



**STINT**

Stiftelsen för internationalisering av  
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The Swedish Foundation for International  
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## **Grants for Double Degree Programmes 2017**

The aim of the programme is to internationalise and renew higher education at Swedish higher education institutions primarily on Bachelor and Master's level but also on PhD level. Grants for Double Degree Programmes targets the development of new educational collaborations between Swedish and foreign higher education institutions.

Double and, in some cases, joint degree programmes are becoming very important tools in developing higher education. Serving as a platform for renewal, they change the students' experience of the education, transform the learning in courses/programmes and deepen the networks and relations between Swedish and foreign higher education institutions. In this way they become an integral part of the branding of an institution, with the potential of leading to further collaborations in research, education and outreach as well as attracting international students.

Applicants must be dean or equivalent with a responsibility for decisions regarding new education programmes at a university in Sweden. Projects may last for up to three years. Funds applied for in a project may not exceed SEK 750,000. The application should clearly state how the project will be co-funded by the university (and any other partners) in a sum at least as great as that being applied for. The main partner should be outside EU/EFTA.

Applications will be assessed by experts, focusing on how the proposed international partnership fulfils the following four criteria: A) contribution to higher education on all levels (qualitatively and quantitatively), B) sustainability and growth potential, C) level of renewal in regard to internationalisation, and D) the quality of the proposals planning and project setup.

It is important that the collaborating parties agree as to the management of any intellectual property rights in connection to the project and its results. Furthermore, the project must be well established with the applicant parties. All applicant parties must have read and approved the final version of the application.

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## Applications

Applications are submitted through STINT's electronic application system and include the following sections:

- Grants manager and partners (CV, max. two pages in PDF-format is required for each key person)
- Project title, abstract (200 words), classification and keywords
- Project description, max five pages in PDF-format (minimum font size 10), clearly describing, as a minimum:
  - How the project relates to review criteria A – D (see below)
  - Objectives in relation to research and higher education
  - Contribution to and from each project partner
  - Project plan with milestones and goals
  - Risk analysis
  - Available resources.
- Participating persons, stays, events and budget data
- Funds requested or received from other financiers.

## Review

The selection of projects is guided by the following criteria:

A	The anticipated contribution to higher education at the institutions, departments and students, both in terms of quantity (number of students and faculty involved) and quality.
B	The sustainability and growth potential of the collaboration. How will the educational collaboration continue after the initial period with STINT co-funding?
C	The level of renewal in regard to internationalisation and potential of the project. New, innovative but still realistic collaborations with high potential are considered positive.
D	The project proposal's planning and approval, such as quality and level of clarification in the project plan, plus a cost-efficient project design.

Please note that a clearly specified budget is required to obtain high overall review scores. It is also important that all activities in the project plan have a direct relation to the proposed educational collaboration.

It is recommended that the applications explicitly address the following aspects (in line with the review criteria):

- How the proposed collaboration benefits students from each party – which synergies are obtained
- How the sustainability of the programme will be ensured (a gradual phasing out of funds for salaries during the project might be relevant to consider)
- How the number of participating students in Sweden and abroad will develop over time.



## Conditions - checklist

- The applicant is dean or equivalent at a Swedish university and has the responsibility to decide about new education programmes.
- The principal collaborating party is outside the EU/EFTA area.
- The proposed project starts no later than August in the same year as the call closes and has a planned duration supported by STINT funding of no more than three years.
- The application clearly states how the project will be co-funded by the university (and any other partners) in a sum at least as great as that being applied for.
- The final version of the application has been read and approved by all parties involved.
- The applicant agrees to cooperate in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and good research practice. Methods, data and results will be openly accounted for.

## Timetable

December 2016 – Application system opens

15:00, 10 February 2017 – Application deadline for projects starting 2017

May 2017 – Decisions from STINT (indicative month)

August 2017 – Projects should have commenced

## Reporting

Grants are normally paid twice per year (in May and November) provided that contracts and reports have been received and approved beforehand. Annual situation reports will be requested, as well as a final report detailing results and experiences from the entire project is to be received within three months of the end of the project.

Requests for extensions will be viewed restrictively. However, parental leave or long-term sick leave on the part of key persons will constitute grounds for extending the period for which a STINT grant is made available.