Admission, Scholarships & Relocation



SWEDEN

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INTRODUCTION

In Sweden, an organisation named **University Admissions** is responsible for handling the masters' application process.

You select a maximum of 4 programmes in the same university or different universities and rank them according to an order of priority of your own choosing. All Master's applications (except for Stockholm School of Economics) in Sweden are done on this website.

You can find their website **here**.

REQUIREMENTS

The General requirements to apply for masters in Sweden include:

- 1. International passport/National ID card,
- 2. Degree certificate
- 3. Transcript
- 4. Proof of English Proficiency
- 5. Application fee of SEK 900, which is about \$86

With one application fee (SEK 900), you're allowed to apply for 4 Master's programmes.

There are also programme-specific requirements which can be demanded by your prospective programmes.

This can include **Motivation letter/SOP, reference letter, academic writings, etc**. You'll find information about other requirements specific to each course on each university website.

Not all universities ask for these specific documents for their admission. If your prospective programme didn't provide any specific requirements, then the general entry documents are enough to apply.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

There are two application timelines: **the Autumn and Spring rounds**. However, International students are advised to apply for the Autumn rounds because of the following reasons:

- 1. Fewer programmes are available in the spring semester. Most Master's programmes in Sweden start in the autumn semester.
- 2. No scholarships are available in the Spring semester.

The table below was the timeline used in the last application. You can always find the timeline for the current rounds of applications here.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

| 1 | Application round | Application deadline + last day to rank your courses | fee | Supporting documentation deadline | Admissions results published | Autumn semester |
|---------|-------------------|---|-------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Masters | 17-Oct-22 | 16-Jan | 1-Feb | 1-Feb | 30-Mar | Aug/Sept |

SWEDISH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Swedish Institute is an agency of the Swedish government that handles this scholarship. They're different from the University Admissions that handles admission.

Value of the scholarship:

- 1. Full tuition fees
- 2. Monthly allowance of SEK11,000 (about \$1050)
- 3. Travel grant of SEK15,000 (\$1430)

SWEDISH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Requirement to apply for the scholarship:

- 1. Citizen of one of the eligible countries which includes **Nigeria**, **Ghana**, **Kenya**, **Rwanda**
- 2. Minimum of **3000 hours** of work experience, which is about 2 years.
- 3. Leadership experience
- 4. Must have applied for admissions on the University Admissions website

SWEDISH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Required documents:

- 1.CV
- 2. Proof of work and leadership experience
- 3. Motivation essay
- 4. Reference letter
- 5. Passport/National ID

The Swedish Institute provides templates for all these documents. See previous templates here

UNIVERSITY-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

There are other university-funded scholarships in Sweden that cover tuition fees. Some require separate applications but most require that you rank their school as the first place in your application on the University Admissions website.

They include:

AXER ADLER SCHOLARSHIP

LINKÖPING UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

MALMÖ UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

BTH SCHOLARSHIP

ADLERBERT STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

IPOET SCHOLARSHIP

AVANCEZ SCHOLARSHIP

HALMSTAD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

KARLSTAD UNIVERSITY GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP

KAROLINSKA INSTITUTE GLOBAL MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

UMEÅ UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

KRISTIANSTAD UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIP

KTH SCHOLARSHIP

LINNAEUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

LUND UNIVERSITY GLOBAL

SCHOLARSHIP

MALARDALEN UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIP

MID SWEDEN UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIP

ÖREBRO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

UNIVERSITY OF SKÖVDE

SCHOLARSHIP

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIP

LIVING EXPENSES AS A STUDENT

Monthly budget for the average single student in Sweden:

• Food: SEK 2 300

Accommodation: SEK 3 600-5 200

• Course literature: SEK 400-1 000

Miscellaneous expenses including clothing, mobile phone, leisure,

etc: SEK 1500

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

No restriction on number of hours you can work while studying. So, you can work for as many hours as you want, but ensure this doesn't affect your studies.

No minimum wage declared by law, but part-time jobs in Sweden can pay up to 10,000 SEK (\$800) per month for international students.

WORK AFTER STUDIES

The Swedish government has a policy that allows international students who just finished their studies in Sweden to remain in Sweden for **12 months after studies** to look for a job or start a business.

If you get a job within that period, you apply for a work permit. If you don't get a job within that period, you'll have to leave Sweden. But 12 months is enough time to get a job anywhere in the world.

See more information about the process <u>here</u>

WORK AFTER STUDIES

According to the Swedish Migration Agency, these are the top jobs in demand in Sweden:

Top jobs in demand

You can apply for jobs in Sweden on these websites:

- Swedish Public Employment Service
- Metrojobb
- **Blocket**
- Jobbland
- Eures

RELOCATING WITH FAMILY

You can come along with your family to Sweden, but you have to show proof of funds for the upkeep of the other family members before they can be granted their visas.

For your spouse, you need to show proof of funds of at least SEK 47,092.50 (about \$5000) for the first 13 months. Your spouse is also allowed to work while you study.

For each child, you need to show proof of funds of at least SEK 28,255.50 (about \$3000) for the first 13 months.

Check here for information on proof of funds for your family members