

Teaching Sabbatical

STINT's programme Teaching Sabbatical 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 role rather than their research one, 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 search for new international experiences.

Participating lecturers will reside at the host institution during the autumn semester (usually from August to December). The intention is for them to 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 United States. They represent a diversity of institutions committed to high quality education in their respective regions.

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 work with 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 how it will use returning lecturers' experiences in various ways towards positive dissemination impacts. Continued relationships between Swedish and foreign institutions after the sabbatical are encouraged.

Application and review

Swedish HEIs are invited to nominate up to three candidates each, review of the third candidate will be subject to availability. Up to 60 nominations will be handled nationally each year, this 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 HEIs size in terms of teaching and research staff. Shortly after deadline STINT will notify which reserve candidates are to be included in this year's round. The ambition of STINT is to annually award at least ten scholar-ships. 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 2022.

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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 those within the management who make nominations. Please note, this form should not be submitted; only nominations 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 candidates short-listed by the partner HEIs. 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.

Partner institutions

Those who are awarded scholarships will spend the autumn semester at one of the following higher education institutions:

- 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

The portfolio of partner institutions may be subject to change.

^{*} Not suitable for families with school-age children due to limited availability of suitable school places.



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, all Fellows will be encouraged to make 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 (9 February 2023), a mid-term seminar (October/November 2023) in the country/region where they will be staying and a follow-up seminar in Stockholm after returning home (early February 2024). A final report should be written as instructed by STINT.

Fellows must take 4.5 months full leave of absence. The scholarship amount will be determined by STINT and is calculated according to the specific partner institution, the number of accompanying family members and the Fellow's salary. The scholarship is paid to the lecturer personally and is tax-free. Scholarships are calculated in February of the year of outward travel and are intended to cover the following costs:

- Planning trip, if applicable
- Travel and accommodation for the Fellow and any accompanying family members
- Equivalent net pay for 4.5 months (including an assumed salary increment of 3%)
- Compensation for additional costs abroad as well as compensation for any loss of income by their companions as per the URA government contract
- Compensation for loss of pension contributions
- Miscellaneous trips to seminars, visas etc.



The total amount will depend on several factors which may change. The applicable amounts calculated at the time of writing appear in Table 1. Please note that the actual amounts will differ from those given in Table 1.

Table 1: Indicative amounts for calculation of scholarship (SEK)

				Net salary
		Supplement	Supplement per	replacement for 4.5
	Basic amount	accompanying adult	accompanying child	months*
Amherst College & Arizona State University	185,000	98,000	42,000	
University of California: Berkeley & Los Angeles	265,000	98,000	47,000	
The Ohio State University	170,000	98,000	40,000	
University of Texas at Austin	205,000	98,000	43,000	
Williams College	140,000	98,000	37,000	
Singapore	120,000	101,000	71,000	
Hong Kong	235,000	107,000	48,000	
Tokyo	95,000	104,000	39,000	
* Net salary (incl. some pension compensation and 3% salary increment) may be estimated as: Net salary * 4.93.				

Scholarship amount = Basic amount + Supplement accompanying adult + (supplement per accompanying child) * number of children + Net salary replacement. Fellows are responsible for ensuring that their travel, accommodation and so on will fit within the given amount.