

Minor Field Studies

Spring 2026

International Office

05/21/2025

Swedish development
co-operation

Strategies of relevance
Countries

**Thesis work
during spring
2026**

JU international
research collaboration

SIDA

Minor Field Studies

**Field
study**

Swedish citizens
JU International
students

Scholarship from SIDA

- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Swedish government political goals for Aid

Sweden's development cooperation aims to empower people living in poverty and oppression to improve their living conditions. It focuses not only on addressing immediate needs but also on building long-term, sustainable societies where individuals have the opportunity to live with dignity, freedom, and security.
- Requirements



The Scholarship

- Data collection for thesis work (bachelor/master)
- Minimum 8 weeks (56 days)
- Certain topics and countries
- Organisation/institution
- 35 000 sek per student
- Application
- Report/evaluation
- Share knowledge with internal and external stakeholders
- Hand in travel documents
- Repayment



Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

The Thesis

- JU thesis project
- Supervisor at JU
- Project plan and topic
- Which country
- Organisation abroad
- Contact person at the organization
- Must be written in English
- Identify stakeholders, internal and external



Eligibility

Who can apply?

- Only students at JU enrolled in the programmes:
- Students who have not received MFS scholarship before on the same study level
- Students on bachelor and master level (not PhD)
- Academic requirements to start the thesis course
- Basic knowledge in Swedish is recommended.
- Thesis during spring 2026

→ HHJ

- Biomedical Laboratory Science focusing Clinical Physiology (bachelor)
- Occupational therapy (bachelor)
- Prosthetics and Orthotics (bachelor)
- Social Work
- Dental hygiene (bachelor)
- Nursing (bachelor)
- Gerontology (master)
- Specialist Nursing Programme in Elderly Care (master)

→ HLK

- Global studies (bachelor)
- Media and Communication Science (bachelor)
- Global studies (master 2 years)
- Sustainable Communication (master 2 years)

→ JIBS

- Civilekonom
- All 2-year master programmes (Digital Business, Strategic Entrepreneurship, Global management, International Logistics and Supply Chain Management, AEDA)

→ JTH

- Construction Engineering: Architectural Engineering (bachelor)
- Construction Engineering: Building Engineering/Civil Engineering (bachelor)
- Sustainable Building Information Management (master)

Eligibility

Who can apply?

New!

Citizenship:

- You are a Swedish citizen or have permanent residence permit in Sweden.
- International students must have had Residence Permit in Sweden for at least one year at the time of application.
- Nordic students must have been registered in Sweden for at least one year before receiving a MFS scholarship.
- European students must have had a Right of Residence permit in Sweden for at least one year at the time of application.



Tanzania

MFS requirements

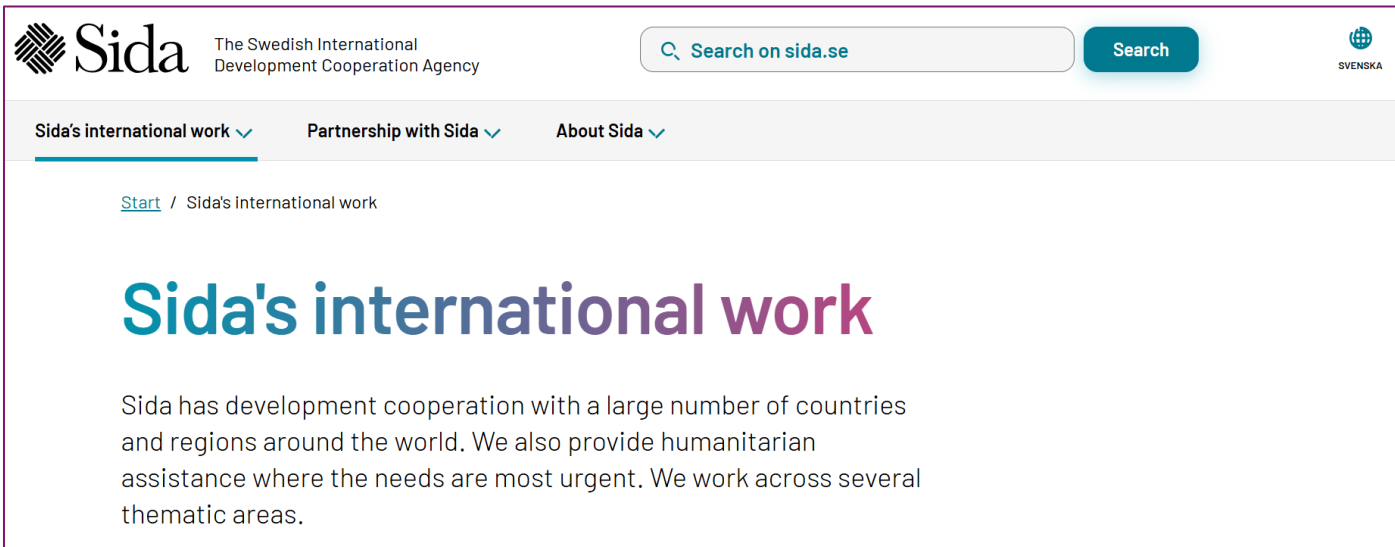
New!

