

Teaching Sabbatical

STINT's programme Teaching Sabbatical aims to develop both individuals and institutions. By giving researchers and lecturers at Swedish universities, 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 foreign institution of higher education during the autumn semester 2020 (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 US. They represent a diversity of institutions committed to high quality education in their respective regions around 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 work with the "third mission"?

The participating lecturers' experiences will then assist the development of Swedish faculties and universities. There is great emphasis on involving the university leadership and how the universities will use returning lecturers' experiences in various ways towards positive dissemination impacts. Continued relationships between Swedish and the host institutions after the sabbatical are encouraged.

Application and Selection

Swedish universities 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 university's 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 scholarships. Any Swedish universities wishing to participate in this year's call must submit their nomination(-s) electronically via [STINT's application system](#) **no later than 15:00 CEST on 18 September 2019**.

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 universities 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 university 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 those candidates whose participation in the programme is deemed the most institutionally and individually profitable. These interviews are normally conducted in November with the aim of appointing STINT Fellows before the end of December.

Terms

Nominees must hold a doctorate degree, be employed by and well established at a Swedish higher education institution.

Fellows will be responsible for planning and all practical arrangements (insurance, accommodation, visa, etc) in consultation with the host institution. During the spring, all Fellows will 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 (5 February 2020), a mid-term seminar (October/November 2020) in the country/region where they will be staying and a follow-up seminar in Stockholm after returning home (early February 2021). A final report should be written as instructed by STINT. Fellows must take a full leave of absence during their stay abroad.

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:

- Travel for the Fellow and any accompanying family members
- Accommodation for five months, as well as hotel and subsistence allowances for the planning trip
- 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 the exchange rate, the current maximum sum under URA and other factors which may change. The applicable amounts calculated at the time of writing appear in Table 1. Please note that the actual amounts might differ from those given in Table 1.



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

	USA A	USA B	USA C	NUS	NTU	Hong Kong	Tokyo
Basic amount	120 000	151 000	189 000	149 000	116 000	184 000	126 000
Supplement accompanying adult	86 000	86 000	92 000	109 000	108 000	101 000	94 000
Supplement per accompanying child	31 000	32 000	38 000	41 000	40 000	43 000	37 000
Net salary replacement for 4.5 months*							
* Net salary (incl. some pension compensation and 3% salary increment) may be estimated as: Net salary * 4,93. USA A = OSU & Williams. USA B = Amherst, Arizona State U & UT Austin. USA C = UC Berkeley & UCLA							

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.

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](#)

Partner institutions of interest are selected in the application form. For all selected institutions an indication of in which department (or equivalent) the candidate's scientific profile fits is highly recommended, as it increases the chances to find a suitable host. Some of STINT's partner universities might not consider nominations without this information.

The portfolio of partner institutions may be subject to change.

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

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