a public agency for cultural and educational exchange with individuals and institutions abroad, hereby announces a number of GUEST SCHOLARSHIPS for the academic year 2007/2008 (September 2007 - May 2008). The scholarships are applied for in global competition and are open to foreign students/researchers who wish to come to Sweden as guest students and who do not intend to settle permanently in Sweden.

GENERAL CRITERIA

Citizenship

In principle, the Guest Scholarships are open for students from any part of the world except from the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). However, the Swedish Institute also administers a regional scholarship programmes, **the Visby Programme** (Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Northwest Russia - including Moscow - and Ukraine). Applicants from these regions should submit the application within this programme only.

There are no national quotas.

Age

There is no age limit.

Study level

The scholarships are intended for students at **advanced university level, for part of Ph.D. or post-doc studies** at any university or university college in Sweden or **for participation in a Master's Level Programme. There are no scholarships available for undergraduate studies.** The scholarships cannot be granted for a complete course of study leading to a Ph.D. degree.

Study period

The maximum scholarship period is three academic years but the scholarships are usually granted for one academic year (nine months) at a time. They can also be awarded for study periods of shorter duration. The scholarships are intended to finance a temporary stay in Sweden.

Fields of study

Scholarships are granted for studies within all subjects. There are no scholarships available for learning basic Swedish.

Languages

Good knowledge of English and/or Swedish is required.

Foreign students in Sweden

Students already studying in Sweden are eligible to apply provided that they are not permanent residents, nor holders of a Swedish work permit, and they may not have been living in Sweden for more than two years when the scholarship is due to begin. (*Not applicable for EU citizens.)

Scholarship conditions

At present, the scholarships amount to SEK 8,000 per month for graduate and research students and SEK 12,000 for holders of a Ph.D. degree. Each scholarship is designed to cover the living expenses of ONE person only. There are no grants of any kind for family members. Scholarship holders from developing countries will also receive a partial travel grant. The scholarship holder is insured by the Swedish Institute against illness and accident during the scholarship period.

HOW TO APPLY: ADVANCED UNIVERSITY LEVEL, PART OF PhD AND POST-DOC STUDIES

Letter of invitation

Prior to application, the applicant must establish contact with a Swedish university department willing to accept the applicant for the proposed studies. This contact can also be made through the professor or academic adviser at the applicant's home institution.

Apply on-line

Applications to the Guest Scholarship Programme can be made on-line through our website www.studyinsweden.se between **1 November 2006– 15 January 2007**.

Applications made after that date will not be considered.

The application must be completed in its entirety, and all documents mentioned in the information must be enclosed in the on-line application. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

The outcome of the applications will be announced to candidates in May/June 2007. Individual questions concerning the application procedure will not be answered.

HOW TO APPLY: MASTER'S LEVEL PROGRAMMES

Applications for a Master's Level Programme (listed in the Swedish Institute brochure "Master's Programmes Higher Education in Sweden" and also available on www.studyinsweden.se) should be sent directly to the university/university college in question.

Applicants for a Master's Level Programme should clearly indicate in their application to the Master's Level Programme whether they wish to be considered for a scholarship.

The university/university college will recommend a limited number of candidates for a Swedish Institute scholarship. The Swedish Institute will then make the final selection of candidates for a scholarship.

Please observe that applicants to a Master's Level Programme should not apply for a scholarship directly to the Swedish Institute. Applications sent to the Swedish Institute will not be considered.

All questions concerning the application procedure for the Master's Level Programme should be directed to the university/university college concerned.

The outcome of the applications will be announced to candidates in May/June 2007. Individual questions concerning the application procedure will not be answered.

For further and more updated information always visit our website www.studyinsweden.se.