Thesis topic

1. Must be related to and of relevance for one or more **strategies of Swedish development co-operation**, and have connection with the subjects of your study programme.
 2. Connected to **JU international research collaboration**
- Academic quality and relevance

Country

1. **Carried out in a country where Sweden conducts development co-operation**
- Possibility to practically carry out the planned field study based on visa rules, necessary permits, vaccinations and restrictions.
- The stated planning of the field study with departure, implementation and return journey must work in regards of security aspects
- **UD travel recommendations must be checked and followed!**
- **EU Sanction Map**



The screenshot shows the homepage of Sida (The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency). The header includes the Sida logo, the agency's name, a search bar with the text "Search on sida.se", and a "Search" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Sida's international work", "Partnership with Sida", and "About Sida". The main content area features the heading "Sida's international work" and a paragraph stating: "Sida has development cooperation with a large number of countries and regions around the world. We also provide humanitarian assistance where the needs are most urgent. We work across several thematic areas."

MFS requirements

Other requirements

- The personal **suitability and maturity** of the applicant student to carry out the claimed field study
- That there is a designated **academic supervisor** in Sweden who is primarily responsible for the academic supervision of the project.
- That there is a designated **contact person in the field** for the claimed field study who is a different person than the academic supervisor.
- That the designated field contact person is able to support the student in the implementation of the field study
- The specified field study period (8 weeks, 56 days) taking into account, the student **must be back in Sweden by 1st of May 2026**
- If a student applies for a grant from another funding organisation for the same field study period, this must be stated in the student's application.
- Share the gained knowledge from the MFS project with JU internal and external stakeholders

New!

The application

Online application

Link is emailed to eligible study programmes by the MFS coordinator.

DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 1ST
2025

Required documents to upload

- Copy of passport (often needed to be valid 6 months after your return from abroad)
- Residence permit (if applicable)
- Transcript of records (get it at Service Center)
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- **Project plan** according to the template (including budget specifying cost of living, accommodation, transportation, how to share knowledge etc)
- Invitation letter from the host organisation
- JU Supervisor's confirmation of the application
- Other recommendations related to previous international experiences, global issues and developing countries, if possible.
- Apply in pairs, one MFS application each but state clearly if you do the project with another applicant for MFS!

In English, pdf files

Application guide on the Student web!

The Project plan

- Plan carefully!
- Template
- Clearly state:
 - Which country or regional strategy your project is linked to.
 - The specific goal(s) within the thematic area that your project addresses.
 - Additionally, specify the thematic strategy that provides context for the thematic area in the strategy.
 - The connection to JU collaboration and how this project will contribute to the collaboration. (If applicable)
- Check the security situation in the country (ud.se)
- Find a contact organisation or contact person in the host country (NGO, host institution or private person)
- Academic contact at JU
- Include budget specifying cost of living, accommodation, transportation etc
- Methodology
- Identify internal and external stakeholders and how to share knowledge with them, get them engaged (record a video, share in social media, invite stakeholders to lunch presentation etc)

- Application guidelines
– Student web
- JU programme goals
and thesis course goals
- Follow MFS
requirements
- Ethical guidelines for
service abroad issued
by the Government
Office
(Regeringskansliet).
- EU Sanction Map

Selection and Assessment criterias

Selection group at JU

MFS requirements

JU academic requirements



Preparation session
Mandatory!

Digital – physical –
psychological safety
and more

Vaccinations

Insurance
Student OUT
Kammarkollegiet

Emergency prep.

Contact
abroad

Guidance research
permit needed,
security measures etc

Travel
preparations

UD Svensk
listan

Academic
contact

International
Office MFS
coordinator

MFS agreement
MFS decision and
certificate
Photo agreement

Learn about the
country and culture.

Following process for MFS students

Important!

- Security
- Check UD travel recommendations frequently
- Follow Ethical guidelines for service abroad issued by the Government Office (Regeringskansliet).
- Corruption - awareness and report
- Field study dates
- Save travel documents

**Academic
contact**

**International Office
MFS coordinator**

**Contact
abroad**

Instagram

**Expect the
unexpected**

**Problems
Crisis**

During the field trip

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- Follow Ethical guidelines for service abroad issued by the Government Office (Regeringskansliet).
- Corruption – awareness and report
- Field trip dates
- Save travel documents

After the field study

- Report deadline –
June 10 2026
- MFS Alumni

Academic
contact

International
Office
MFS coordinator

Contact
abroad



Hand in travel
documents

MFS Report

Defriefing
meeting

Share
knowledge
actions

Evaluation

GUIDE: How select subject and country?

