



# Visby Programme Newsletter Autumn 2016

## > New geographic focus

The geographic focus of the Swedish Institute Visby Programme is changing, by moving slightly to the south. This is due to the implementation of a new government strategy guiding SI's operations in the Baltic Sea Region.

Starting in 2017, the scholarships will be aimed at the EU Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. The countries included will be Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Sweden and Ukraine.

The Visby Programme has been in operation since the late 1990s and both its geographic focus and what the programme entails have evolved over time. Previously, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland have also been included. The purpose of the programme is to enhance regional integration through academic cooperation between Sweden, the EU Eastern Partnership countries and Russia – and this is done through scholarships for academic and cross-sectoral individual mobility. [For further information regarding the Visby Programme, please visit our website.](#)

The EU countries now excluded from the Visby Programme will continue to be part of the overall SI Baltic Sea Region Cooperation, thus still eligible for project funding, leadership programmes etc. [Please visit our website for further information and contact information for Programme Managers working with SI:s Baltic Sea Region Cooperation.](#)

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## Upcoming calls for applications:

### Outbound Swedish students, researchers and experts

The next call for applications for outbound Swedish students, researchers and experts will be **3-31 October 2016** for visits beginning in the Spring 2017. Eligible countries in this call for applications will include Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

For visits beginning in Summer/Autumn 2017, the call for applications will be in April 2017. The new geographic focus of the Visby Programme will take effect with this call for applications.

[More information is available on our website](#)

### PhD students and postdoctoral researchers

The next call for applications for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers wishing to stay 6, 9 or 12 months in Sweden for guest research work will be open **1 November 2016 - 10 January 2017**.

Eligible countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine

[\(Swedish\)](#)

[More information regarding the application procedure can be found on our website](#)

## Master's students

The next call for applications for master students who wish to study one- or two-year master's programmes will be open **1 - 10 February 2017**. A list of eligible master programmes will be available on our website 1 December 2016 at the latest.

Eligible countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

[Please keep yourself updated via our website for further updates during the Autumn](#)

## Studies in Sweden - in Swedish

Students with a minimum level of B1/B2 in Swedish, we encourage to apply for our scholarship for studies in Sweden - in Swedish. The scholarship is open for all academic disciplines, as long as the courses are taught in the Swedish language. The next call for studies in the Autumn 2017 will open in **April 2017**.

Eligible countries: Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

[More information will be available on our website in the Spring](#)

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