

Research Study Information: International Academics' Experiences in Sweden

Information to Study Participants

We invite you to participate in a research study as an international academics in Sweden. This document contains information on what participation in the study will entail.

What type of project is it?

The study aims to enhance understanding of the experiences of international academics who moved to Sweden to work at a Swedish Higher Education Institution within the STEM disciplines between 2008-2024.

Stockholm University is the entity responsible for the research study. The research study has been approved by the Swedish Ethical Review Authority and is registered with the Swedish Ethical Review Authority under: SU-306-0356-24.

What does participation in the study entail?

Participation in the study would entail that you volunteer to be interviewed about your experiences of moving to Sweden, navigating a Swedish higher education institution as a new employee, and of pursuing a career in Sweden. The interview would take around an hour, can be done in person or via Zoom, and scheduled with the main researcher at a time and place that is convenient for you.

Who can participate and why should they participate?

Participants must have applied for a residence permit, for the first time, as a result of being hired as a postdoc, researcher or lecturer/senior lecturer to work within a STEM discipline, and at one of the following higher education institutions between the years 2008-2024:

Uppsala University, Lund University, University of Gothenburg, Stockholm University, Umeå University, Linköping University, Karolinska Institute, Royal Institute of Technology, Luleå University of Technology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, or Chalmers University of Technology. *Participants must have completed their PhD before moving to Sweden to meet the study criteria.

In participating in the study, you will contribute to increasing knowledge of international academics' experiences in Sweden.



What will happen to my personal data?

Information that can be connected to you is considered personal data under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you choose to participate in this study, the personal information you state during the interview will be made anonymous. All data collected will be kept confidential. Your answers and results will be handled in such a way that they cannot be accessed by unauthorized persons. The audio files from the interviews will be transferred to and stored on Sunet/Nextcloud, which is a password-protected server, and stored in accordance with Stockholm University's rules for handling personal data (GDPR). The legal basis for the processing personal data can be found in Article 6(1) of the EU GDPR rules, which outlines the rules for processing personal data that is necessary for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest. Primarily the main researcher, Emma West, and her main supervisor, Rebecca Ye, will have access to the transcribed texts, but in some cases the assistant supervisors (Eric Larsson and Paula Mählck) will also be able to read interview extracts.

The controller of your personal data is Stockholm University. Under the EU General Data Protection Regulation, you have the right to access, free of charge, any data connected to you and is processed in the project, and, if necessary, to have any errors corrected. You can also request that information about you be deleted and that the processing of your personal data be restricted. However, the right to removal and to restricting the processing of personal data does not apply when the data is necessary for the research in question. If you wish to access your data, please contact Emma West (emma.west@edu.su.se). The Data Protection Officer at Stockholm University can be reached at dso@su.se. If you are dissatisfied with the way your personal data is processed, you have the right to lodge a complaint with The Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection's, which is the supervising authority.

Study Results

The results of the study will be presented in a doctoral thesis, within research group and departmental seminars, conferences, and possibly in future articles.

Insurance and compensation

Your participation in the study is not covered by insurance. No compensation will be provided for participating in the study.

Participation is voluntary

Your participation is voluntary and you can, at any point, choose to discontinue participating in the study. If you decide not to participate or discontinue your participation, you do not need to give a reason why. If you decide to discontinue your participation, you should contact the main researcher for study (see below).

Study Responsible

If you have questions or are interested in participating in the study, please contact Emma West (PhD student and main researcher), at the Department of Education and Stockholm University. Email: emma.west@edu.su.se, (08 16 3976)

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