

Teaching Sabbatical

The aim of this programme is to renew and develop teaching at Swedish higher education institutions (HEIs) through international perspectives gained as concrete knowledge and experience from one of the HEIs abroad included in the programme. The programme shall promote individual professional development, increase the capacity of the Swedish HEI to deliver quality higher education and contribute to the creation of new international partnerships.

Applicant	The vice-chancellor of a Swedish higher education institution
Sabbatical period	Autumn semester 2027
Host institutions	Our partner institutions (list in call text)
Scholarship amount	SEK 500 000 + SEK 50 000 for spouse/cohabitant + SEK 30 000 for underaged dependants, if applicable
Call open for applications	May 2026 to 14 September 2026 (15:00 CEST)
Decision by Executive Director	January 2027

Programme Overview

Participating lecturers will reside at the host HEI during the autumn semester (usually from August to December). They should teach, either by giving a course themselves or in partnership with a colleague at the host HEI. STINT collaborates with selected universities and colleges based in Botswana, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, and the USA. These represent a diversity of HEIs committed to quality education in their respective regions of 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 HEIs 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 address the "third mission"?



The participating lecturers' experiences will then further the development of Swedish HEIs. There is great emphasis on involving the leadership at the home HEI and drawing on returning lecturers' experiences in various ways to make positive dissemination impacts. Continued relationships between Swedish and foreign HEIs after the sabbatical are encouraged.

Application and Selection

Swedish HEIs are invited to nominate up to three candidates each. The nomination must be submitted by the vice-chancellor. STINT's ambition is to annually award at least thirteen scholarships. **Any Swedish HEI wishing to participate in this year's call must submit its nomination(s) electronically via [STINT's application system](#) no later than 15:00 CEST on 14 September 2026.**

A nomination comprises the following elements:

- A description of the nominee's background and reasons for participating, including examples of courses which can be taught
- A description of the faculty/HEI, 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, Swedish HEIs are expected to 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 nominating management staff. Please note that this form should not be submitted; only nominations made 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 institutionally and individually the most beneficial. 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 or equivalent, be employed by and well established at a Swedish HEI.

Fellows will be responsible for planning and all practical arrangements (accommodation, visa, etc.) in consultation with the host HEI. During spring, we recommend undertaking a planning trip to discuss teaching efforts, meet prospective colleagues, arrange accommodation, etc.

Fellows will participate in a seminar in Stockholm prior to their planning trip (early February 2027), a midterm seminar (October/November 2027) in the country/region where they will be



staying and a follow-up seminar in Stockholm after returning home (early February 2028).
A final report should be submitted as per STINT's instructions.

Upon request, the nominating HEI must report to STINT on the impact that participation in the programme has had on its activities.

Fellows must take a full leave of absence of at least 4.5 months during their stay abroad.

Insurance for the candidate and any accompanying family while abroad must be covered by their Swedish HEI through the Swedish Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency (Kammarkollegiet) or equivalent.

The Scholarship

The scholarship is a personal stipend of SEK 500,000 for a semester's stay at a partner HEI. The scholarship is paid to the scholarship holder's private account at a Swedish bank. For scholarship holders with a family, up to two accompanying grants of SEK 50,000 (for spouse/cohabitant) and SEK 30,000 (for underage dependants) may be added, for a maximum scholarship amount of SEK 580,000. An interrupted stay entails a refund obligation. Fellows are responsible for ensuring that the awarded amount will cover their travel, accommodation and other expenses.

The scholarship covers:

- Stay at the foreign HEI
- Participation in two seminars in Stockholm
- Planning trip
- Travel for the scholarship holder and any accompanying persons
- Accommodation
- Participation in midterm seminar
- Other costs such as visas, etc.

Partner Institutions

Those who are awarded scholarships will spend the autumn semester at one of the following HEIs:

[Arizona State University](#)

[Nanyang Technological University*](#)

[National University of Singapore*](#)

[Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology*](#)

[The Chinese University of Hong Kong*](#)

[The University of Texas at Austin](#)



[University of Botswana](#)

[University of California Berkeley](#)

[University of California Los Angeles](#)

[University of Tokyo – PEAK*](#)

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

Please note: In the application, the nominee should state **each department** that would be of interest at **each host institution**.

The portfolio of available partner institutions is subject to change.

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