

## Grants for Teaching Sabbaticals

The purpose of Grants for Teaching Sabbaticals is to further develop Swedish higher education. STINT wants to contribute to educational renewal and the creation of new networks by giving Swedish researchers and university lecturers, who are passionate about education, international experiences relevant to their teaching role.

Selected participants will teach at a foreign higher education institution (HEI) of their own choice. Applicants organise the teaching sabbatical themselves. By participating in the planning and implementation of teaching, the aim is to gain understanding of learning and teaching policies and of how these institutions implement and develop learning and teaching processes and address educational quality standards.

The participants' experiences will then support the further development of Swedish faculties and universities. There is great emphasis on involving the university leadership and using returning lecturers' experiences in various ways to make positive dissemination impacts. Continuing relationships between Swedish and foreign institutions are welcomed.

### Formal terms

The following requirements must be met for the application to be considered:

1. The applicant holds a PhD, is employed by a Swedish HEI and is deeply involved in teaching activities
2. The stay abroad includes direct involvement in teaching activities at the hosting HEI
3. The applicant will be available full-time (100%) for duties at the hosting HEI
4. The proposed stay abroad (to be co-funded by STINT) is continuous and between 2 and 5 months. Longer stays are permitted but additional funding must be obtained from other sources
5. The stay abroad is scheduled to start within 11 months from the closure of this call
6. The Dean or equivalent at the applicant's home institution supports the application
7. The host HEI supports the application at an appropriate level
8. The proposed hosting HEI is located outside EU/EFTA

### Evaluation criteria

Applications meeting the formal terms will be assessed by experts. The criteria in Table 1 will apply in the assessment of the proposals. The review focuses on the first (A) criterion which, however, strongly depends on the following criteria.



**Table 1: Criteria for Grants for Teaching Sabbaticals**

A. Contribution to the development of education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anticipated short and long-term impact on the home institution's educational activities on different levels, from the individual via the department to the whole university</li></ul>
B. Project planning and quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appropriate planning of the project, including the leadership's commitment and involvement in the implementation</li><li>• The host HEI's involvement in the project</li><li>• Clarity, cost-efficiency and value of STINT's contribution</li></ul>
C. Contribution to internationalisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of new or stronger international networks</li></ul>

### **Application guidelines**

The application must be submitted via [STINT's application system](#) no later than **15:00 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**. It consists of the following parts:

- Contact details of the applicant and host
- Description of the teaching sabbatical abroad and how it relates to the review criteria (PDF, max. 3 pages)
- Budget (see below)
- Supporting letter from the Dean or equivalent at the Swedish HEI (PDF, max. 2 pages)
- Supporting letter from the hosting HEI (PDF, max. 2 pages)
- CV of the applicant (PDF, max. 2 pages)

Due to the EU sanctions against Iran and North Korea, STINT requires a supporting letter from the vice-chancellor for stays in these countries, see <https://isp.se/sanktioner/>.

The complete application including all appendices will be reviewed. All documents must be in English.

### **Budget guidelines**

STINT co-funds the teaching sabbatical **for the applicant and accompanying family members for up to five months**. Eligible costs in the application are:

- Return trip economy class between Sweden and the host HEI
- Accommodation
- Visa, vaccinations and similar
- Compensation for additional costs abroad ("Merkostnadstillägg") as well as compensation for any loss of income by accompanying family members ("Medföljandetillägg") as per the URA government contract and the Swedish Tax Agency (<https://www.arbetsgivarverket.se/avtal--skrifter/avtal/ura-avtal-om-utlandskontrakt-och-riktlinjer-for-anstallningsvillkor-vid-tjanstgoring-utomlands/> )
- Contribution to the Swedish HEI for the hiring of a substitute lecturer during the participant's absence at a maximum of SEK 50,000 per month. If the hosting HEI covers the participant's salary during the stay abroad, which is considered a strong indication of its involvement (see review criteria), this contribution is not applicable
- Contribution to overhead costs of SEK 100,000 pro rata per annum are permitted (the amount will be proportionately reduced for shorter periods. Example: if the duration of the teaching sabbatical is three months, the accepted overhead is  $3/12 * 100,000 = 25,000$ ).



If the review is to be favourable, the budget and practical arrangements should be reasonable and specific.

**Project implementation and final report**

A decision on the results of the assessment will be given within about three months of the closing date. Grants are paid after the contract has been signed and returned to STINT. A final report is to be submitted to STINT within one month of returning from the teaching sabbatical. The final report is submitted through the application and report system. Participants will be invited to activities organised within the Teaching Sabbatical programme and join the large and growing group of programme alumni.

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