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STUDY **IN** SWEDEN

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Sweden may seem far away, but it's closer than you think.

Striking a match, reconnecting with your family through Skype or over a phone network from Ericsson, refurbishing your apartment at IKEA or driving safely in your Volvo – none of this would be possible if not for Sweden.

At Swedish universities, your ideas have space to become reality, joining a long tradition of ideas that have been given the freedom and support they need to grow.

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Sweden in brief

Capital: Stockholm

Language: Swedish, English widely spoken

Government: Constitutional monarchy,
parliamentary democracy

Currency: Swedish krona (SEK)

Area: 450,000 square kilometres, the fifth largest
country in Europe

Population: 9.8 million

Population of major cities including suburbs:

Stockholm (2,192,000)

Gothenburg (969,000)

Malmö (685,000)

Time zone: GMT+1

GDP per capita (PPP): SEK 393,000

WELCOME TO SWEDEN

Success in today's world is based on coming up with new ideas and Sweden is one of the most creative, well-educated and free-thinking countries in the world.

No matter whether you want to win a Nobel Prize, invent the next pacemaker or Skype, or start a career at Volvo or Ericsson, Sweden's world-class educational system will give you the tools necessary to succeed today – and tomorrow.

Using this brochure

This brochure is intended to give you an insight into what makes Swedish universities unique and to give you an understanding of our programmes in English as well as how to apply for such programmes. We welcome you to Sweden and our universities.

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Inside our universities

Universities nurture creativity and critical thinking

Sweden is one of the most innovative countries in the world, despite having a population of less than 10 million. Its inventiveness comes not from vast numbers, but from flexible minds educated at Swedish universities.

Swedish classrooms have helped create a uniquely informal environment that promotes student interaction and greater direct contact with professors. This extra freedom for students encourages creativity and critical thinking, supports collaboration between students instead of competition, and makes work in groups a normal part of study. This system helps create forward-thinking, perceptive team players who are attractive on the global job market.

Academic excellence

Swedish universities have been fine-tuning their teaching methods since the foundation of Uppsala University in the 15th century. Sweden is home to world-class education and research in many areas including – but not limited to – sustainability, business, design, life sciences, biotechnology, engineering, human rights and international relations.

While international rankings tell only a part of the story, the Swedish higher education system is ranked as No.2 in the world by Universitas 21.

English skills among the best in the world

Swedish may be the official language but most Swedes are excellent at English. Sweden is ranked No. 3 in the EF English Proficiency Index (source: EF Education First) comparing the English skills of adults around the world. Swedes' excellent English skills have helped produce a university system offering more than 900 master's programmes taught in English as well as numerous courses at the bachelor level.



'In India, you listen more and take notes. Here there are a lot of discussions and you don't have to share the lecturer's opinion. The educational approach is more practical. I like that.'

– Pallavi Phogat, India, Master's Programme in Literature, Lund University.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Top ranked

Despite its relatively small number of universities, Sweden has eight institutions in the top 300, five in the top 200 and three in the top 100, according to various global ranking sites. On a per capita basis Sweden has the second highest number of the world's top universities.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

The Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize, awarded in Stockholm and Oslo every year, is the world's most prestigious distinction. Established by Swedish scientist and inventor Alfred Nobel, it was awarded for the first time in 1901.

An international environment

Sweden offers a tolerant international academic environment. The country has a tradition of being open to international influences and looking beyond its borders, as demonstrated by the large number of international companies.

The academic environment is also multicultural with more than 34,000 international students studying at Swedish universities.

In addition, almost a fifth of the people in Sweden were born abroad or have parents who were born abroad, creating a comfortable atmosphere no matter what country you may call home.



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‘The Swedish educational system shows great faith in the maturity of students. That, in turn, encourages students to take responsibility and grow at a young age and be very serious leaders.’

