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ABOUT SWEDEN

Sweden is a Nordic country in northern Europe

The population is just over 10 million or 0.13% of the world's population

Swedish is the main language, with five official minority languages

Constitutional monarchy, with parliamentary democracy



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SWEDEN AND SOUTH AFRICA

Sweden strongly supported the struggle for democracy in South Africa during the apartheid period.

South African exports to Sweden include mineral products, wood products, machinery and mechanical appliances.

South Africa mainly imports products such as electrical equipment, chemical products, wood pulp, textiles as well as machinery from Sweden.

A South African – Swedish Binational Commission was inaugurated in September 2000



WHY STUDY IN SWEDEN?

Sweden is ranked among the world leaders in higher education

Swedish universities regularly place highly in global rankings

Teaching model based on the motto 'freedom with responsibility'

Offers more than 900 Master's programmes in English

Enhance your global perspective and learn about a different culture

Sweden is recognised as one of the most equal countries in the world



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SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND

2013 Binational
Commission:
10 Master's
scholarships
per year from
2014-2016

2015
Binational
Commission:
Extended to
2021

Over 80
South
Africans have
been
awarded this
scholarship

2021:
Absorbed
into Swedish
Institute
Scholarship
for Global
Professionals

DHET has
been working
with the
Swedish
Embassy on
promoting and
nominating
since 2014



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SWEDISH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GLOBAL PROFESSIONALS

Aims to develop future global leaders that will contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contribute to a positive and sustainable development in their home countries and regions.

Funded by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Offers a unique opportunity to develop both professionally and academically, experience Swedish society and culture, and build a long lasting relationship with Sweden and other scholarship holders.

For ambitious professionals who want to make a difference by working with issues that contribute to just and sustainable development in their home country and region.

Applicants should have a clear idea of how the study programme in Sweden would benefit their home country or region. Priority will be given to applicants with a strong and relevant professional background and demonstrated leadership experience.



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Nominations by the Swedish Embassy and
Department of Higher Education and
Training

Final selection by Swedish Institute

Applicants must first apply to a Swedish
university via the central, online application
system

Scholarship applications open after the
university application period closes and
must be done separately

You will only be considered for the
scholarship if you are admitted to one of
your selected programmes



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WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

Tuition fees

Living expenses of SEK 10,000/month
(approx. R17 000)

Travel grant of SEK 15,000
(approx. R25 500) for the entire
scholarship period

Insurance against illness and accident

Membership of the SI Network for
Future Global Leaders (NFGL)



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WHO CAN APPLY?

Find out how to calculate your work hours at <https://si.se/en/apply/sisgp-who-can-apply/#work>
It is important that you meet this requirement

South African citizens*

Available to study in Sweden from September 2022

Work experience (3000 hours)

Applied for an eligible Master's programme

Strong academic record (we recommend 65%+)

FIELDS OF STUDY

A wide range of fields of study are available, but preference will be given to fields related to Sweden's specific strengths and South Africa's priorities, for example those related to:

- Engineering
- Nanotechnology
- Gender studies
- Design
- Computer Science and IT
- Public Health
- Sustainability, climate change and the environment

APPLYING TO A SWEDISH UNIVERSITY

The application fee is 900 Swedish Kroner (or about R1600)



University Admissions is responsible for the admissions process together with Sweden's universities.

There are 39 universities and university colleges in Sweden, offering courses and programmes taught in English.

At Universityadmissions.se you can:

- learn about the entry requirements
- apply for courses and programmes
- submit your academic documents
- follow your application from start to finish
- receive your admissions decision

APPLYING FOR DHET SUPPORT WITH APPLICATION FEE

The DHET application form can be found on our scholarships website

The Department of Higher Education and Training will fund up to 15 candidates' Swedish university application fees.

It is intended for those who are not able to cover this fee themselves and would not otherwise be able to apply for the scholarship.

The outcome of the DHET application has **NO** bearing on your applications for Swedish universities NOR for the Swedish Institute for Global Professionals Scholarship.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of merit, need and alignment with the university and scholarship eligibility. The process is competitive and the decision of the Department is final.

APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP



Go to: <https://si.se/en/>

Follow the steps on the website

The screenshot shows the Swedish Institute website. The 'Apply' dropdown menu is open, with 'Scholarships' highlighted. The page content includes the 'Our mission' section, which states: 'The Swedish Institute is a public agency that builds interest and trust in Sweden around the world. We work with Sweden promotion, cooperation in the Baltic Sea region and global development.'



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APPLICATION STEPS

1

SUBMIT an application for universities at University Admissions by 17 January 2022

2

Apply to DHET for support with the application fee IF you cannot afford to pay it by 17 January 2022

3

Outcome of application to DHET for funding for University Admissions fee by 27 January 2022

4

Payment to University Admissions by 1 February 2022

5

Apply for scholarship between 10 and 28 February 2022

6

Outcome of university application: 7 April 2022



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TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

Check our
**FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS** page
on our website for
more tips

Don't wait until the last minute, plan and prepare your application well in advance.

Proof read, ask someone else to proof read.
Submit your best possible application.

Make sure you are eligible and have submitted everything that is required, follow all instructions.

Incomplete applications or without required supporting documents will not be considered

MORE TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

Understand the scholarship's objectives and link your application to them

Demonstrate why you're the strongest candidate – scholarships are competitive

Know why you're applying, what you want from the scholarship and what you want to do afterwards

In 2022 the Swedish Institute will grant about 350 scholarships for master's degree studies in Sweden to students from 42 countries.

Tailor your application to the scholarship you're applying for

You will need to put together a strong motivation



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MANY MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Hungary, Japan, Switzerland, United Kingdom,
France, Sweden, Serbia, Mauritius, Ireland,
Turkey, Italy, Germany, Chile, United States...

Look out for more online information sessions in 2022

CONTACTS AND MORE INFORMATION



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