Look at [Openaid](#)

- Check if there is an **active country strategy** for the chosen **country/region** or **a thematic**.
- Example Colombia

Openaid Open government data of Swedish aid Find aid ▾

Active filters 2 ▾

Strategies ⓘ

Home / Overview / Countries and regions

Sort ascending View by strategy group ☒

Colombia 164,98 M SEK (44,15%)

127,44 M SEK (34,10%)

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Published: Choose with which implementation for the

America, regional

America, regional

Central America, regional

South America, regional

Antigua and Barbuda

Belize

Brazil

Colombia

Cuba

Dominican Republic

Home / Overview / Strategies / Swedish Strategy for global development cooperation on sustainable economic development 2022-2026

Swedish Strategy for global development cooperation on sustainable economic development 2022-2026

Thematic strategy

Translation is missing

Status Amount Period of time

Ongoing 4.3 bn SEK 2022 - 2026

View by strategy group ☒

with Colombia 2021-2025 →	164,98 M SEK (44,15%)
2025 →	127,44 M SEK (34,10%)
	33,36 M SEK (8,93%)
operation in Latin America 2021-2025	12,53 M SEK (3,35%)
rganisations 2016-2022 →	11,41 M SEK (3,05%)
ronment, climate and biodiversity	7,92 M SEK (2,12%)
with civil society 2024 →	7,24 M SEK (1,94%)
ation on sustainable economic	4,77 M SEK (1,28%)
y Building 2024-2028 →	2,31 M SEK (0,62%)
and methods that support the 2030	1,75 M SEK (0,47%)

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- Alt 2: Check **sector** to find strategies and countries
- Example Health

Openaid Open government data of Swedish aid [Find aid](#) [About Openaid](#) [About Swedish aid](#)

[Home](#) / [Overview](#) / Sector category

Sector category

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Choose a sector category that describes what specific recipient area one activity should benefit and develop.

Active filters 3

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Active filters 3

Show sector category

Search sector category

Health

Includes investments in psychiatric care, medical and primary care; health, fe.g. in nutrition and hygiene, non-communicable diseases

Show aid within Health

Basic health care

Basic nutrition

COVID-19 control

Health personnel development

Infectious disease control

Medical education/training

Medical services

Other prevention and treatment

Research for prevention and treatment

Distribution between countries

Sort ascending

Developing countries, unspecified	
Somalia	
Myanmar	
Africa, regional	
Zambia	
Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)	
Bangladesh	
South of Sahara, regional	
Europe, regional	
Ukraine	
Eastern Africa, regional	

Strategies ⓘ

Sort ascending

View by strategy group

Unspecified	805,77 M SEK (53,47%)
Strategy for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) 2022-2026 →	171,24 M SEK (11,36%)
Strategy for Sweden's global development cooperation in sustainable social development 2018-2022 →	126,34 M SEK (8,38%)
Strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with Somalia 2018-2022 →	95 M SEK (6,30%)
Research cooperation 2022-2028 →	73,32 M SEK (4,67%)
Strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with Zambia 2024-2028 →	58,3 M SEK (3,67%)
Strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with DR Congo 2021-2025 →	55,48 M SEK (3,68%)
Strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with Bangladesh 2021-2025 →	45,29 M SEK (3,01%)
Strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with Afghanistan 2022-2024 →	15,47 M SEK (1,03%)

GUIDE: How select subject and country?

Start by choosing a country or region from the list on [Openaid](#)

