

Information about postdoctoral scholarships at Linköping University

Before you apply, please make sure that you have understood the limitations and benefits of the postdoctoral scholarship.

Please note that this is a scholarship for postdoctoral training and not a position as an employee. This means there will be an educational plan on what you should achieve during your stay at LiU. It also means that you will have a supervisor to guide you.

The postdoctoral fellowships at Linköping University are tax free and are not eligible for sick or parental pay, vacation, unemployment or other benefits. The scholarship will be paid also for short periods of absence (due to illness) but will be reconsidered if the goals of the educational plan cannot be reached because of long-term absence. The scholarship is paid annually and for a maximum of two years.

Pension

No payments to pension funds are made by the university and you are encouraged to make such contributions yourself.

Insurances

Fellows and accompanying family members are covered by the [Insurance for Foreign visitors](#) for emergency medical care while in Sweden and for your re-location travel to Sweden.

If you take part in travel during your scholarship you will be covered by the [Swedish state business travel insurance](#).

If you stay in Sweden for a year or more, you should be eligible for healthcare benefits when you are registered in the Swedish population register and have received a Swedish personal identity number (see below). Please make sure though that you have private comprehensive health insurance or European Health Insurance card for European residents, to cover you for the first time in Sweden.

You don't have coverage for occupational injury. Each applicant should be aware of their own insurance needs and requirements and should consider signing a life insurance.

Work Environment

As you are part of the work community at LiU, LiU is responsible for the physical, psychological and social work environment ([Work Environment Act](#))
If a fellow experiences issues with the work environment s/he can turn to the head of division, HR or work environment representative for guidance.
Fellows are not employed and therefore don't have the right to for occupational health care other than legislated medical controls and vaccinations connected to your research environment.

Swedish personal identity number

If you stay in Sweden for a year or longer, you register at the Swedish Tax Agency ("Skatteverket") to receive a Swedish personal identity number. This number is used for all agency-contact but also for e.g., opening a bank account. Postdoctoral Fellows on a stipend are considered to be students by the Tax Agency when registering in the population register. Here you can read more on how to register: [You are moving by yourself and are studying | Skatteverket](#).
Note, it takes a couple of weeks after your arrival to receive the number.

Useful information

You can find lots of useful information on our [website for international staff](#). Please don't hesitate to contact the international coordinator if you have any questions.