– Brian Palmer, USA, Senior Lecturer at Uppsala University, voted Harvard University’s best lecturer in 2002.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Investment

Sweden has one of the highest levels of investment in education and research in the world, as a proportion of GDP.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Articles per capita

Sweden is one of the world’s largest producer of research journal articles per capita. (Universitas 21)

‘Sweden is very different from China and so I came with Chinese roots but an open heart to embrace things. Swedes have many qualities – openness, humility and friendliness – and those will stay with me.’

– Lu Peng, China, Master’s in International Supply Chain Management, Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping University.



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‘In addition to the competitive, high-quality education offered for degree studies, Sweden has a large international student population. This international body makes it easier to integrate into the Swedish culture without feeling excluded.’

– Olive Maitha, Kenya, Master’s in Business Development and Internationalisation, Umeå University.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Student life and beyond

Some of the older universities in Sweden have a system of ‘nations’ which all students can join. The nations are a bit of a mix between Hogwarts school in the Harry Potter books, a restaurant and a nightclub, and they are extremely popular among students.

Many student corridors have communal saunas, providing a popular pastime for Swedish and international students alike.

Student unions have a huge impact on student life in Sweden, representing both the social and academic interests of their members, and can be found at every university in Sweden.



‘There’s a lot of snow, and the design students would make their own ice bar on a Friday. Traditionally, second-year students make the new students a surströmming (fermented Baltic herring) welcome dinner.’

– Paula Guntaur, Canada, Master’s in Interaction Design, Umeå University.

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Gender equality

Sweden is ranked #4 in the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Index measuring equality between men and women.

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Beyond our classrooms

Innovation

In this country of trendsetters, the atmosphere is tolerant and the attitude creative. As a result, Sweden has not only produced a disproportionate number of world-renowned scientists, business leaders and entrepreneurs but is also a world leader in new technology and social progress.

Sustainability

For most Swedes, sustainable development is a way of life, and Swedish universities are world leaders in education and research related to environmental science and sustainability. The reason for this is probably a combination of the country's strong roots in engineering and industrial technology and a broad environmental awareness stemming at least in part from Swedes' love of nature.

The Swedish Model

The country once known for its fierce Viking ancestors is now better known for, among other things, a social welfare system that has helped make Sweden one of the safest, most well-educated countries with a standard of living ranked as the best in the world according to the UN Human Poverty Index. This support system has provided the security required to allow the spirit of innovation to flourish.

Gender equality

Sweden is one of the most gender-equal countries in the world. This can be seen in areas such as the make-up of the Swedish Government which has an equal number of male and female ministers; paid parental leave of up to 16 months that can be shared between the parents; and the fact that about 60% of university undergraduates are women.



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Sweden innovation rankings

No.3 on the Global Innovation Index 2014 (INSEAD)

No.2 on the Innovation Union Scoreboard 2014 (EU Commission)

In terms of innovation 'output', Sweden rates third in number of patent applications per capita in the world (World Economic Forum 2014).



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Kuggen (The Cog) is Chalmers' new center for innovation and entrepreneurship. It is in itself an innovation, with creative and sustainable solutions throughout the building.

One of Kuggen's aims is to be a creative environment and meeting point for students, teachers and business; the other is to show how to develop building techniques and materials to help conserve energy.

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The cog in Gothenburg
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'While studying in Sweden I enjoyed the liberal attitude towards students, modern teaching methods, democratic dialogue, open-mindedness and inclusion. All these aspects undoubtedly contribute to the improvement of critical thinking, which is incredibly important for a modern sustainable society.'

– Iryna Mikhnovets, Ukraine, Linnaeus University, Master's programme in Social Work.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Unmatched in numbers of multinational companies

Sweden is the home to the largest number of multinational companies per capita in the world, with brands such as IKEA, H&M, Volvo Group, Volvo Cars, Spotify, Ericsson, Sandvik, ABB, Acne and Nudie Jeans, Astra Zeneca, Scania, Electrolux and Skype.

