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Prize for Internationalisation of Teaching and Learning at the Swedish Medical Faculties

A prize to award pedagogic development leading to internationalisation of higher education has been established by the medical faculties at University of Gothenburg, Linköping University, Lund University, Umeå University, Uppsala University, Örebro University and Karolinska Institutet. This prize has been established in light of the Swedish government's mission to universities and university colleges to carry out active internationalisation work.

The aim of the prize is to stimulate efforts and reward initiatives for increased focus on the internationalisation of first and second-cycle education, and to empower and acknowledge teaching staff in their efforts.

Internationalisation has been defined as *...the process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, function or performance of higher education*, (Knight 2009, 7).

Examples of initiatives for increased focus on the internationalisation of first and second-cycle education:

- Developing innovative teaching and learning materials for the international classroom
- Promoting student adaptation to the global labour market
- Developing courses/programs taught in English through Internationalisation of the curriculum
- Developing international virtual mobility and exchange through Internationalisation at Home
- Integrating international students in training programs / courses
- Fostering teaching experience abroad and integrating it in teaching at home
- Facilitating international collaborations / projects
- Embedding inter-professional education in international projects / training activities / courses
- Promoting student and / or teacher mobility

Guidelines

1. The prize is to reward innovative pedagogic development leading to the internationalisation of the curriculum (Leask, 2015).
2. Any pedagogical activity or initiative is legible for nomination, provided it has taken place within the last three (3) years of application.
3. The prize will be awarded for five years starting in 2017. Decisions on extension and /or revision of the prize can be made in conjunction with the Dean's Annual Conference of the medical faculties involved in May 2022.

4. Each participating institution will contribute with 15 000 SEK to the prize. Government funds cannot be used for funding the prize. The institution from where the prize winner(s) has been selected will send an invoice of 15 000 SEK to each of the participating medical faculties.
5. An article about the prize winner(s) and their awarded work should be written by a communication officer at the prize winner's institution. The article should be disseminated through appropriate channels and communicated to all faculties involved.

At University Level – Nominating Committees

1. All employees, affiliated and students at the participating institutions in Sweden are invited to nominate teachers or group of teachers within their institution.
2. An administrative coordinator should be appointed at each participating institution.
3. One of the appointed administrative coordinators should also be the administrative coordinator in the Central Prize Committee.
4. A local nominating committee should be established at each participating institution. The nominating committee should consist of at least three teacher representatives (including competencies in state-of-the-art international education development), at least one student representative and the administrative coordinator of the international office/equivalent. The committee members should have good knowledge of the strategic internationalization goals of the university. The members of the committee cannot submit a nomination.
5. Each nomination committee shall appoint a representative to the Central Prize Committee.
6. The nomination committee at each participating institution will designate its candidate for the prize. The proposals are presented to the Central Prize Committee, which will then decide on a winner.
7. The call for nominations should be announced at all participating universities simultaneously. Nominations shall be submitted in writing on an application form used at all participating universities.
8. The nominee should be affiliated to the university where the nomination has been done. If the nominee is not employed by the university, a certificate proving the nominee's teaching assignment at that university should be included.

At Collaboration Level - Central Prize Committee

1. The Central Prize Committee consists of one representative from each participating university's nominating committee. The Central Prize Committee selects a prize winner from the nominees put forward by the participating universities.
2. The formal decision of the prize winner is taken at the Dean's Annual Conference in May. The decision cannot be appealed.

Timetable for the Call and for Decisions

Date 2017	Activity
1 February – 15 March	Call for nominations
7 April	Decisions taken by local the local nominating committee
30 April	Central Prize Committee has selected a prize winner. The administrator of the Central Prize Committee leaves the draft decision to the coordinator of the annual meeting of the Deans
2 – 4 May	Formal decision at the Dean's Annual Conference