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CALL TEXT

Teaching Sabbatical

STINT's Teaching Sabbatical programme aims to develop both individuals and institutions. By giving researchers and lecturers at Swedish higher education institutions (HEI) who are passionate about education international experiences relevant to their teaching rather than their research roles, STINT wants to contribute to educational renewal and the creation of new networks. Great emphasis is put on the added value of the stay abroad, which is why STINT encourages candidates to seek new international experiences.

Participating lecturers will reside at the host institution during the autumn semester (usually from August to December). They should teach, either by giving a course themselves or in partnership with a colleague at the host institution. STINT collaborates with selected universities and colleges based in Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, and the US. These represent a diversity of institutions committed to quality education in their respective regions of the world.

By participating in the planning and implementation of teaching, the lecturers' task is to gain an understanding of learning and teaching policies and how these institutions implement and develop learning and teaching processes, as well as address educational quality standards. How is teaching conducted? What is their approach to "good" education? How is the relationship between research and teaching managed? How are staff and students recruited? What career opportunities are there? How do they address the "third mission"?

The participating lecturers' experiences will then assist the development of Swedish HEIs. There is great emphasis on involving the leadership at the home HEI and drawing on returning lecturers' experiences in various ways to make positive dissemination impacts. Continued relationships between Swedish and foreign institutions after the sabbatical are encouraged.

Application and Selection

Swedish HEIs are invited to nominate up to three candidates each. The nomination must be submitted by the vice-chancellor (review of the third candidate will be subject to availability). Up to 60 nominations will be handled nationally each year to ensure that STINT's partner institutions are given enough time in their evaluation process. The reserve candidates will be ranked according to the nominating HEI's size in terms of teaching and research staff. Shortly after the deadline STINT will announce which reserve candidates are to be included in this year's round. STINT's ambition is to annually award at least ten scholarships. **Any Swedish HEI wishing to participate in this year's call must submit its nomination(s) electronically via [STINT's application system](#) no later than 15:00 CEST on 15 September 2023.**



A nomination comprises the following elements:

- A description of the nominee's background and reasons for participating, including examples of courses which can be held
- A description of the faculty/university, reasons for nomination, and plans for utilising the nominee's involvement
- The nominee's CV (max. 4 pages in PDF-format; max. 2 MB)

All documents must be in English.

Lecturers themselves **cannot** apply directly to STINT for these scholarships. However, it is assumed that the Swedish HEI will provide general information about the opportunity to be nominated. To aid the drafting of nominations, a form can be used to gather information from the nominee and nominating management staff. Please note that this form should not be submitted; only nominations made through the application system will be accepted.

Applications that meet the formal requirements will be presented for review by selected partner institutions. Interviews will then be conducted with those candidates whose participation in the programme is deemed the most institutionally and individually beneficial. These interviews are normally conducted in November with the aim of appointing STINT Fellows before the end of December.

If the nominated candidate is selected, insurance for the candidate and any accompanying family while abroad will be covered by their Swedish university through Kammarkollegiet or equivalent insurance.

Terms

Nominees must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent, be employed by and well established at a Swedish HEI.

Fellows will be responsible for planning and all practical arrangements (insurance, accommodation, visa, etc.) in consultation with the host institution. During spring, it is recommended to undertake a planning trip to discuss teaching efforts, meet prospective colleagues and arrange accommodation, etc.

Fellows will participate in a seminar in Stockholm prior to their planning trip (early February 2024), a mid-term seminar (October/November 2024) in the country/region where they will be staying and a follow-up seminar in Stockholm after returning home (early February 2025).

A final report should be submitted as per STINT's instructions.

Upon request, the nominating HEI must report to STINT on the impact that participation in the programme has had on its activities.

Fellows must take a full leave of absence of at least 4.5 month during their stay abroad.



Scope of the scholarship

The scholarship is a personal stipend of SEK 500,000 for a semester's stay at a partner university. The scholarship is paid to the scholarship holder's private account at a Swedish bank. For scholarship holders with a family, up to two accompanying grants of SEK 50,000 (for spouse/cohabitant) and SEK 30,000 (for underage dependants) may be added, for a maximum scholarship amount of SEK 580,000. An interrupted stay entails a refund obligation. Fellows are responsible for ensuring that the awarded amount will cover their travel, accommodation and other expenses.

The scholarship covers:

- Stay at the foreign HEI
- Participation in two seminars in Stockholm
- Planning trip
- Travel for the scholarship holder and any accompanying persons
- Accommodations
- Participation in midterm seminar
- Other costs such as visas, etc.

Partner Institutions

Those who are awarded scholarships will spend the autumn semester at one of the following HEIs:

[Amherst College](#)

[Arizona State University](#)

[The Chinese University of Hong Kong *](#)

[Nanyang Technological University *](#)

[National University of Singapore *](#)

[The Ohio State University](#)

[The University of Texas at Austin](#)

[University of California Berkeley](#)

[University of California Los Angeles](#)

[University of Tokyo – PEAK *](#)

[Williams College](#)

** Not recommended for families with school-going children, due to limited availability of suitable school places.*



Please note: In the application, the nominee should state **each department** that would be of interest at **each host institution**.

The portfolio of partner institutions may be subject to change.

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