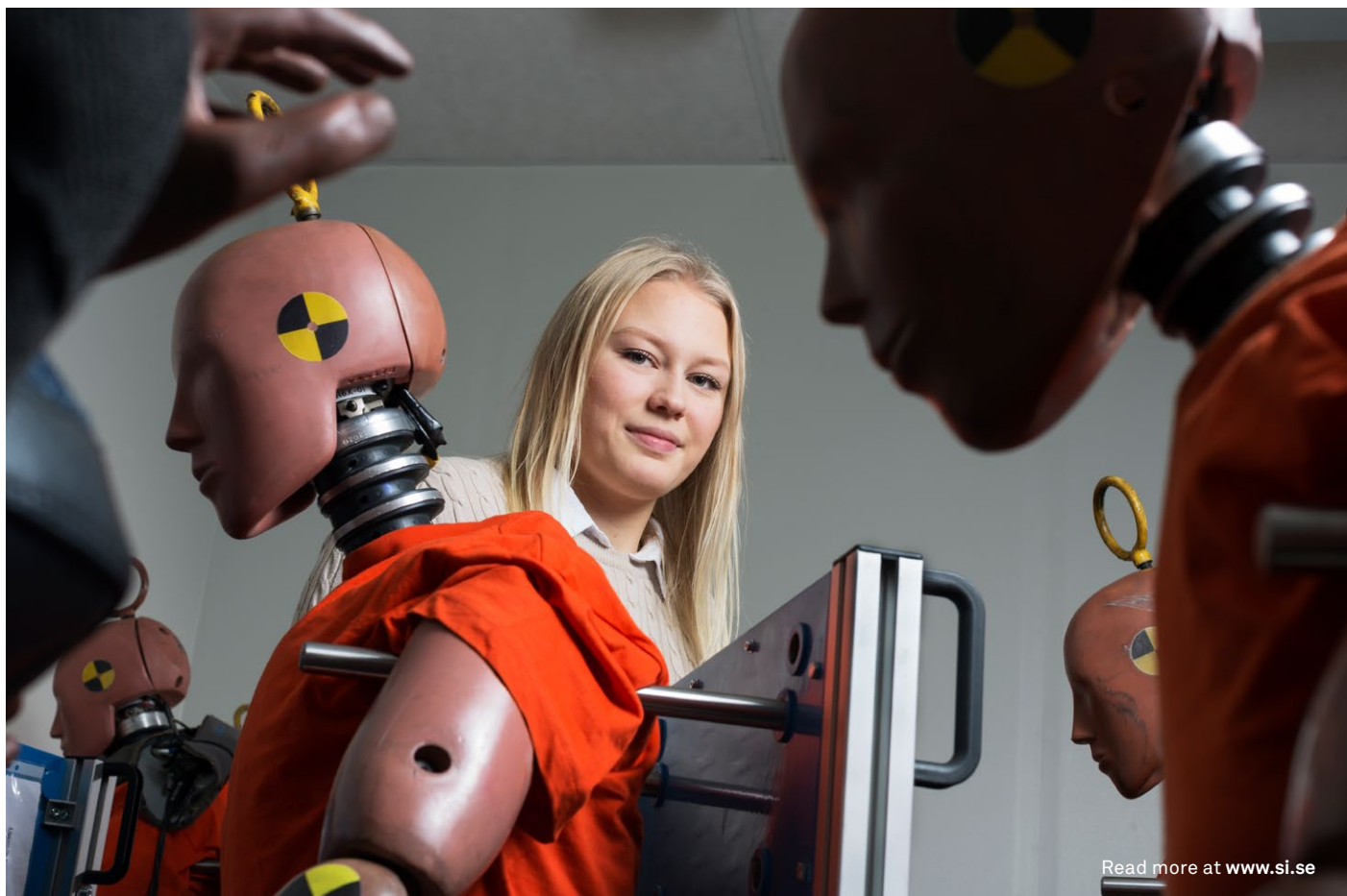

Visby Programme

Invite Swedish scholars and experts



Invite Swedish students, PhD students, researchers and experts for scholarship visits at your organisation, agency or university.

As part of the Swedish Institute (SI) Baltic Sea Region Cooperation, the Visby Programme aims at promoting development of long-term collaboration and lasting relations between organisations and professionals in Sweden and the programme countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine). The overall purpose is to contribute to an economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable growth and development in the Baltic Sea region.

The Swedish Institute (SI) is a public agency that promotes interest and trust in Sweden around the world. SI seeks to establish cooperation and lasting relations with other countries through strategic communication and exchange in the fields of culture, education, science and business. SI works closely with Swedish embassies and consulates.

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Who can apply?

Swedish students, PhD students, researchers and experts can apply for a SI scholarship to visit any of the countries included in the Visby Programme, for the purpose of **summer course participation, graduate/postgraduate studies, research, internships or expert visits**.

The scholarships primarily target Swedish university students, as well as PhD students or researchers employed in Sweden. But also representatives of other organisations 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 invited applicant must belong to one of the following categories:

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

Scholarship offer

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. A travel grant is also included in the scholarship.

The scholarship period cannot be less than one month in duration, and not exceed one year.

Who can invite?

An organisation belonging to any of the following categories, and located in any of the programme countries, may act as the host organisation to a Swedish scholarship applicant:

- Universities, public agencies, research institutes, science parks
- Municipalities, regional administrations
- Trade organisations/federations/partnerships, associations, and NGOs
- National/local offices of UN programmes
- Swedish Foreign Missions

Invitation guidelines

The scholarship application is made by the Swedish applicant him/herself and must be supported with an **official invitation** (or a letter of admission) provided by a host organisation in the country where the scholarship period/visit will take place.

Since the scholarship is considered to be an opportunity for the hosting organisation itself, the invitation should present the organisation's short-term and long-term benefits from inviting the applicant as a guest student, researcher or expert.

Application period and process

The Swedish Institute offers the possibility to apply for a scholarship two times a year (one call taking place in early spring, another in autumn) for scholarship periods starting during the subsequent semester. Applications are made online via SI:s application portal.

Detailed information and instructions can be found on our website: www.si.se.

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

The scholarship amounts to SEK 15,000 per month for PhD students and SEK 18,000 per month for postdoctoral researchers and senior scientists.



How to invite and apply

Read more at www.si.se