

Funding opportunities at the Swedish Research Council

Postdoctoral positions in Sweden (Postdocs within research projects)

The Swedish Research Council / Research Funding

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Two types of postdoctoral grants:

Postdoctoral fellowships

To enable researchers with Swedish doctorates (PhD or equivalent or exams from EUI European University Institute) to stay at foreign universities or research establishments

Postdoctoral positions in Sweden

To enable researchers with Swedish or non-Swedish doctorates (PhD or equivalent) to work at Swedish higher education institutions or research establishments



Who can apply?

• For Postdoctoral positions in Sweden: Swedish or EUI PhD, or non-Swedish PhD equivalent awarded within three years before the closing date for application.

Special circumstances regarding time deducted from those 3 years:

- Sickness
- Parental leave
- Military service
- Medical residency (up to 24 month)
- Positions of trust



Grant period:

- 6-24 months
- The maximum fellowship period of 24 months is reduced by the lenght of time for which the applicant after the doctorate has held a postdoctoral position, similar grant or fellowship at higher education, institution or faculty other than the one where the doctorate was awarded



Postdoctoral positions in Sweden Conditions

- The host institution must be a Swedish higher institution or faculty other than the one where the doctorate was awarded
- The host university assumes responsibility as an employer and decides on employment conditions
- Amount: Standard grant 813 000 SEK/year (including overhead)



Appendices Postdoctoral position in Sweden

Appendix A: Research programme

Appendix B: CV

Appendix C: List of publications

Appendix P: PhD Thesis

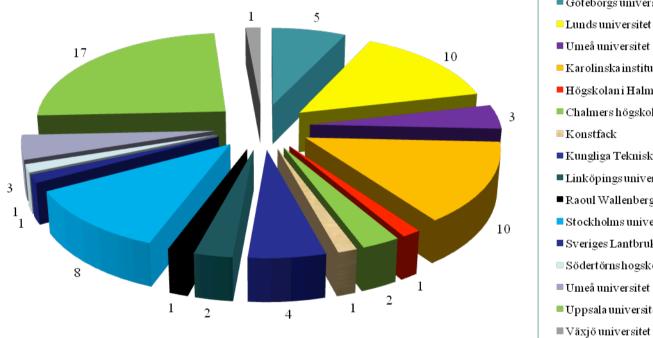
Appendix Q: Postdoctoral position in Sweden

- Exams

- Information on the host institution
- Certificate from the host institution
- Duration of stay
- Similar application
- Appendix S: Signature by the applicant and by the head (or equivalent) of the department



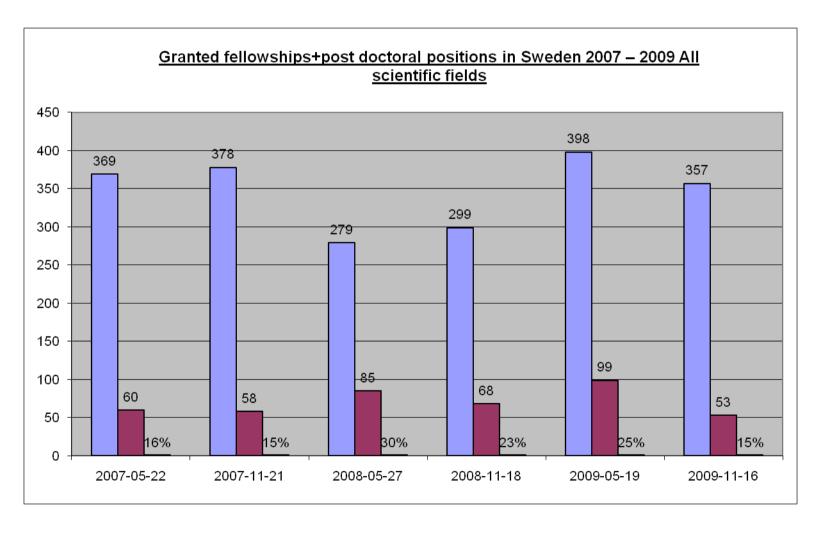
Granted Post doc Positions in Sweden 2009 – **Chosen Universities**







Granted postdoctoral applications 2007-2009



Granted PD's spring 2010

Type of grant	Applications	Appointed	Approval rate %
PD Fellow HHS	29	5	17%
PD Pos HSS	96	6	6%
PD Fellow M	52	19	37%
PD Pos M	112	5	4%
PD Fellow NT	65	25	38%
PD Pos NT	105	10	10%
PD Fellow E	4	0	0%
PD Pos E	16	1	6%



What is assessed?

- Scientific qualifications of the applicant (scientific competence and future potential).
- Scientific quality of the project (research programme).
- The host institution the research environment

During the review process, each application undergoes scientific assessment by a scientifically specialised review panel as well as external reviewers



Project Research Grants

- Project leader (main applicant) must have a Swedish doctoral degree or equivalent foreign degree, and be employed by (affiliated with) a Swedish Higher Education Institution (Administrative entity).
- Postdocs can be funded within the project (usually not fully funded positions)



How to apply? Instructions and web form at: www.vr.se

- Complete application includes the filled-in online form and appendices.
- Signed appendix S must be submitted to the SRC in paper form.
- Appendix S has to be printed and signed both by the applicant and by the head (or equivalent) of the department where the research will be conducted (Postdoctoral positions in Sweden only)



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Grants

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Last day for applications 2011 Postdoctoral positions in Sweden

- February 24 and August 25
- The Swedish Research Councils decision is made in May and November
- Disbursement of granted funding start from January/July at the earliest



In 2011:

SRC will **not** publish calls for:

Junior Research Positions Senior Research Positions

due to Government Bill for Universities' autonomy



Other sources of information for international education and research

- Swedish National Agency for Higher Education : www.hsv.se
- Swedish Institute and Study in Sweden website: www.studyinsweden.se/Home/
- The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education : www.stint.se



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