SWEDISH EXCELLENCE

Swedish sustainability rankings

No. 2 on the 2014 Energy Sustainability Index (World Energy Council)

No. 3 on the 2014 Global Cleantech Innovation Index ranking the global state of sustainable and environmental technologies related to innovation (Cleantech Group & WWF).

'Sweden is one of the most developed countries in terms of alternate energy and it is an issue I'm passionate about. Swedes are a step ahead of many other Europeans, so I wanted to learn first-hand from their knowledge.'

–Fernando Méndez, Bolivia, Master's in Sustainable Energy Engineering, KTH Royal Institute of Technology.



‘The “Swedish Model” provides global benchmarks in health care, the environment, urban planning, education, industry and technology. Knowledge of Sweden is an essential part of solving the riddle of how nations can achieve long-term prosperity and well-being for all.’

– Paul Casey, USA, recipient of the Swedish Institute’s Swedish-American Bicentennial Grant.

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Facts about the Swedish higher education system

Number of universities: 35

Number of international students studying in Sweden each year: 34,000 of which over 15,000 are exchange students

Number of students studying in Sweden each year: 346,000

Number of international doctoral students studying in Sweden each year: 6,500

Number of English-language programmes at bachelor and master level: 1,000



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Students, Mid Sweden University in Sundsvall
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STUDY OPTIONS

Bachelor’s programmes

Sweden offers almost 100 bachelor’s programmes in English in a range of subject areas including engineering, business and IT. A Swedish bachelor’s programme encompasses three years of full-time study with a total of 180 credits (ECTS credits) earned.

Master’s programmes

Swedish universities offer over 900 master’s programmes in English in a variety of study areas: science, business, IT, humanities, engineering, health and medicine and fine arts – to name a few. Most master’s level programmes are 120 credits (ECTS credits) and take two years of full-time studies to complete, although there are also one-year master’s programmes available.

Doctoral studies

Information concerning open positions for research studies is managed and dealt with by the universities separately. Further information can be found on university websites. A doctoral degree requires 240 credits (ECTS credits) and a minimum of four years of full-time studies.

Exchange studies

In addition to studying an entire programme or course, students are welcome to come to Sweden as part of an exchange programme for one or two semesters. Exchange programmes are administered by the individual Swedish and foreign universities that have exchange agreements with each other.

STEPS TO APPLYING

Find your programme

Using the database available at www.universityadmissions.se you can search through an online catalogue that includes all bachelor's and master's programmes taught in English across the entire country.

Apply online

You can apply for all courses and programmes at all Swedish universities at www.universityadmissions.se where the entire process is managed online. You can create an account, submit your application and supporting documentation, receive your admission notification and accept your place.

Residence permit or visa

To stay in Sweden for an extended period of time, a student with citizenship from a country outside the EU/EEA must apply for a residence permit. A study visa is required for stays of less than three months. Students should submit their applications to the Swedish Migration Board right after receiving and accepting the admission place offered.

