



# Interested in doing research in Sweden?



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Mobility Centre Sweden and its portal provide information and assistance to mobile researchers. As a researcher moving to another country you might face practical questions regarding your stay such as where to stay, what if you bring the family, is a visa needed, work and residence permits, how about social security. On the portal you also find facts on research in Sweden and advertised research positions in Sweden and Europe. The service is free of charge. Before coming and when you have arrived to Sweden, please look and find your answers at: [www.researchinsweden.se](http://www.researchinsweden.se).

A national network has been formed to provide researchers with the best possible assistance. The network consists of representatives from organisations hosting and promoting mobile researchers such as universities, research institutes and the business community.

## Är du svensk?

Are you a Swedish researcher looking for a research job in another EU member state? Use the European researcher's mobility portal: <http://europa.eu.int/eracareers>! There you can post your CV free of charge, match it with jobs published by research organisations and reach links to mobility centres in your new host country.

## Does your company need research expertise?

Research companies and the university sector can, free of charge, advertise for expert knowledge and publish job advertisements to find staff members with specific research experience. Guidance via: <http://europa.eu.int/eracareers> or [www.researchinsweden.se](http://www.researchinsweden.se).

## Facilitating the mobility of researchers

Mobility Centre Sweden is located at the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems, VINNOVA. Mobility Centre Sweden is part of the large European Network of Mobility Centres, ERA-MORE, consisting of more than 200 centres all over Europe. Mobility centre is initiated and supported by the European Commission. The service is placed in each member state. The main objective is to encourage, support and facilitate mobility of researchers to and within Europe and to create a common European job-market for researchers.





Large part of Sweden is pure nature. Just over half of the country is covered by forest. The population density in Sweden is very low, about 20 people per km<sup>2</sup>.

## Swedish research and inventions

R&D have had high priority in Sweden the last few decades. Sweden is one of the countries that invests the largest percentage of its GDP in R&D (annually around 4%). Sweden is a small country with an export surplus in high-tech products. Telecommunication equipment and pharmaceuticals are among Sweden's largest export areas.

The 20 largest companies account for about 2/3 of the business sector's total R&D expenditure. Sweden has more large and international corporations per capita than most other countries, such as: ABB, Astra Zeneca, Atlas Copco, Electrolux, Ericsson, H&M, IKEA, Saab, Sandvik, SKF, Pharmacia, Volvo.

Sweden can boast with many internationally recognised inventions during the last few centuries, just to mention some: Anders Celsius (1701–44) the Celsius (or Centigrade) thermometer. Carl von Linné (1707–78) *Systema naturae*, systematic classification of plants, animals, minerals. Alfred Nobel (1833–96) dynamite. Gustaf de Laval (1845–1913) the cream separator. Lars Magnus Ericsson (1846–1926) development of telephone instruments and switchboards. Nils Gustav Dalén (1869–1937) gas-powered maritime beacons. Sven Wingquist (1876–1953) the roller bearing. Rune Elmquist (1906–96) the pacemaker.

Did you know this about Sweden?

- The Nobel Prizes have been awarded on the 10th of December since 1901.
- 9 million inhabitants in a country nearly as large as France.
- One of few countries in the world with four distinct different seasons.
- The average daylight in Kiruna on the 1st of July is 24 hours.
- Two very Swedish traditional festivities are Lucia in December and Midsummer's Eve in June.
- Sweden is a nation with a song for every season and is said to have the largest per capita number of amateur choirs in the world.

Rosa, guest researcher from Universidad de León in Spain, says about:

**Sweden:** everybody keeps telling me that Sweden is much better in the summer and that Swedish people become so different then. But I went to Sweden because I wanted to experience cold and snowy days!

**Swedish language:** they all speak English perfectly well. However, there are three compulsory words to learn for any visitor to Sweden: *Hej* (hello), *Tack* (Thanks), *Just det* (That's right).

**Swedish people:** in the beginning they keep some distance and give an image of seriousness. They seem to be independent people. After some time the distance disappears. It is all perfect, I just wish I could stay longer. I'll be back!

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