

# Thesis & Minor Field Studies

Fall 2026 and spring 2027

International Office

Swedish development  
co-operation

Strategies of relevance  
Countries

Thesis work  
during fall  
2026 and  
spring 2027

## Minor Field Studies

JU international  
research collaboration

**SIDA**

for students  
interested in  
development  
issues

**Field  
study**

Swedish citizens  
JU International  
students

# The Thesis

- Fall 2026 or spring 2027
- JU thesis project academic requirements
- Syllabus on the student web
- Supervisor at JU

MFS adds on:

- Development issues
- Swedish government Development strategies
- Eligible countries
- Gather data during a Field study
- Organisation abroad/Contact person at the organization abroad
- Must be written in English



*South Africa*

# The Field study and scholarship

- Data collection for thesis work (bachelor/master)
- Minimum **6 weeks (42 days)**
- Organisation abroad
- **25 000 sek per student**
  
- Application
- Report/evaluation
- Share knowledge with internal and external stakeholders
- Hand in travel documents
- Repayment



# 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



# 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 fall 2026 or spring 2027

### → 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)
- Society and Security (bachelor)
- Conflict, Risk and International Security (master 2 years)
- WorkS - Lifelong Learning, Sustainability and Work (master 2 years)
- Pre-School Teacher Education (Förskollärare)
- Teacher Education for Primary Education (Grundskollärare)
- Teacher Education for upper Secondary Education/Programme for Secondary School (Ämneslärare)

### → 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?

### Citizenship:

- You are a Swedish citizen or have permanent residence permit in Sweden.
- International students must have had Residence Permit in Sweden...
- Nordic students must have been registered in Sweden...
- European students must have had a Right of Residence permit in Sweden...
- ...for at least one year before receiving a MFS scholarship. Registration in the Swedish register of population from the start of your studies at JU.
- Get certificate of your registration in the Swedish register of population from the Tax Office's website.



Tanzania

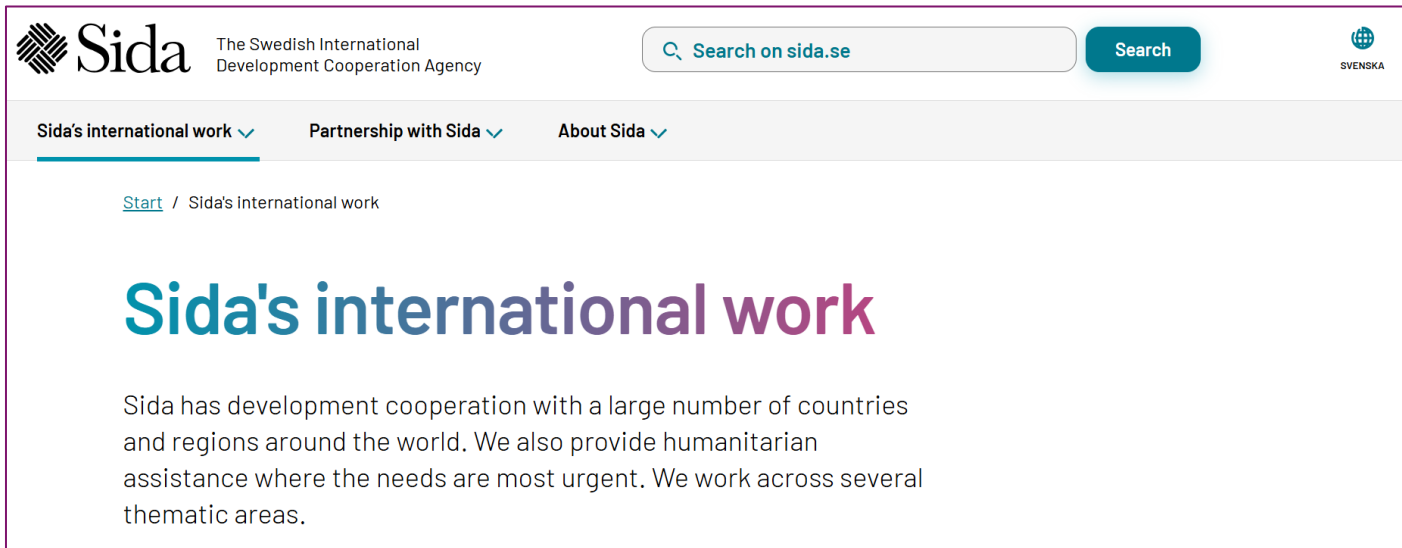
# MFS requirements

## 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
  - Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD) travel recommendations must be checked and followed!
  - No person, organization or country listed on the EU Sanction Map is allowed