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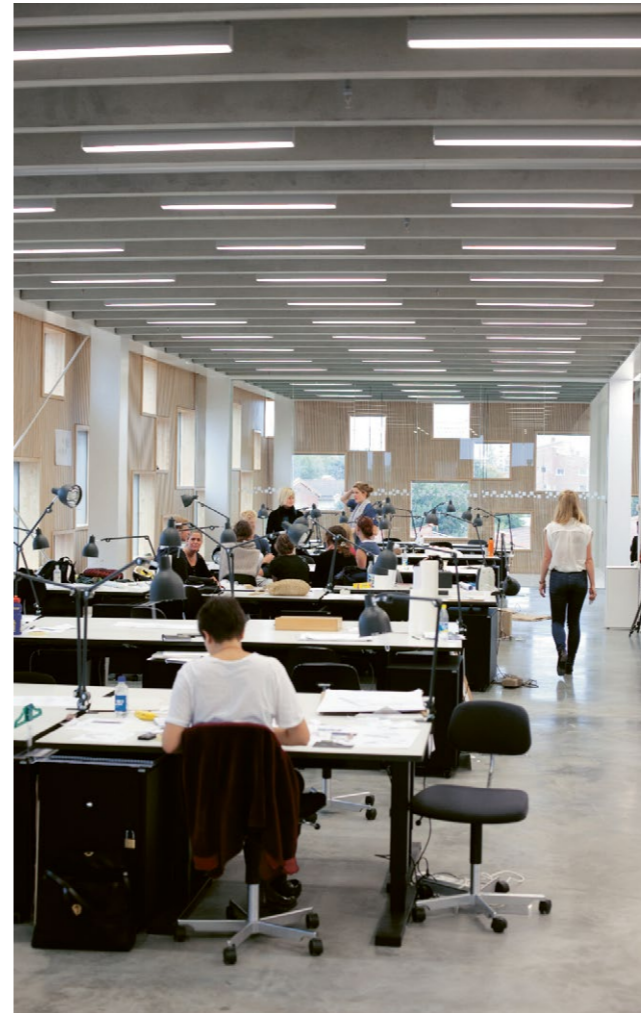


Tuition fees

For non-EU/EEA students, annual tuition fees in Sweden vary according to the programme. Most tuition fees for master's programmes range from SEK 85,000-140,000 per academic year though specific programmes such as medicine and fine arts may charge more.

No tuition fees are charged for students from the EU/EEA countries or from Switzerland. Sweden has a policy of providing free higher education to Swedish citizens, which according to EU regulations is therefore extended to citizens from the EU/EEA.

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Scholarships

Scholarships are available at the national level and from universities. See studyinsweden.se for information about scholarships at the national level, or the university websites to apply for their scholarship programmes.

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Important dates

Here are some important dates in the application process for programmes beginning in the autumn semester. The dates below apply to standard national application procedures. Please note that individual universities may have different dates.

Mid-October – Online application process opens at www.universityadmissions.se.

January – Admission application deadline.

February – Deadline for submitting supporting documentation and pay your application fee (if required).

March – Admission decision.

April – Apply for residence permit or visa with the Swedish Migration Board.

Late August – Autumn semester begins.



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COMING TO SWEDEN

Working in Sweden

The Swedish labour market is known for combining business innovation, generous employment benefits and long-term job security. Together with one of the highest living standards in the world, Sweden also has new labour migration laws relaxing regulations on foreign students working in Sweden.

International students are allowed to work during their studies. Students can also apply to stay in Sweden for up to six months after graduation to find a job and apply for a work permit, making Sweden the perfect place to launch your international career.

Cost of living

Estimated student budget per month

Food	SEK 2,300	Local travel	SEK 500
Accommodation	SEK 3,200	Hygiene products	SEK 250
Student union fee and books	SEK 500	Clothing	SEK 450
Phone, internet, TV/newspaper	SEK 300	Leisure	SEK 500
		Total sum	SEK 8000 *

SEK 100 = approximately EUR 10.70

* Students from outside the EU/EEA are required to show funding equivalent to SEK 8,010 for each month of the studies (not to exceed 10 months per year) as a requirement for the residence permit.

