

STINT International Postdoc in Sweden

The aim of the STINT International Postdoc in Sweden programme is to strengthen Swedish research and higher education by giving researchers that have recently defended their PhDs at a higher education institution abroad the opportunity to work on a research project as a postdoctoral researcher at a host institution in Sweden.

The postdoc is offered the chance to experience a new scientific environment, become more independent and start building an international network of their own. The programme supports projects of high scientific quality which clearly contribute to the development of the individual researcher and the Swedish host institution.

Eligibility

The host institution for the postdoctoral project must be a Swedish higher education institution. The applicant must have a PhD and be a research leader (or equivalent) applying to invite the postdoc to their group (or equivalent) and act as host for the postdoctoral project.

The postdoc must have defended their PhD at a higher education institution outside the EU/EFTA/UK no more than two years before the application deadline. Alternatively, applicants must be scheduled to defend their PhDs within a year of the application deadline.

Parental leave, long-term sick leave, military service, or medical internships or residencies for clinical purposes are acceptable reasons to request an exemption from the two-year rule. Such an exemption request must be included in the application as requested and will be subject to control at STINT's discretion.

STINT's postdoctoral stipends are intended for new visits and cannot be used to extend a postdoctoral visit in Sweden that has already been initiated before the application deadline.

Host

STINT International Postdoc in Sweden is intended to establish new patterns of collaboration and broaden the recruitment to Swedish academia. The academic host therefore cannot have an academic degree from the same country as the invited postdoc.

The postdoc must be formally invited as a postdoc by the academic host at the institution in Sweden. Include a signed invitation letter on letterhead in the application as specified.

The final version of the proposed postdoctoral project must have been read and approved by the academic host.



Time period

The stipend is for a postdoctoral project of at least one year length. The project should start in the year after the application deadline, but no earlier than July 1st. The stay in Sweden must be for a sustained period and cannot be divided into shorter stays.

Funding

STINT International Postdoc is a SEK 1 000 000 stipend. For scholarship holders who travel with family, a contribution of SEK 100 000 per family member is added. Up to two such accompanying family contributions are awarded, for a maximum total stipend amount of SEK 1,2 million. Family contributions for children only apply to children under the age of 18 at the start of the postdoctoral visit in Sweden.

The STINT International Postdoc stipend is only paid out to the scholarship holder's private account at a Swedish bank.

Other financiers

If the applicant and/or postdoc have applied for and/or received funding for the same project from other sources, this must be specified in the application as requested. STINT reserves the right to decide to what extent our funding can be combined with that from other sources.

Application

Applications are submitted through STINT's electronic application system. Please refer to the application guide for detailed information on how to complete the specific fields of the form. Applications must be submitted in English.

The main document is a project description submitted as a PDF. This document should describe the purpose, theory, method, time plan and expected results of the proposed postdoctoral project. It should further cover the scientific significance and potential of the proposed research, the state-of-the-art in the field, the choice of host and institutional environment, preliminary and previous results of the postdoctoral candidate's work, and considerations with regards to responsible internationalisation.

Applicants can submit no more than one application to the current call.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted to STINT before 15:00 (CEST) on September 12th, 2025.



Review

The selection of projects is guided by the following criteria.

A. Scientific quality

- What is the scientific significance and potential of the project in the short- and long term?
- How does the project describe the state-of-the-art and connect to previous research in the field?
- How does project renew or develop the forefront of research in the field?
- What are the preliminary and previous results of the postdoctoral candidate's research?
- To what extent does the proposed project constitute an independent line of research?

B. Project planning and quality

- Is the project plan clear, specific, and realistic?
- Is the project design cost efficient with a minimized negative impact on the environment?
- Is the proposed project ethically sound?
- Is the necessary scientific infrastructure and/or equipment available for the project?
- Is the choice of host institution relevant for developing the competencies, networks and future prospects of the postdoctoral candidate?
- In what way does the postdoctoral project contribute to the internationalisation of Swedish research?

Timetable

2025

June	Application system opens
September 12th 15:00	Deadline for applications

2026

January	Results communicated by STINT
July 1st	Postdoctoral projects can start

Seminars

STINT will invite scholarship holders to programme seminars held during the postdoctoral visit. The seminars will offer scholarship holders an opportunity to receive practical information, exchange experiences, learn from invited speakers, participate in site visits, network and discuss future opportunities.

Reporting

A final report detailing results and experiences from the postdoctoral project is to be submitted by the deadline on the contract.



Conditions checklist

- The postdoc has defended their PhD at a university outside the EU/EFTA or the UK no more than two years before the deadline of the call (alternatively, the applicant will defend their PhD thesis within a year of the application deadline).
- The host institution for the postdoctoral project is a higher education institution situated in Sweden.
- The postdoc and the host do not have an academic degree from the same country.
- The postdoctoral project is at least one year in length, to be spent continuously in Sweden. An interrupted stay entails a refund obligation. Scholarship holders are responsible for ensuring that the awarded amount will cover their expenses for the full period.
- Considerations with regards to responsible internationalization, including ethical and environmental dimensions, are addressed in the project description as per the instructions in the call text.
- The postdoctoral project will be conducted in accordance with the principles of academic freedom and good research practice. Methods, data and results will be openly accounted for. The project has been approved by relevant entities at the host institution.

Contact

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