The screenshot shows the homepage of Sida (The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency). The header includes the Sida logo, the text "The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency", a search bar with "Search on sida.se" and a "Search" button, and a "SVENSKA" language selector. The main navigation menu has "Sida's international work", "Partnership with Sida", and "About Sida". The main content area features the heading "Sida's international work" and a paragraph: "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 **organisation and contact in the field** for the claimed field study who is a different person than the academic supervisor.
- That the designated field organization can support the student in the implementation of the field study
- The specified field study period (6 weeks, 42 days) taking into account, the student **must be back in Sweden for the presentation of the thesis work or by 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2027 at the latest**
- 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

# The application

# DEADLINE: 1 JUNE 2026

## Online application

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

## Required documents to upload

- Copy of passport (often needed to be valid 6 months after your return from abroad)
- Residence permit/certificate of registration in the Swedish register of population (Tax Office)
- Transcript of records (get it at Service Center)
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- **Project plan** according to the template
- Invitation letter from the host organization abroad
- JU Supervisor's/academic contact's confirmation of application
- Other recommendations related to previous international experiences, global issues and developing countries, if possible.

- Clearly state:
  - Which country or regional strategy your project is linked to.
  - Which strategy goals are connected to your project.
  - 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 ongoing JU research collaboration and how this project will contribute to the collaboration. (If applicable)
- Budget plan
- 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)
- If you apply in pairs, one MFS application each but state clearly if you do the project with another applicant for MFS. Project plan must be identical.

# The Project plan

- Plan carefully!
- Template (link on the student web)
- Methodology
- Context in the country
- The connected strategy
- Plan B and C
  
- Find a contact organisation in the host country (NGO, host institution, not a private individual)
- Academic contact at JU – academic questions about the thesis

- Application guidelines – Student web
- JU programme goals and thesis course goals
- Follow MFS requirements
- Ethical guidelines for service abroad
- UD travel recommendations
- EU Sanction Map

# Selection and Assesment 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  
preparation

**Contact**  
**abroad**

Guidance -  
research permit  
needed, security  
measures etc

## Travel preparations

**UD Svensk**  
**listan**

Sign up!

## 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
- 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

### Important!

- Security
- Check UD travel recommendations frequently
- Follow Ethical guidelines for service abroad
- Corruption – awareness and report
- Field trip dates
- Save travel documents

## After the field study

- Report deadline – **June 10 2027 at the latest**  
(field study in the fall - hand in preferably 1 month after returning to Sweden)
- MFS Alumni

Academic  
contact

International  
Office  
MFS coordinator

Contact  
abroad



Hand in  
boarding  
passes

MFS Report

Defriefing  
meeting

Share  
knowledge  
actions

JU  
Evaluation

# GUIDE: How select subject, country and find the strategies?

Look at Openaid

- Alt 1: Check if there is an **active country strategy** for the chosen **country/region**
- Filter 2026, select country on the map, add to filter, see result underneath.
- See which organisations are involved, strategies
- Example: Nepal

The screenshot shows the Openaid website interface. The main header includes the logo, navigation links, and search options. The main content area displays the title 'Open data about Swedish international aid' and a filter section with 'Countries and regions' set to 'Nepal' and 'Year' set to '2026'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Sectors', 'Implementing organisation', 'Responsible agency', and 'Strategies'. The 'Strategies' tab is selected, showing a bar chart view of the total amount (237.50 K SEK (100%)) and a list of strategies, including 'Thematic strategy', 'Jämställdhet och kvinnors och flickors rättigh', and 'Gender equality, women's and girls' freedom and empowerment 2025-2028'. A map on the left shows the selected country (Nepal) highlighted in red.

Openaid Open data about Swedish international aid Find aid About Openaid Search USD På Svenska

Home / Countries and regions Nepal Year 2026 Show 2 Active filters

Open data about Swedish international aid

Sectors Implementing organisation Responsible agency Strategies

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Strategies

Choose view Bar chart Table

Show category Strategytypes Strategygroups Strategies

Total amount 237.50 K SEK (100%)

Distributed on: Sort Highest Lowest

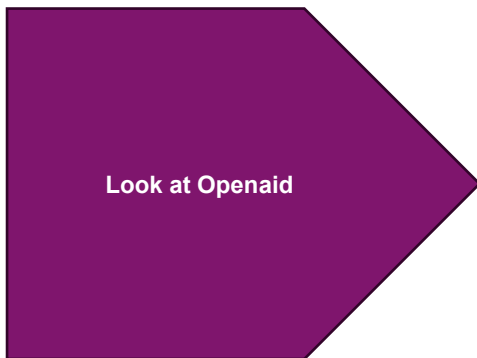
Thematic strategy 237.50 K SEK (100.00%)

Jämställdhet och kvinnors och flickors rättigh 237.50 K SEK (100.00%)

Gender equality, women's and girls' freedom and empowerment 2025-2028 237.50 K SEK (100.00%)

What is a strategy? Export

Disclaimer: Country borders do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Swedish government.