Academic year

Autumn semester: late August – mid January

Spring semester: mid January – early June

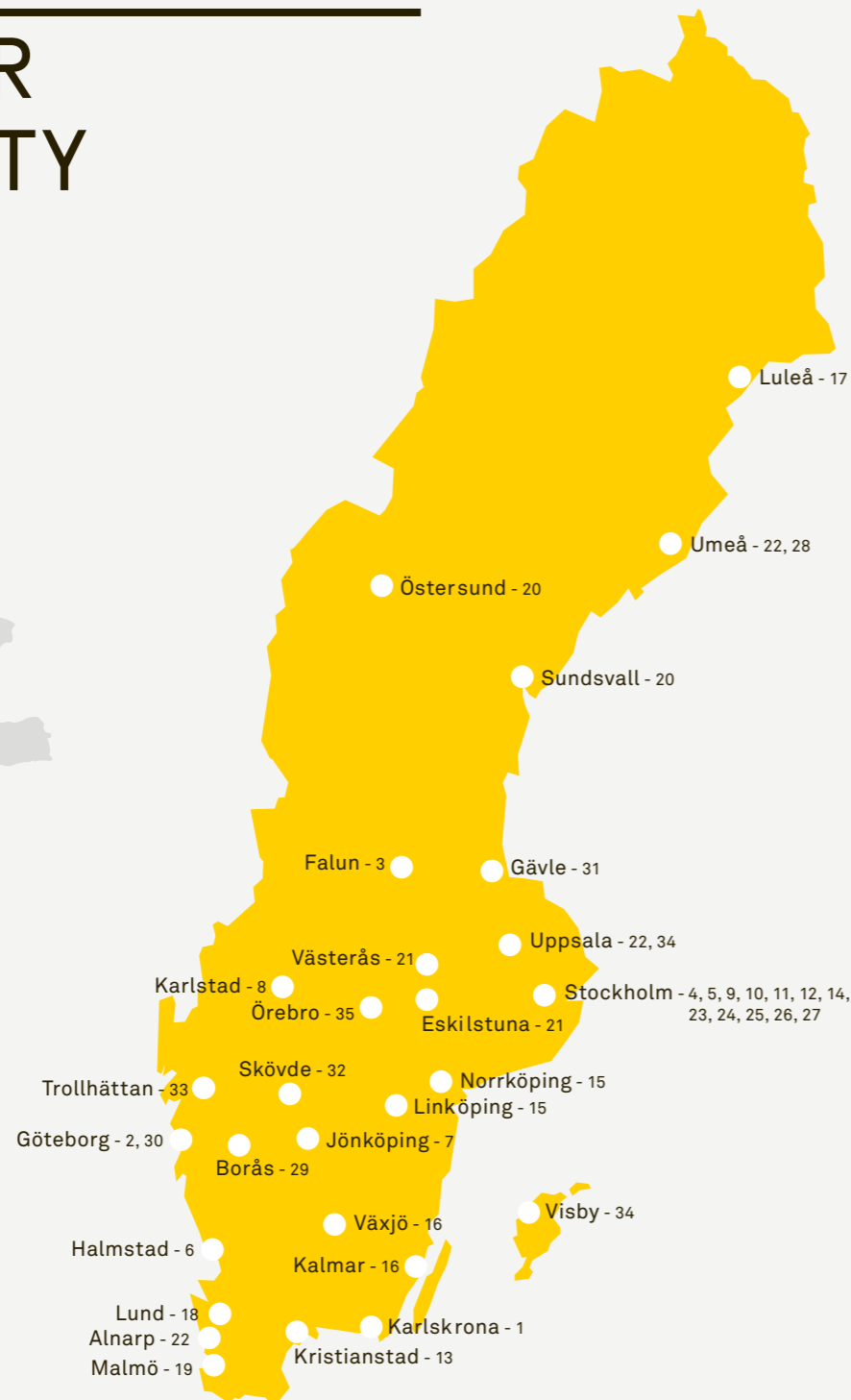


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FIND YOUR UNIVERSITY



Subject areas offered in English	Business & social sciences	Humanities	Health & medicine	Fine arts	Interdisciplinary studies	Natural science	Technology
1. Blekinge Institute of Technology	●				●		●
2. Chalmers University of Technology	●				●	●	●
3. Dalarna University	●	●					●
4. Ersta Sköndal University College			●				
5. GIH – Swedish School of Sport & Health Sciences			●				
6. Halmstad University	●	●				●	●
7. Jönköping University	●	●			●		●
8. Karlstad University	●	●			●	●	●
9. Karolinska Institutet			●				
10. KKH – Royal Institute of Art				●			
11. KMH – Royal College of Music in Stockholm				●			
12. Konstfack – University College of Arts, Crafts and Design				●			
13. Kristianstad University			●		●	●	●
14. KTH Royal Institute of Technology	●				●	●	●
15. Linköping University	●	●	●		●	●	●
16. Linnaeus University	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
17. Luleå University of Technology	●	●			●	●	●