Find the strategies

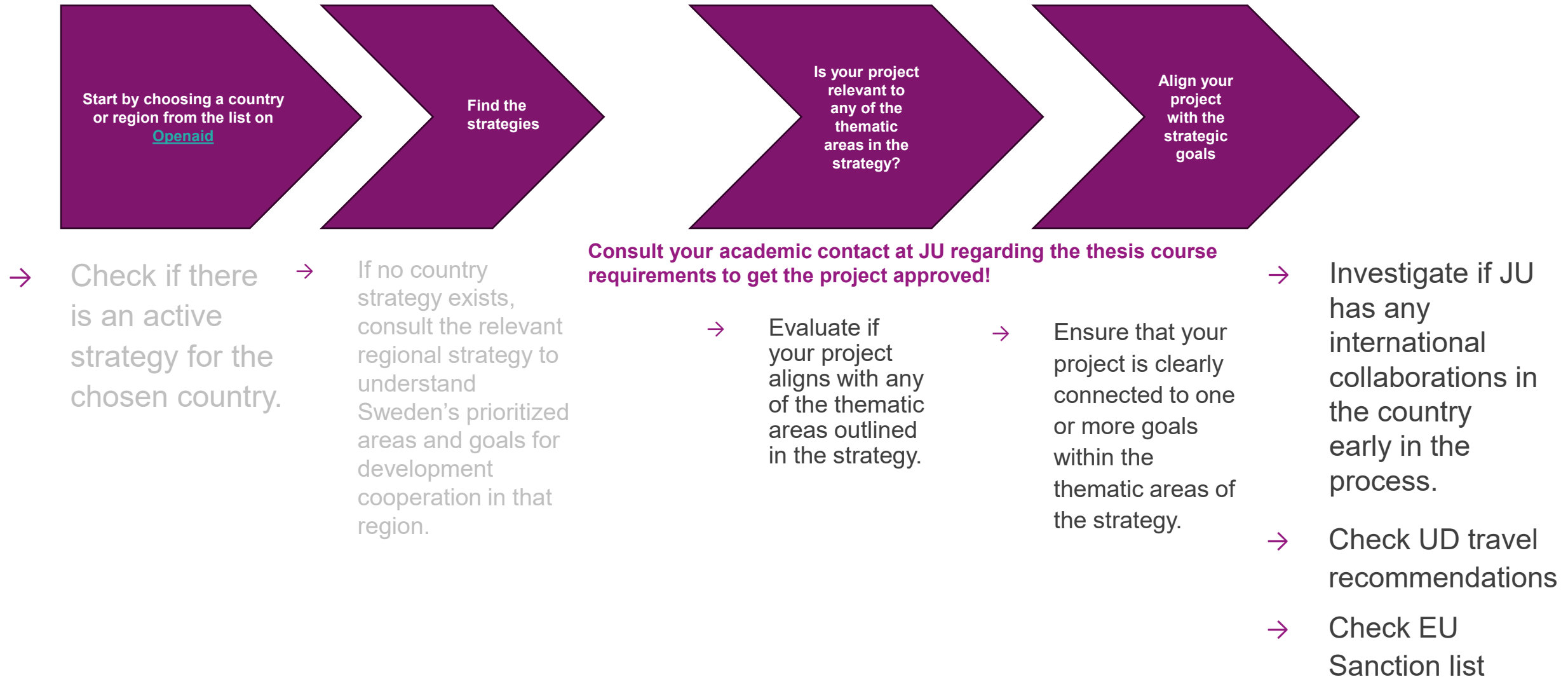
- Check if there is an active strategy
- Country
 - Region
 - Thematic
- If no country strategy exists, check the relevant regional strategy to understand Sweden's prioritized areas and goals for development cooperation in that region.

Useful resources to find Swedish development cooperation strategies:

- OpenAid
- Read current bilateral, regional, and thematic strategies on Sida's website: [Strategies – Sida](#)
- Explore the active strategies of the Swedish government: [Government Strategies - Regeringen.se](#)



GUIDE: How select subject and country?



A

Afghanistan
Albanien
Algeriet
Angola
Argentina
Armenien
Azerbajdzjan

B

Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnien-Hercegovina
Botswana
Brasilien
Burundi

C

Centralafrikanska republiken
Colombia
Costa Rica

D

Demokratiska republiken Kongo
Djibouti
Dominikanska republiken

E

Ecuador
Egypten
Elfenbenskusten
El Salvador
Eritrea
Eswatini
Etiopien

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Fiji
Filippinerna

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Gabon
Gambia
Georgien
Ghana
Guatemala
Guyana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau

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Haiti
Honduras

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Indien
Indonesien
Iran

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Jemen
Jordanien

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Kambodja
Kamerun
Kap verde
Kazachstan
Kenya
Kina
Kirgizistan
Komorererna
Kongo-Brazzaville
Kosovo
Kuba

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Laos
Lesotho
Libanon
Liberia
Libyen

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Madagaskar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldiverna
Marocko
Mauretanien
Mauritius
Mexico
Mocambique
Moldavien
Mongoliet
Montenegro
Myanmar

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Namibia
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Nordkorea
Nord Makedonien

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Pakistan
Palestina
Panama
Papua Nya Guinea
Paraguay
Peru

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Rwanda

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Salomonöarna
Samoa
Senegal
Serbien
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Sydafrika
Syrien

Möjliga samarbetsländer för biståndsfinansierade program 2025

T

Tadzjikistan
Tanzania
Tchad
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Tunisien
Turkiet
Tuvalu

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Uganda
Ukraina

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Vanuatu
Venezuela
Vietnam

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Zambia
Zimbabwe

Ö

Östtimor



Stockholms
universitet

Länken: [Länder och regioner](#) | [Openaid](#)
OBS: Beakta och följ uppdaterade UD-avråder gällande
länder som man inte bör resa till

Questions?

MFS scholarship and process:

MFS koordinator/International Office – add case!

Academic thesis requirements, subjects:

Academic contact person

Information:

[Student web](#)

