Prize for Internationalisation of Teaching and Learning at the Swedish Medical Faculties

A joint prize to award pedagogic development for the internationalisation of first and second-cycle education was established by the medical faculties at University of Gothenburg, Linköping University, Lund University, Umeå University, Uppsala University, Örebro University and Karolinska Institutet in 2017. Linköping University decided not to participate in 2019.

The aim of the prize is to stimulate efforts and reward initiatives for increased focus on the internationalisation of teaching and learning, and to empower and acknowledge teaching staff in their efforts.

The prize is awarded to the teacher/teaching team that has made a significant contribution to raising the level of internationalisation in teaching and learning over the past three years by bringing an international dimension to their teaching and by improving the students’ global perspective.

Internationalisation has been defined as

[...] the intentional process of integrating an international, intercultural, or global dimension into the purpose, functions and delivery of post-secondary education, in order to enhance the quality of education and research for all students and staff, and to make a meaningful contribution to society. (de W it et al. 2015; based on definition by Knight 2004, 2012)

Examples of initiatives for increased focus on the internationalisation of first and second-cycle education:

- Developing innovative teaching and learning materials for the international classroom
- Promoting student adaptation to the global labour market
- Developing courses/programs taught in English through Internationalisation of the curriculum
- Developing international virtual mobility and exchange through Internationalisation at Home
- Integrating international students in training programs / courses
- Fostering teaching experience abroad and integrating it in teaching at home
- Facilitating international collaborations / projects
- Embedding inter-professional education in international projects / training activities / courses
- Promoting student and / or teacher mobility
**Guidelines**

**The prize**
1. Any pedagogical activity or initiative is legible for nomination, provided it has taken place within the last three (3) years of application.
2. The prize will be awarded for five years starting in 2017. Decisions on extension and/or revision of the prize can be made in conjunction with the Dean’s Annual Conference of the medical faculties involved in May 2022.
3. Each participating institution will contribute with 15 000 SEK to the prize. Government funds cannot be used for funding the prize. The institution from where the prize winner(s) has been selected will send an invoice of 15 000 SEK to each of the participating medical faculties.
4. An article about the prize winner(s) and their awarded work should be written by a communication officer at the prize winner’s institution. The article should be disseminated through appropriate channels and communicated to all faculties involved.

**At University Level – Nominating Committees**

1. All employees, affiliated and students at the participating institutions in Sweden are invited to nominate teachers or group of teachers within their institution.
2. An administrative coordinator should be appointed at each participating institution.
3. One of the appointed administrative coordinators should also be the administrative coordinator in the Central Prize Committee.
4. A local nominating committee should be established at each participating institution. The nominating committee should consist of at least three teacher representatives (including competencies in state-of-the-art international education development), at least one student representative and the administrative coordinator of the international office/equivalent. The committee members should have good knowledge of the strategic internationalization goals of the university. The members of the committee cannot submit a nomination.
5. Each nomination committee shall appoint a representative to the Central Prize Committee.
6. The nomination committee at each participating institution will designate its candidate for the prize. The proposals are presented to the Central Prize Committee, which will then decide on a winner.
7. The call for nominations should be announced at all participating universities simultaneously. Nominations shall be submitted in writing on an application form used at all participating universities.
8. The nominee should be affiliated to the university where the nomination has been done. If the nominee is not employed by the university, a certificate proving the nominee’s teaching assignment at that university should be included.

**At Collaboration Level - Central Prize Committee**

1. The Central Prize Committee consists of one representative from each participating university’s nominating committee. The Central Prize Committee selects a prize winner from the nominees put forward by the participating universities.
2. The chairperson for the Central Prize Committee will be a representative from the university hosting the Dean’s Annual Conference.
3. The formal decision of the prize winner is taken at the Dean’s Annual Conference in April/May. The decision cannot be appealed.