

Scholarship opportunities in Sweden

Below is information on studies in Sweden and scholarships opportunities. Every year 10 scholarships are assigned to South African students and cover both living costs, tuition fees, a travel grant and insurance. Deadline for applying for both studies in Sweden and the Scholarship are **16 January 2017** for studies starting in August 2017.

Apply to study in Sweden

The application period for studies in Sweden starting in August 2017 is now officially open with an application deadline for **16 January 2017**. 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. There is also a full listing of programmes open for application, closer to 1,000 programmes offered 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 studies in Sweden, please visit www.studyinsweden.se.

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 both 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.

Selection and eligibility criteria for South Africans

- Applicants must be South African citizens but may, at the time of their application and admission, reside in a country other than South Africa
- Applicants should show an ambition to make a difference by working with issues which contribute to a just and sustainable development in South Africa, in a long term perspective.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have completed bachelor's studies from a South African university and also to applicants choosing study programmes with an emphasis on the following subject areas: business, democracy, environment and sustainability, gender studies, human rights, information and communication technologies, law and social studies.
- Applicants must apply and be accepted to a Swedish University within a relevant master's programme (see below)
- 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 2017/2018 is **opening 1 December 2016**. The application process has been divided in to two application periods. The first application period will be **between 1 December 2016 and 16 January 2017**. Successful candidates will be notified late January 2017 and asked to submit a detailed application for the **second selection round 1–10 February 2017**.

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

For any queries regarding studies in Sweden or the scholarship please contact helena.pietersen@gov.se at the Embassy of Sweden in Pretoria.