- Alt 2: Check **thematic priorities** to find strategies and countries
- Select Government thematic priorities

**Openaid** Open data about Swedish international aid Find aid ▾ About Openaid ▾

Explore data Countries and regions **Thematics** Organisations Strategies

Home / Thematics

## Thematics

Thematic areas are the several ways to address different objectives other. Different actors which calls for tailored ap

**Government thematic priorities**  
Overall focus areas of Swedish aid

**SRHR**  
Aid supporting sexual and reproductive health and rights.

**Filter**

Thematic areas Select Countries and regions The world Strategies Select Year 2026 Show 1

Active filters: 2026 × Clear all choices

Statistics Contributions and outcomes

**Thematic areas**

Strategies Countries and regions Implementing organisation

**Strategies**

Choose view Bar chart Table

Show category Strategytypes Strategygroups Strategies

Total amount 1.57 bn SEK (100%)

Distributed on:

Category	Amount	Percentage
Country strategy	1.15 bn SEK	73.27%
Thematic strategy	261.16 M SEK	16.59%
Regional strategy	159.62 M SEK	10.14%

Sort Highest Lowest

Explain categories Export



## Useful resources to find Swedish development cooperation strategies:

- Governments website [International Development Cooperation Strategies](#)
- [Open Aid](#)
- Sida's website: [Strategies – Sida](#)

→ Check if there is an active strategy

- Country
- Region
- Thematic

- It must be active 2026!
- Read the strategy carefully.

The screenshot shows the search results page on the Government Offices of Sweden website. The search query is 'International development cooperation strategies', resulting in 226 hits. The page includes a search bar, a filter section, and a list of results.

**Government Offices of Sweden**

Search on government.se

Listen | Subscribe via email | Swedish website

Search

International development cooperation strategies

226 hits from your selection of 226 in total.

Filter your results

- Content types +
- Areas +
- Minister +
- Ministry and other publishers +
- Date +
- Parliamentary year +

International development cooperation strategies

- > [Sweden's regional strategy for the Syria crisis](#)  
Published 29 September 2025 · [International development cooperation strategies](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)
- > [Strategy for innovation, partnership and capacity development 2024–2028](#)  
Published 25 September 2025 · [International development cooperation strategies](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)
- > [Strategy for gender equality and women's and girls' freedom and empowerment 2025–2028](#)  
Published 27 June 2025 · [International development cooperation strategies](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)
- > [Strategy for Sweden's humanitarian assistance provided through the Swedish](#)

# GUIDE: How select subject and country?



→ Check if there is an active strategy for the chosen country.

→ It must be active!  
→ Read the strategy carefully.

**Consult your academic contact at JU regarding the thesis course requirements to get the project approved!**

→ Evaluate if your project aligns with the strategy.

→ Ensure that your project is clearly connected to one or more goals within the strategy.

→ Investigate if JU has any ongoing research collaborations in the country early in the process.

→ Check UD travel recommendations

→ Check EU Sanction list

# Möjliga samarbetsländer för biståndsfinansierade program 2026

**A**  
Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
Angola  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan

**B**  
Bangladesh  
Belarus  
Belize  
Benin  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Brazil  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi

**C**  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
China  
Colombia  
Comoros (the)  
Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)

Congo (the)  
Costa Rica  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Cuba

**D**  
Djibouti  
Dominican Republic

**E**  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Eritrea  
Eswatini  
Ethiopia

**G**  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Georgia  
Ghana  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Guyana

**H**  
Haiti  
Honduras

**I**  
India  
Indonesia  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Iraq

**J**  
Jamaica  
Jordan

**K**  
Kazakhstan  
Kenya  
Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of)  
Kosovo  
Kyrgyzstan

**L**  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Lebanon  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya

**M**  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Myanmar

**N**  
Namibia  
Nepal  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Nigeria  
North Macedonia

**P**  
Pakistan  
Palestine  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines (the)

**R**  
Rwanda

**S**  
Samoa  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Senegal  
Serbia  
Sierra Leone  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia  
South Africa  
South Sudan  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Syrian Arab Republic

**T**  
Tajikistan  
Tanzania  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Togo  
Tonga  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Tuvalu

**U**  
Uganda  
Ukraine  
Uzbekistan

**V**  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela  
Viet Nam

**Y**  
Yemen

**Z**  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

Länken: [Länder och regioner I 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](#)

