



Students from Stockholm University most popular in the Nordics amongst employers

A new survey from Times Higher Education ranks students from Stockholm University as most employable amongst their peers from all other universities in the Nordic region. Ten universities from Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark qualify for a position on the global top 150-list, with Stockholm University securing the top Nordic spot at 45.

[Learn more >](#)



Nobel Week in Stockholm

The official [Nobel Lectures](#) held by this year's Nobel Laureates in Physics and Chemistry and the Laureates in Economic Sciences were held in Stockholm University's Aula Magna on 8 December. During Nobel Week, Stockholm University was honoured by visits of [Professor George P. Smith](#), one of the Nobel Laureates in Chemistry, and [Professor Donna Strickland](#), one of the Nobel Laureates in Physics.



A new university network

Eight leading universities from all over Europe join forces and create a European Civic University. A project oriented towards mobility, multilingualism and citizen engagement. [Learn more >](#)

EDUCATION



100 years since the first student exchange

A 100 years ago – on 7 November, 1918 – Stockholm University began its first international student exchanges with China.

[Learn more about the history behind the cooperation >](#)



Top reasons to study at Stockholm University

Ranked among the world's top 100 universities, [Stockholm University is one of Europe's leading centres for higher education and research](#) in human science and science.

20
JAN

Arrival Service

Welcome teams at Arlanda airport, Shuttle Bus Service from the airport to our campus and Arrival Service at Studenthuset [welcome our new international students](#) to their spring semester in Stockholm.

22
JAN

Orientation Day

Orientation Day is [a welcoming day](#) for newly arrived international students, filled with information about practical matters such as health care, computer accounts, student life and Swedish language courses.



Extended tenure for President Astrid Söderbergh Widding

The Swedish Government has decided to [extend the tenure of Stockholm University President Astrid Söderbergh Widding](#) for an additional three years until 31 January 2022.

RESEARCH



New chemical contaminants found in polar bears

A team of scientists has used a new method to measure chemical contaminants in polar bears. Doing this they found a large variety of new chlorinated and fluorinated substances. The study suggests that historical exposure and toxic risk in polar bears has been underestimated, and health risks posed by these halogenated contaminants should be evaluated. [Learn more >](#)



Eight of our researchers among the most cited

The annual list "Highly Cited Researcher-2018" was published in November. World class researchers are selected for their exceptional research performance and significant influence. This year, eight researchers from Stockholm University are on the list. [Go to the list >](#)



How reindeers are affected by climate change

Changes in climate and land use, such as mining and infrastructure development, strongly affect the mountain environment in Arctic Sweden and thereby also the conditions for reindeer husbandry. [View a video about the research >](#)



Grandfather's access to food may affect the health of their grandsons

A paternal grandfather's access to food during his childhood is associated with mortality risk, especially cancer mortality, in his grandson, shows a large three-generational study from Stockholm University. The reason might be epigenetic – that environmental exposures in one generation may influence health outcomes in following generations. [Learn more >](#)



Great apes and ravens plan without thinking

Planning and self control in animals do not require human-like mental capacities, according to a study from Stockholm University. Newly developed learning models, similar to models within artificial intelligence research, show how planning in ravens and great apes can develop through prior experiences without any need of thinking. [Learn more >](#)

SWEDEN & STOCKHOLM



Winter is coming to Stockholm University

Winter is upon us! The Christmas Tree is now in place and Mr Frost has paid us a visit. [See all the wonderful images of Frescati Campus in wintertime >](#)



Lucia Celebrations in Sweden

The annual candlelit Lucia procession on 13 December is perhaps one of the more exotic-looking Swedish customs, with girls and boys clad in white full-length gowns singing songs together. The picture is from the Lucia celebration at the Stockholm University Department of Law. [Learn more about this seasonal celebration >](#)

About the Newsletter

This newsletter is published five times a year by the External Relations and Communications Office at Stockholm University. Editorial team: Nina Wånggren, Helene Komlos Grill, Per Larsson. Contact: newsletter@su.se

Photos: Niklas Björling, Roland Fredriksson, Orasis, Anna-Karin Landin, Bartłomiej Magierowski/Mostphotos, makarov668/Mostphotos, Clément Morin, Philip Swinburn/Unsplash, Svenska Dagbladet, Unknown/Stockholmskällan, Johan Lind, Paul Parker, Staffan Westerlund.

