

THE SWEDEN-AMERICA FOUNDATION

SVERIGE-AMERIKA STIFTELSEN



Annual Report 2022

Founded in 1919

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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Jens Amborg

MA, History of Science, EHESS / MPhil, Economic and Social History, University of Cambridge
PhD studies, History of Science
Stanford University
Palo Alto, CA, USA

Animal breeding and theories of reproduction and race in eighteenth-century France.

Donor: Sten Westerbergs stipendium

Astrid Bendixen Kettis

Master of Laws, Lund University
Master studies, Law (LL.M.)
Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

LL.M. in international law, focusing in particular on international business, corporate social responsibility and ESG (Environment, Social and Governance).

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Alexandra Berg

BSc, Computation and Cognition, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Master studies (M.Eng.), Computation and Cognition
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Boston, MA, USA

The research is centered on developing novel machine learning tools for interpretable, multimodal subtyping of neuromolecular disorders.

Donor: Familjen Mix Entreprenörstiftelse

Viking Bohman

MSc, London School of Economics and Political Science and Peking University
PhD studies, International Relations
Tufts University
Medford, MA, USA

The research will explore how and why great powers like China, the United States and the European Union use economic tools to achieve (geo)political goals.

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Emil Carlsson

PhD Candidate, Computer Science and Engineering,
Chalmers University of Technology
Visiting Scholar
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA, USA

The research is about the emergence of efficient communication and coordination in multi-agent reinforcement learning. The research visit to UC Berkeley will focus on the intersection between AI and Cognitive Science together with researchers and the Language and Cognition Lab at UC Berkeley.

Donor: Elof Hanssons stiftelse

Matilda Eriksson

BSc, King's College London
Master Studies, Business Administration (MBA) Leeds School of Business, The University of Colorado Boulder
Boulder, CO, USA

The studies combine data analysis and sustainability to enable a more sustainable and environmentally conscious fashion industry.

Donor: Stockholms Grosshandelssocietet

Johan Fagerberg

PhD Candidate, Social Work, Uppsala University
Visiting Scholar
The University of Maryland School of Social Work
Baltimore, MD, USA

The thesis investigates social work students' formation of a professional identity using ethnographic methods.

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Jacqueline Fritzson

Master of Laws, Uppsala University.
Master studies, Law (LL.M.)
Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

The studies will focus on international dispute resolution and environmentally related disputes.

Donors: Ernst O Eks stipendiefond, Borgrättsfonderna

Emilia Goland

Master (MMSc), International Health, Uppsala University
PhD studies
Gilling's School of Global Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC, USA

The studies are in global maternal and child health, with a focus on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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Nathan Grossman

BFA, Stockholm University of the Arts
Master studies (M.A.), science journalism,
Columbia Journalism School, Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

Scientific and investigative reporting.

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Love Karlsson

BA, Religious Studies and Theology, Uppsala University
Master studies (MTS), Religious studies
Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA, USA

The effect of migration on the creation of religious identities and historical interactions between Christian and socialist groups.

Donor: Ingemar Dörfer

Zdravka Katinic

PhD Candidate, English Literature, Karlstad University
Visiting Scholar, PhD studies
Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

The research project looks to assess and develop the theoretical foundations of intersectionality as a useful approach for literary analysis, with a focus on place and space.

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Elsa Kugelberg

MSc, Philosophy and Public Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science
PhD studies, Political Philosophy
Stanford University
Palo Alto, CA, USA

The dissertation is about liberal moral theory and social norms. It examines what role social norms should play in public policy formulation.

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Alexandra Landby

BBA, Finance, Kennesaw State University
Master studies, Business Administration (MBA)
Kennesaw State University
Atlanta, GA, USA

Master of Business Administration with a focus on international finance. The goal with the studies is to build a platform for small to mid sized companies to enter the international market to further enhance business between Sweden and the United States.

