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The Sweden-America Foundation

The Sweden-America Foundation is a non-profit organization that makes academic studies and research in the United States and Canada possible for accomplished Swedish students and researchers through fellowships and other forms of assistance. The Fellows return to Sweden with knowledge, contacts, ideas, and experiences of great importance for Swedish research, business, and society at large. The Sweden-America Foundation provides information on higher education in The United States and Canada.

- The Fellowship Program presents fellowships for research and graduate level education in the United States and Canada.
- The Foundation screens and selects two young students to Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.
- The Foundation nominates a talented young high school student to The Lawrenceville School, a prestigious boarding school in New Jersey.

Nobel Prize laureates among The Sweden-America Foundation alumni



Hugo Theorell, Medicine 1955

Ragnar Granit, Medicine 1967

Hannes Alfvén, Physics 1970

Bertil Ohlin, The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in
Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 1977

Kai Siegbahn, Physics 1981

Sune Bergström, Medicine 1982

Arvid Carlsson, Medicine 2000

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The 2023 Sweden-America Foundation Fellows

Erna Anderson

PhD Candidate in American Studies at College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, USA. *The dissertation is an interdisciplinary analysis of the function and reification of whiteness in American orphan narratives during the period 1900-1930.*

Donor: Sten Westerbergs stipendium.

Erik Blennow Nordström

PostDoc in Neuropsychology at Columbia University in the City of New York, NY, USA. *The focus areas of the planned studies are cognitive and emotional sequelae in people who have survived a cardiac arrest.*

Donor: Ingegerd and Viking Olov Björk's Scholarship Trust.

David Bornudd

Graduate studies in Law (LL.M.) at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA, USA. *The focus of the studies is American antitrust and data protection law, as well as law and economics theory.*

Donor: Stiftelsen JP Seeburgs stipendiefond.

Lola Carlander

Graduate studies in Fine Art at The New School-Parsons School of Design in New York, NY, USA. *An interdisciplinary and conceptual orientation that revolves around issues of freedom and the lack of freedom.*

Donor: Thanks to Scandinavia Inc.

Elizabeth Castaldo Lundén

PostDoc in Film/Fashion Studies at the University of Southern California-School of Cinematic Arts in Los Angeles, CA, USA. *The research project studies the role of fashion newsfilms produced by Fox Movietone News between 1929 and 1959 in the growth of the American fashion industry and their impact on the global expansion of the ready-to-wear industry.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Anders Zorns stipendium.

Niklas Dahl

PhD Candidate in Theoretical Philosophy at Lund University and visiting scholar at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, USA. *The main research project is about explaining how our language connects to things in the world in terms of social structures governing exchange of information. As a visiting scholar at Dartmouth College, he works on a project about how the way we reason about modal judgements, about what is possible or necessary, can be understood in terms of social norms governing belief revision.*

Donor: Stiftelsen J Sigfrid Edströms stipendiefond.

Alexander Dubois

Graduate studies in Management Science and Engineering (MSc) at Columbia University in the City of New York, NY, USA. *The studies focus on the intersection of management, technology, and entrepreneurship.*

Donors: Stiftelsen ASEA:s stipendiefond, Stiftelsen Bergsingenjör Axel Ax:son Johnsons stipendiefond, Stiftelsen Hans Werthéns stipendiefond.

Maria Eggertsen

PostDoc in Marine Ecology/Botany at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa-The School of Life Sciences in Mānoa, HI, USA. *The research is a collaboration with the hosting Botany Department and the Department of Aquatic Resources at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). The studies will be conducted within the project "Weeding in the Coral Garden", which aims to understand mechanisms and potential triggers of detrimental algal blooms on coral reefs, and how these might be managed.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond.

Jenny Enos

PhD Candidate in Sociology at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, USA. *The dissertation is focused on immigration, far-right politics, and attitudes toward immigration-related threats in the U.S. and Europe.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond.

Andrea Geißinger

PostDoc in Business Administration at Stanford University-Scandinavian Consortium for Organization Research (SCANCOR) in Palo Alto, CA, USA. *The focus of the postdoc project is to understand how new technology shapes the power dynamics within organizations, markets, and institutions. Particularly, the project sets out to explore the concept of "community" for organizing.*

Donor: Stockholms Grosshandelssocietet.