Subject areas offered in English	Business & social sciences	Humanities	Health & medicine	Fine arts	Interdisciplinary studies	Natural science	Technology
18. Lund University	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
19. Malmö University	●	●			●	●	●
20. Mid Sweden University	●	●		●		●	●
21. Mälardalen University	●		●		●		●
22. SLU – Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	●				●	●	●
23. Sophiahemmet University College			●				
24. Stockholm School of Economics	●						
25. Stockholm University	●	●			●	●	●
26. Stockholm University of the Arts				●			
27. Södertörn University	●	●			●	●	
28. Umeå University	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
29. University of Borås	●	●		●			●
30. University of Gothenburg	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
31. University of Gävle	●						●
32. University of Skövde	●	●			●	●	●
33. University West	●						●
34. Uppsala University	●	●	●		●	●	●
35. Örebro University	●	●	●				●

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All you need to know about studying in Sweden:
www.studyinsweden.se

Social media:
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Learn some Swedish

Hello, Hi	Hej!
How are you?	Hur står det till?
I'm fine, thanks	Bara bra, tack!
What's your name?	Vad heter du?
My name is...	Jag heter...
Goodbye	Hej då!

Things you might not know about Sweden

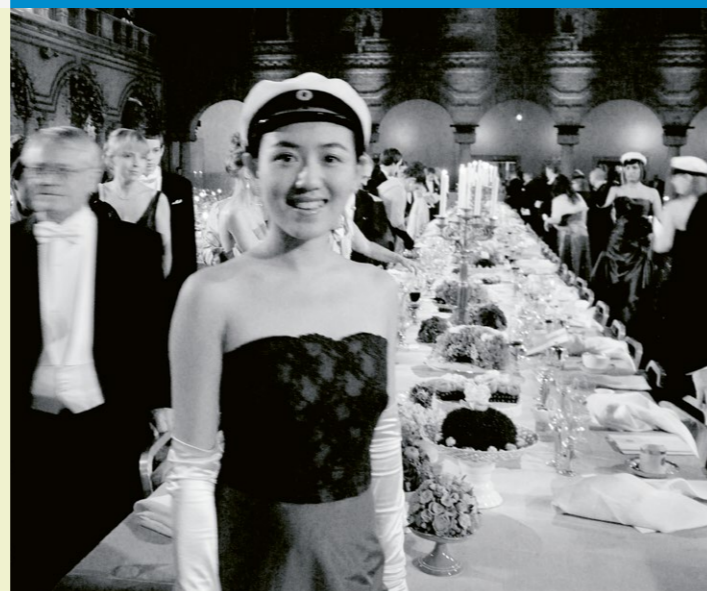
Sweden has over 97,500 lakes larger than 8000 square metres, and an amazing 221,800 islands.

In the north of Sweden, the sun does not set during June and does not rise during December.

The surface area of Sweden is the size of Thailand or the state of California.

The Right of Public Access allows anyone to pass through any land to hike, pick berries and mushrooms, provided that the natural environment and property is respected.

Many know the Nobel Prize is Swedish. Not as many know that international students can enter a lottery to win a place at the Nobel Prize Banquet.



Pictured is one of the lucky international students who won a place at the Nobel Prize Banquet. Qian Liu, China, exchange student at Dalarna University and doctoral student in Economics, Uppsala University.

Don't just pick a place. Pick a future.

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