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Andri Lemarquis

PhD, Immunology, the University of Iceland
Postdoctoral research, Immunology
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY, USA

A postdoctoral project in the Marcel Van den Brink laboratory at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The focus of our research is about thymic rejuvenation and regeneration after cancer treatments to enhance the recovery of immune function and increase the chances of survival during and after cancer treatment.

Donors: Peter Baldwin & Lisbeth Rausing, Ernst O Eks stipendiefond

Vincent Ljunggren

Law Degree, Stockholm University
Master studies, Law (LL.M.)
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA, USA

Studies will be within business law with a focus on financial law.

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Elin Manell

PhD, Veterinary Medicine, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
Postdoctoral research
Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

Studies of immune reactions following organ transplantation, to enable organ transplantation from pig to human.

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Joel Martinsson

MSc, Peace- and Conflict studies, Uppsala University
PhD studies, Political Science
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA, USA

Studies in political neuroscience about how politicians make decisions in dilemma situations.

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Anna Ting Möller

BFA, Textile, University of Arts, Crafts and Design (Konstfack)
Master studies, Visual Art (MFA)
Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA.

Multidisciplinary research in visual art.

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Carl Mönefors

MSc, Analytics & Management, London Business School
Master studies, Business Administration (MBA)
Harvard Business School
Cambridge, MA, USA

MBA studies focused on leadership and entrepreneurship in international settings.

Donor: Familjen Mix Entreprenörstiftelse

Anja Nilsson

BA, Social Studies (History, Philosophy, Economics), Harvard University
Master studies, Public Administration
The School of International Affairs at Columbia University in the City of New York
New York, NY, USA

The studies concentrate on energy and environmental science policy with a specialization in communication and media.

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Alexandra Olsson Andersen

BA, Creative studies, Umeå University
Master studies, Classical Voice - Mezzo-Soprano
Manhattan School of Music
New York, NY, USA

The program's special field is American opera from the 20th century. The studies focus on both the origin and performance techniques of American opera from the 20th century. The study program includes participation in both performances and world premieres of American operas from different eras.

Donor: Anders Zorns stipendiefond

Aron Onerup

PhD, Medical Science, the University of Gothenburg
 Postdoctoral research
 St Jude Children's Research Hospital
 Memphis, TN, USA

The aim is to define the preventive effect of physical activity on late negative effects from childhood cancer treatment.

Donor: Ingegard and Viking Olov Björk's Scholarship Trust

Ingrid Schyborger

BMus, Music, the Royal College of Music (KMH)
 Master studies, Jazz Double Bass
 Manhattan School of Music
 New York, NY, USA

The main studies are jazz/improvisation, and they include subjects such as composing, ensembles, analysis, theory, history and arranging on a high level.

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Jasaman Tojjar

PhD Candidate, Lund University
 PhD studies, medicine
 University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
 Los Angeles, CA, USA

The fellowship is in the field of the medical retina, with the main focus on screening, controls, investigation, and treatment of eye complications in diabetes, and other important retinal diseases.

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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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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*

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 has Swedish and American partner institutions with which it collaborates within the Fellowship program. These are:

- 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.

* Prince Bertil's Fund is to be used to support and promote the Sweden-America Foundation's long-term operation. The returns should be used as a financial support for its activities.

- 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 and 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 2022 Presented by the Board of Directors and the Executive Director

During the 103rd year of the Foundation, were:

- A total of 25 fellowships with a value of approximately MSEK 5.8 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

In 2022, The Sweden-America Foundation could finally resume all pre-pandemic, in-person activities, such as receptions, social visits and bigger meetings. In early spring, 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 invited The Sweden-America Foundation's fellows, friends, and alumni to a reception at The Swedish residence on Park Avenue in the middle of Manhattan. Daniel Sorobetea, fellow and researcher in immunology at the University of Pennsylvania, was the speaker.

The Sweden-America Foundation's annual meeting took place on April 28th 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. Ambassador HE Erik Ramanathan gave a speech on human rights and why studies abroad are invaluable for both the individual, and the relationship between countries.