Lisa Hildebrand

Graduate studies in Public Health at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, USA. *The program will be focused on methods of epidemiology that can provide quantitative approaches for addressing health problems.*

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Kasper Johansson

PhD Candidate in Electrical Engineering at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, USA. *Researching convex optimization applied to financial decision-making, studying efficient methods for risk management, asset pricing, and portfolio optimization.*

Donor: Familjen Mix Entreprenörstiftelse.

Lydia Johansson

Graduate studies in Air and Space Law (LLM) at McGill University in Montreal, QC, Canada. *Studies in Air and Space Law that will include a Master dissertation focusing on air passenger rights in Europe.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond.

Lars Karlsson

PostDoc in Pediatric Oncology at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, USA. *The focus of the studies will be on molecular mechanisms behind perivascular inflammation and blood-brain barrier dysregulation after CAR T cell-treatment for diffuse glioma in children. The purpose of the study is to improve safety and efficacy of this promising treatment.*

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Ragnhild Kvist

Graduate studies in Viola Performance at New York University-Steinhardt School of Music in New York, NY, USA. *The studies contain orchestra, improvisation, chamber music, contemporary music, private lessons on the main instrument and more.*

Donor: Tetra Laval.

Isa Lappalainen

PhD Candidate in Political Science at Uppsala University and visiting scholar at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, USA. *The dissertation explores the "petty-proprietary imagination" of political visions promoting societies of (small) property-owners.*

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Elin Lindfors

PhD Candidate in International Law at Örebro University and visiting scholar at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in Los Angeles, CA, USA. *The research field is international criminal law and more specifically international criminal liability in relation to crimes that have been perpetrated with the use of Autonomous Weapon Systems.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Kooperativa Förbundets stipendiefond.

Jasmin Moshfegh

PhD Candidate in Health Policy at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, USA. *The topic of the dissertation is the causes and consequences of technology adoption in healthcare, with a focus on precision medicine.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Fritz O Fernströms stipendiefond.

Anna Nyman

PhD Candidate in Practical Philosophy at Uppsala University and visiting scholar at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ, USA. *The research is in ethics and concerns the relation between control and moral blame- and praiseworthiness.*

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Linda Pipkorn

PostDoc in Human-Machine Interaction at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)-CTL AgeLab in Cambridge, MA, USA. *The research aims to study how drivers use the most advanced, currently available, commercial assistance systems in real environments.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Roland Nilssons stipendiefond.

Nicolas Rodriguez Hedenbratt

PhD Candidate in Political Science at Lund University and visiting scholar at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, Canada. *The dissertation examines the historical origins of differences in broadcasting regulations in liberal democracies.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond.

Henrik Schildt Lundberg

Graduate studies in Political Science and Foreign Service at Georgetown University-Walsh School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC, USA. *The studies focus on global politics, nuclear weapons and transatlantic relations.*

Donors: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond, Borgrättsfonderna.

Gabriel Sjöström

Graduate studies in Business Administration (MBA) at Harvard University-Harvard Business School in Cambridge, MA, USA. *A two-year MBA program with a general management curriculum and a focus on real-world practice.*

Donor: Stiftelsen Ernst O Eks stipendiefond

Mehreen Zaigham

PostDoc in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School and Graduate studies in Public Health at Harvard University-Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, MA, USA. *The focus of my project is to study the functionality and acceptability of a wireless vital signs monitoring system for women after Cesarean birth in low- and middle-income countries.*

Donors: Stiftelsen Ingemar Dörfer stipendiefond för studier vid Harvard, Peter Baldwin & Lisbet Rausing.

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Origin, Mission and Operations

The Sweden-America Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1919 on the initiative of Swedish leaders of science, religion, business, politics, and the arts. Among the founders and founding Members of the Board were scientists and Nobel laureates Svante Arrhenius and Theodor Svedberg; Archbishop and Nobel laureate Nathan Söderblom; banker and industrialist Jacob Wallenberg; industrialist and businessman Axel Ax:son Johnson; Prime Minister Hjalmar Branting; author Selma Lagerlöf; and artist Anders Zorn. The sister organization of The Sweden-America Foundation is The American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York. In accordance with the Foundation's statutes, the objectives are to "work for the development of a relationship between Sweden, on the one hand, and the United States of America and Canada on the other, by promoting the exchange of scientific, cultural and practical experiences between the countries and in particular through presenting fellowships to young men and women for research, post graduate and graduate level studies in the USA and Canada."

