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Grants for Teaching Sabbaticals

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

Selected participants will teach at the foreign higher education institution (HEI). By participating in the planning and implementation of teaching, the 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.

The participants' 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. 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 has a PhD, is employed by and deeply involved in the educational activities at a Swedish HEI
2. The stay abroad includes a direct involvement in teaching activities at the hosting HEI
3. The applicant will be 100 percent available for the 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 must be funded from other sources
5. The stay abroad is scheduled to start within 15 months from the closure of the call
6. The Dean or equivalent at the applicant's HEI 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 that meet 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">• Anticipated short and long-term impact on the university's educational activities on different levels, from individual via the department to the whole university
B.	Project planning and quality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate planning of the project, including the leadership's commitment and involvement in the implementation• The host HEI's involvement in the project• Clarity, cost-efficiency and value of STINT's contribution
C.	Contribution to internationalisation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of new or stronger international networks

Application guidelines

The application must be submitted via [STINT's application system](#) **no later than 15.00 on 18th of March 2020**. It consists of the following parts:

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

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 their companions (“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. Max SEK 50,000 per month. If the hosting HEI covers the salary during the stay abroad, which is considered a strong indication of its involvement (see review criteria), this contribution is not applicable
- Contribution to overheads 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 $3/12 * 100,000 = 25,000$).

To get a positive outcome of the review, 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 upon the return from the teaching sabbatical. The final report is submitted through the online application and report system.

Participants will be invited to join activities organised within the Teaching Sabbatical programme as well as joining the large and growing group of such alumni.

Questions will be answered by Programme Manager Karin Forslund.

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