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In October, the Sweden-America Foundation's annual fall event Homecoming took place at Konstnärshuset in central Stockholm. The theme of this year's Homecoming was law and the rights of indigenous people in Sweden. Lawyer Peter Danowsky, and alumnus since the academic year 1974-1975 when he received scholarship funding for studies at Columbia University in the City of New York, gave a speech on his time as legal counsel for Girjas Sámi Village and the historic verdict that granted the Sámi village exclusive rights to issue licences for hunting and fishing in its management area. The Swedish Supreme Court, therefore, ruled that the village no longer needs the State's approval and the Sámi Village, with Danowsky as their lawyer, won over the Swedish State. Previously in 2022, Peter Danowsky was awarded the Sámi National Confederation's honorary award.

The Ambassador of Canada to Sweden, HE Jason LaTorre, invited the Foundation's Canada-alumni to a breakfast at the Canadian Embassy. Alumni Gustaf Arrhenius, Nina Carlsson, Elena Dahlberg, Anna Davour, Michael Dierks, Niklas Heijl Bremberg, Danielle Lewensohn, Margareta Stark, and Emma Stenström, were present and all of them overwhelmingly concurred that Canada is the world's best destination for students and researchers. The Sweden-America Foundation and the Canadian Embassy will continuously strive to help brilliant young Swedes achieve their career and research goals at Canada's top universities.

Overall, the year of 2022 was a good year for the Foundation's alumni and members with plenty of occasions for in-person meetings after two long years of restrictions due to the pandemic. During the year, the Sweden-America Foundation also set out to improve its presence on LinkedIn and use this platform to both reach out to and interact with alumni and friends of the Foundation.

In December, right about time for the Nobel Prize dinner, another Nobel laureate among the Foundation's alumni was found: Ragnar Granit who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1967. Granit was a Swedish speaking Fin born in Finland who later became a Swedish citizen. In the 1950s and 1960s, Granit was awarded the Sweden-America Foundation's honorary fellowship no less than four times.

The Fellowship Program

In 2022, fellowship funds were obtained from:

The Sweden-America Foundation Fellowship Fund	SEK 2,905,000
Familjen Mix Entreprenörstiftelse	SEK 834,060
Donations from Swedish businesses and organizations	SEK 1,156,000
Borgrättsfonderna	SEK 500,000
Thanks To Scandinavia	USD 40,000
Tuition waivers	≈ SEK 1,800,000

After the Foundation's fellows have completed their study or research visit, they are required to submit a travel report. During the year of 2022, 21 reports from previous fellows were submitted. The reports are written both from a formal and per-

sonal 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 2023/2024 year fellowships for graduate studies and research in the U.S. and Canada resulted in 57 eligible applications. All eligible applications were screened, and 54 of them were recommended. The scholarship applications were screened by 18 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 2023/2024 in January, 2023.

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 2022, one high school student from Varberg and one from Halmstad were awarded scholarships from Nils Björkman's Memorial Fund. Within the framework of the The Bicentennial Swedish-American Exchange Fund, one American grantee visited Sweden and one Swedish grantee visited the United States.

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

In 2022, the Board of Directors consisted of twelve members. Board member Lage Jonason resigned at the annual meeting. 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 2022. Seven members were reelected, and five new members were elected: Olle Andreasson, Kerstin Calissendorff, Madeleine Ekholm, Leif Pagrotsky, and Per Strömberg.

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 fourteen affiliated foundations. Each foundation submits its own annual report. The Mix Family Entrepreneurship Foundation has its own annual report and 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 5,8 to 25 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 MSEK 1,2 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 210,000.

At the end of 2022, the total of the Foundation's jointly administered assets amounted to approximately MSEK 148,5 (compared to MSEK 174,1 in 2021). The Mix Family Entrepreneurship Foundation's assets amounted to MSEK 18. The value of the Foundation's assets adds up to MSEK 174 plus MSEK 18. The Board of Directors has appointed a financial committee.

For individual members, the annual fee in 2022 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.