The Sweden-America Foundation administers fifteen permanent funds. The returns from fourteen of the funds are used to finance fellowships. These funds are:

Anders Zorn's Fellowship Fund

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Kooperativa Förbundet's Fellowship Fund

J Sigfrid Edström's Fellowship Fund

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 Ingemar Dörfer's Fellowship Fund for studies at Harvard University
 The Bicentennial Swedish-American Exchange Fund
 The Mix Family Entrepreneur Foundation
 Prince Bertil's Fund (not used to finance a fellowship)

The Sweden-America Foundation is dependent upon donations from Swedish companies, organizations and private individuals. The range of activities include:

The Fellowship Program

Fellowships are awarded for research and graduate level education in the United States and Canada, with funding from the fellowship funds, partners, companies, organizations and private individuals. The Sweden-America Foundation also has Swedish and American partner institutions with which it collaborates within the Fellowship program:

- Borgrättsfonderna, which is administered by The Marshall of the Realm, at the Royal Court in Stockholm. Each year The Sweden-America Foundation nominates candidates for fellowships announced by this fund.
- Thanks To Scandinavia Inc (New York). Each year Thanks To Scandinavia offers fellowships to the Scandinavian countries in gratitude for their efforts to save Jews during World War II. The Sweden-America Foundation nominates candidates for two fellowships annually.

Other Programs

The Sweden-America Foundation administers one High School scholarship for studies at The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey and two college scholarships to Augustana College in Illinois.

Corresponding organizations in the Nordic countries are *The Finnish America Studies Association (FASA)*, *The Icelandic-American Foundation* and *The Norway-America Association (NORAM)*. The Sweden-America Foundation's sister organization in the United States is *The American-Scandinavian Foundation*.

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The Annual Report for 2023 Presented by the Board of Directors and the Executive Director

During the 104th year of the Foundation, were:

- A total of 24 fellowships with a value of approximately MSEK 5,4 awarded for higher education and research in the United States and Canada.
- Two students awarded tuition waivers to Augustana College in Illinois
- One student awarded a full tuition scholarship to The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey

Events During the Year

2023 marked the 70th anniversary for the Sweden-America Foundation's Canada program. In 1953, the Foundation's first Canada fellow, Tore Nordling, left for Canada to study ice formation on airplane wings at the University of Ottawa. To celebrate the anniversary, the Ambassador of Canada to Sweden, HE Jason LaTorre, invited the Sweden-America Foundation to a reception at the Canadian Embassy in Stockholm. HRH Crown Princess Victoria was the guest of honor. The evening's keynote speaker was alumnus Gustaf Arrhenius, professor of practical philosophy at Stockholm University and Director of the Institute for Futures Studies. Arrhenius received a scholarship from the Sweden-America Foundation in 1994, when he was a visiting scholar at University of Toronto. Alumna Beata Wickbom (Gettysburg College 1986) was the moderator.

The Sweden-America Foundation's annual meeting took place on April 26th in Stockholm. In addition to the board of directors and the board of trustees, alumni, and members, the US ambassador HE Erik Ramanathan and the Canadian ambassador HE Jason LaTorre attended the meeting. Canada alumna Lina Bertling Tjernberg, professor in Power Grid Technology at KTH, gave a speech on "Electric power and the Energy supply challenge". Bertling Tjernberg became a fellow in 2002, when she was a Postdoc at University of Toronto.

In February 2023, the Foundation's executive director, Anna Rosvall Stuart, visited New York to meet the Foundation's fellowship students and members where the Swedish Consulate General Camilla Melander invited The Sweden-America Foundation's fellows, friends, and alumni to a reception at The Swedish residence on Park Avenue. Viking Bohman, fellow and PhD student in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, gave a speech on foreign policies and the United States' diplomatic relations with China.

One of the Sweden-America Foundation's board and trustee members, Olle Wästberg, passed away on October 10, 2023. He was the Swedish Consul General in New York in the early 2000s and versed in American politics and a champion of human rights and democracy issues. During his time as a board member, he, like the rest of the board, every year donated contributions to the Sweden-America Foundation and during his last year, the contributions were extra generous.

