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# Invite Swedish students, PhD students, researchers and experts for scholarship visits at your organization or university

The Swedish Institute (SI) Baltic Sea Region Cooperation aims at promoting development of long-term collaboration and lasting relations between organizations and professionals in Sweden and the program countries (Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia and Ukraine). The overall purpose is to contribute to an economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable growth and development in the Baltic Sea Region. An estimated 20 scholarships will be awarded in the spring 2013 scholarship call.

## **Target groups**

The scholarship call is directed at Swedish citizens, or staff employed at any of the following categories of actors/organizations located in Sweden:

- Public agencies, universities, research institutes, science parks
- Municipalities, regional administrations
- Trade organizations/federations/partnerships, associations, and NGOs

The scholarships primarily target university students, PhD students or researchers applying for the purpose of studies or research in any of the countries included in the program. Also representatives of other organizations in Sweden, invited to the host country for expert visits with the purpose of capacity-building (related to for example higher education, innovation practices, science park development) can apply for a scholarship. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must belong to any of the following categories:

- Graduate/Post-graduate student
- PhD student
- Post-doctoral researcher
- Senior scientist
- Expert

The applicant must be supported by a host organization in the country where the scholarship visit is to take place.

# **Priority areas**

Scholarships can be applied for within all thematic areas. If the purpose is other than education or research, the applicant must state in the application in what way the visit contributes to capacity-building and/or regional development in the Baltic Sea Region.

## Scholarship coverage and details

The scholarship period cannot be less than one month in duration, and not exceed one year. It has to be started in the autumn of 2013.

The scholarship consists of a monthly grant of SEK 9,000 for students, SEK 12,000 for PhD students, and SEK 15,000 for researchers, experts and other staff. There is also a travel grant available, according to the following scheme:

- Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland SEK 2,500
- Belarus, Russia and Ukraine SEK 4,000
- Georgia, Moldova SEK 5,000

### **Further information**

Additional, more detailed information regarding the scholarship and the application procedure is available for the Swedish applicant on this link to <u>our website</u> in Swedish. Updated information will be published in December 2012.

At the Swedish Institute website you will also find information about project collaboration, as well as other possibilities for funding within the framework of the <u>SI Baltic Sea Region Cooperation</u>.

Foreign students and researchers who are interested in scholarships for studies or research in Sweden can find updated information at www.studyinsweden.se.

### **Application procedure**

The application has to be completed by using an online electronic form that will be made available on February 1, 2013 at our website mentioned above.

Decisions are expected to be communicated in the end of April 2013.

### Contact

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