

## Minor Field Studies

Minor Field Studies (MFS) is a Sida-funded scholarship programme administrated by the Swedish Council for Higher Education.

MFS mean that students who are reaching the end of their Bachelor's or Master's degree can gather material for their degree essay on-site, in a developing country. MFS means that a student studies issues of importance to economic, social, political or knowledge-based development in the country he or she travels to for at least eight weeks.

An MFS study can be done in all academic fields, from the humanities and social sciences to natural science, engineering and medicine. One aim of the programme is to prepare students for work in global contexts and organisations.

The scholarship programme prepare students to work within development. It is recommended that the field research relate to one of the 17 Global Goals.

Further information of the MFS- scholarship programme (in English)

<https://www.studera.nu/startpage/study-abroad/exchange-programmes/minor-field-studies-mfs/>

## Instructions to supervisor in Sweden and contact person in field

The Stockholm University home department shall ensure that the student has a supervisor in Sweden and a contact person in the country where the study is to be carried out. The academic supervisor at Stockholm University has the same responsibility towards a Minor Field Studies-student as to any other student at the corresponding degree project at the department. The supervisor shall be well informed about field studies in general and the chosen methodology in particular.

Overall, the department shall have received assurances that there are no obstacles to carry out the study, for example due to problems of security in the host country.

An authorization from the host country to pursue the study is sometimes necessary.

### The academic supervisor in Sweden

The supervisor at the home department at Stockholm University has the responsibility to:

- advise the student when formulating the project description, choice of method and any other professional issues related to the study
- support the student during the field study



- approve the student's final report

If necessary, the supervisor shall also:

- assist in identifying a contact person in field and inform him/her of the responsibility
- support the student with practical arrangements related to his/her departure

### **The contact person in field**

The contact person in field must be a different person than the academic supervisor in Sweden. The person does not necessarily need to be an academic person, but the main task is to support the student with practical arrangements and to be the link to the host country/organisation. The student and the contact person shall beforehand decide how local expenses shall be handled, for example compensation for materials, local transport, etc.

The contact person in the field is to:

- inform the student about necessary arrangements regarding research visa, authorisation from authorities, and the security situation
- help the student with practical arrangements
- introduce the student to the authorities, institutions and persons who may be of help

The contact person may also

- help to formulate the project description
- assess and comment on the draft report

## **Questions**

For questions or clarification about the tasks for the academic supervisor and/or the contact person in field, please contact:

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