



## The Swedish Institute Study Scholarships

The Swedish Institute Study Scholarships (SISS) is open to highly qualified students who are citizens of countries on the OECD/DAC list and who will study full-time for a master's degree in Sweden. The scholarships cover living costs, tuition fees, a travel grant and insurance. An estimated 300 scholarships will be available. Out of these, 10 scholarships are assigned to South African citizens.

The goal is to enable the scholarship holders to play an active role in the positive development of the societies in which they live. Scholarships will only be granted to candidates who have followed the steps of the university admission and been admitted to one of the eligible master programmes in Sweden.

### Four formal conditions for scholarships:

- Applicants must apply and be accepted to a Swedish University within a relevant master's programme (see below)
- Priority is given to applicants with at least two years' relevant work experience (can be full-time or part-time employment, voluntary work, internships or position of trust).
- Priority is given to applicants demonstrating leadership skills
- Applicants may not have lived for more than two years in Sweden previously, or hold a degree from a Swedish university.

### Application period for the scholarship

The call for the Swedish Institute Study Scholarships (SISS) for the academic year of 2016/2017 has now been published. The application process has been divided into two application periods. The first step will be open 1 December 2015 – 20 January 2016, followed by a detailed second step for successful candidates from the first step, 8–13 February 2016.

More information regarding the procedure and eligibility can be found on <https://eng.si.se/areas-of-operation/scholarships-and-grants/the-swedish-institute-study-scholarships/>

Students with an interest of pursuing a master's degree in Sweden should also look into scholarship opportunities from their home country, as well as scholarship opportunities directly from Swedish universities, see [www.studyinsweden.se](http://www.studyinsweden.se)

### Apply to study in Sweden

The application period for studies starting in August 2016 (the autumn semester) is officially open. Sweden has a pooled admissions system which means students can apply for courses and programmes at all universities on the same application – at [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) There is also a full listing of programmes open for application, closer to 1,000 programmes offered in

Sweden in English in nearly all academic fields – from IT, engineering or physics to human rights, sustainable development, business or media studies.

For general guidelines on the application process, see <https://studyinsweden.se/how-to-apply/>  
The application deadline for admission to Swedish Universities is 15 January for programmes starting autumn semester (August) 2016.

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