The Högbom-Cocozza Foundation announces two postdoctoral fellowships in economic history at Linköping University

The Division of Economics, Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University invites applications for two three-year postdoctoral research fellowships in economic history, funded by the Högbom-Cocozza Foundation. The Division will select and nominate at least three candidates to the Foundation, which will make the final decision and award two fellowships.

The Foundation aims to contribute to the development of a strong research environment in economic history at Linköping University and to support early-career researchers with high scientific potential.

Focus of the fellowships

Two fellowships will be awarded in economic history, broadly defined as the study of how economies and the material conditions of life have developed over the long run, and how economic processes have interacted with institutions, technology, politics, and society. The field draws on both the analytical tools of economics and the source-based methods of history.

We welcome projects on any aspect of the field. These might address, for example, economic growth and development, living standards and inequality, labour, demography, trade and globalisation, institutions and the state, technology and innovation, or entrepreneurship and business. Projects using quantitative methods applied to historical databases, register data, or other historical sources are particularly encouraged, but we also welcome applications using qualitative or mixed-method approaches.

Terms

The fellowships cover three years of full-time research, with a planned start in mid-2027 or by agreement.

Each fellowship is awarded as a tax-free stipend amounting to a total of SEK 1,965,000 for the entire three-year period and is paid semi-annually in advance directly to the fellow. The stipend is intended to cover living expenses, personal insurance (life, accident, and health insurance), and pension contributions.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a doctoral degree in economic history or a closely related field (for example economics, economic geography, economic demography, statistics or history) awarded no more than five years before the application deadline.

The fellow is expected to conduct their research at Linköping University, Campus Valla, and to be resident and registered as living in the Municipality of Linköping during the fellowship period. Employment for institutional duties (such as teaching) of up to 30% of full-time employment is permitted, with the fellowship period extended correspondingly.

Application

The application must include:

- Curriculum vitae.
- List of publications.
- Research plan (max. 5 pages including reference list).
- A brief statement of why the fellowship is being sought.
- Contact details for two referees.

The application should be submitted as a single PDF file to economics.nek@iei.liu.se.

Please state the reference PD-EH-2026 in the subject line of the email and in the application.

Application deadline: 1 December 2026.

Selection

Selection of candidates for nomination to the Foundation will be based on the applicant's scientific merits, the quality of the research plan, and their potential to contribute to the development of economic history research at Linköping University.

The Högbom-Cocozza Foundation makes the final decision on the award of the fellowships after reviewing the nominations received.

For questions about the fellowships, please contact Ali Ahmed (ali.ahmed@liu.se), Professor and Head of the Division.