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# Admission regulations for PhD programmes in

## Bilingualism

### Scandinavian Languages

### Translation Studies

## Admission

Resources permitting, the Faculty announces doctoral studentships/doctoral grants twice a year. The deadline for applications is 15 October or 15 April, for admissions starting on 20 January or 20 August.

## Prerequisites and entry requirements

Admission to PhD programmes requires that the applicant meet the general entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements. In addition, the applicant must be otherwise deemed capable of completing the training.

### *General entry requirements*

In order to meet the general entry requirements, students must have completed a second-cycle degree, completed courses equivalent to at least 240 higher education credits, of which 60 credits must be in the second cycle, or acquired equivalent knowledge in another way in Sweden or elsewhere.

### *Specific entry requirements*

In order to meet the specific entry requirements for PhD programmes in *Bilingualism*, students must have completed second-cycle courses equivalent to at least 30 credits in Bilingualism, Swedish as a Second Language, Translation Studies, Linguistics, any language, or a non-linguistic subject with a linguistic approach.

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In order to meet the specific entry requirements for PhD programmes in *Scandinavian Languages*, students must have completed second-cycle courses equivalent to at least 30 credits in Swedish, Swedish as a Second Language, or Scandinavian Languages.

In order to meet the specific entry requirements for PhD programmes in *Translation Studies*, students must have completed second-cycle courses equivalent to at least 30 credits in Translation Studies, Linguistics, Bilingualism, or any language.

The entry requirements can also be met by students who have acquired equivalent knowledge in Sweden or elsewhere.

## Assessment of applicants

In accordance with Faculty guidelines, the selection is based on the following criteria:

### I. PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Education in general. Assessment of the depth and breadth of the applicant's prior education.

2. Academic production. On the basis of the applicant's degree projects from the first and second cycle and, where applicable, other written academic production, the applicant's ability to benefit from the training is assessed according to the following criteria:

- Critical ability;
- Analytical skills;
- Creativity;
- Independence.

The assessment will also consider the time aspect, i.e. to what extent the applicant has demonstrated the ability to complete previous academic projects within specified time limits. In addition, based on a comparison of the academic works, an assessment is made of the applicant's academic development.

### II. RESEARCH PLAN

In connection with the application, the applicant must briefly describe his/her proposed field of research. The account should contain one or more research problems and an outline of the implementation of the research. The plan is assessed on the basis of:

- Relevance;
- Originality;
- Viability within the specified time limit (i.e. a period equivalent to four years of full-time study).



### III. ABILITY TO COLLABORATE

The applicant's ability to collaborate is assessed on the basis of, for example, references, certificates or interviews.

### IV. WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

When it comes to the assessment criteria, equal importance is given to the research plan and to how academic projects have been carried out. The ability to collaborate is also considered important.

## Application

The application must include:

- Curriculum vitae containing details on previous studies, employment and publications;
- Transcripts of records that certify previous studies. Qualifications from other universities must be supported by verified copies;
- A Research plan in which the applicant briefly describes his/her proposed field of research. About 5-7 A4 pages with single-spacing (about 10,000 to 15,000 characters including spaces). The account should contain a subject definition, an overview of the current state of research, an aim, and a theoretical framework;
- Two copies of all written works that are referred to in the application, including Bachelor's, Magister's and Master's theses, as well as any published works. No more than three published works should be attached to the application – specify which one is the most important;
- The names and contact details of two references.

The application should be sent to Stockholms Universitet Registrator/PA, SE 106 91 Stockholm// to the address and in the manner specified in the University's job advertisement.

## Application matters: processing and decision

Applications to PhD programmes in *Bilingualism* are processed by the Board of Supervisors at the Centre for Bilingualism.

Applications to PhD programmes in *Scandinavian Languages* are processed by the Board of Professors at the Department of Scandinavian Languages.

Applications to PhD programmes in *Translation Studies* are processed by the Board of Supervisors at the Institute for Interpretation and Translation Studies.

On the basis of the submitted documents, a recommendation to accept or reject the application, and, where appropriate, a ranking of the applicants, is given to the Board



of the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism. During the application process, interviews are conducted with the applicants considered to be candidates for admission.

Decisions to accept candidates to PhD programmes in Bilingualism, Scandinavian Languages, and Translation Studies are made by the Board of the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism. The Board cannot delegate admission decisions. Admission decisions cannot be appealed.

## Additional information

Further information is available from the head of department and the director of studies for PhD programmes in Bilingualism, Scandinavian Languages, or Translation Studies:

- [studierektor.forsk@biling.su.se](mailto:studierektor.forsk@biling.su.se)
- [studierektor.forsk@nordiska.su.se](mailto:studierektor.forsk@nordiska.su.se)
- [studierektor.forsk@tolk.su.se](mailto:studierektor.forsk@tolk.su.se).

For each subject, there is also a general syllabus with information about programme objectives, general and specific entry requirements, financing of studies, supervision, etc. Also note the Faculty of Humanities' provisions and guidelines.