The Fellowship Program

In 2023, fellowship funds were obtained from:

The Sweden-America Foundation Fellowship Fund	SEK 3,120,000
Familjen Mix Entreprenörstiftelse	SEK 580,000
Donations from Swedish businesses and organizations	SEK 855,000
Borgrättsfonderna	SEK 500,000
Thanks To Scandinavia Inc.	USD 40,000
Tuition waivers	

After the Foundation's fellows have completed their study or research visit, they are required to submit a travel report. During the year of 2023, 13 reports from previous fellows were submitted. The reports are written both from a formal and personal point of view and they all express a great deal of gratitude to the Foundation. The fellows' travel reports mention, among other things, access to world-leading authorities from various faculties as well as unique laboratory equipment and other resources; their new network; and, not the least, their experiences of day-to-day life in the United States and Canada.

The announcement for the 2024/2025 year fellowships for graduate studies and research in the U.S. and Canada resulted in 77 applications. The scholarship applications were screened by 21 senior faculty members and experts within each academic field of the applications at Swedish universities. The Foundation's fellowship committee under Chair Professor Anders Flodström, made the final selection, after which the board approved the list of fellows for the academic year 2024/2025 in January, 2024.

Other programs

The Foundation nominated a Swedish high school student for the Lawrenceville scholarship, which is a scholarship that covers tuition, room and board, as well as books, at a high school-level boarding school in New Jersey. Two scholarships were awarded to Augustana College in Illinois for undergraduate studies. In 2023, one high school student from Varberg was awarded a scholarship from Nils Björkman's Memorial Fund. Within the framework of the The Bicentennial Swedish-American Exchange Fund, two American grantees visited Sweden.

Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and Auditors: Changes

In 2023, the Board of Directors consisted of eleven members. Board members Katarina Bonde and Magnus CW Nilsson resigned at the annual meeting and Annika Rembe was elected as a new board member. Board member Olle Wästberg deceased in October, 2023. The board held five meetings during the year. For 13 of the 39 members of the Board of Trustees, the term of office expired in 2023. Thirteen members were reelected. Certified Auditor was Peter Nilsson, PWC. Deputy Auditor was Certified Auditor Elin Götling Christiansson, PWC. Internal Auditor, Lawyer Peter Danowsky remained, as did Deputy Auditor, Professor emeritus Kenth Skogsvik, Stockholm School of Economics. Anna Rosvall Stuart, the Foundation's Executive Director, worked together with Hilda Blomqvist.

Financial Position

The Sweden-America Foundation manages fifteen affiliated foundations. Each foundation submits its own annual report. The Mix Family Entrepreneurship Foundation has its own investment policy.

The Sweden-America Foundation operates with limited financial resources. The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees fulfill their assignments without compensation. The same applies to the members of the Foundation's Fellowship Committee, as well as the large number of experts who review fellowship applications. The Foundation is dependent on donations and grants from businesses, organizations and individuals. The Foundation's board members have decided that they themselves are all donors to the Foundation's activities.

During the year, the Foundation awarded fellowships for a total value of MSEK 5,4 to 24 Swedish students and researchers for higher education in the United States and Canada, as well as tuition waivers for three younger students. Swedish businesses, foundations and private individuals donated approximately SEK 855,000 toward fellowships. Fellowship donors are expected to contribute 10% of the fellowship amount as compensation to the Foundation's scholarship administration. Contributions to the Foundation's operation amounted to approximately MSEK 1,2 and contributions to the Foundation's scholarship administration fees amounted to approximately SEK 200,000.

At the end of 2023, the total of the Foundation's jointly administered assets amounted to approximately MSEK 179,6 (compared to MSEK 165,2 in 2022). The Board of Directors has appointed a financial committee that manages assets on their behalf.

For individual members, the annual fee in 2023 was SEK 150. The fee for permanent membership was SEK 2,250. The Foundation expresses a warm thank you to all companies, foundations, organizations and private individuals who through fellowship donations, operating grants or other

help have made the Sweden-America Foundation's work possible during the year.

The Sweden-America Foundation
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2023.