

## Scholarships and Living Costs

### Dalarna University – Webinar Follow-up and answers to your questions

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## 1. About Dalarna University (DU) Scholarships

Dalarna University offers **tuition-fee scholarships for new international fee-paying master's students**. These scholarships **reduce tuition fees only** and **do not cover living costs**.

### 1.1 Choose Dalarna First Scholarship

- Available to students who:
  - Apply on-time to a **Dalarna University master's programme as first choice** on UniversityAdmissions.se
  - Are **admitted** to the programme
  - Submit a **separate DU scholarship application** by the deadline
- The scholarship provides a **SEK 5,000 tuition fee reduction**.
- If Dalarna is **not selected as first choice**, you are **not eligible** for this scholarship.

### 1.2 Academic Excellence Scholarship

- Awarded **during the programme** based on excellent academic performance.
- Includes:
  - **Semester Awards**, worth 10-15,000 SEK per semester and
  - **Programme Distinction** upon graduation if you achieve the Semester Award each semester of your programme.
- This scholarship is **performance-based** and does not require first-choice selection.

### Key Notes on DU Scholarships

- A **separate scholarship application is always required**.
- DU scholarships are **only available for Master's programmes**.
- DU scholarships **do not cover living expenses, travel, accommodation, or insurance**.
- Choose Dalarna First Scholarship decisions are announced before tuition fee payment deadlines.

## 2. Swedish Institute (SI) Scholarship

The **Swedish Institute offers two scholarships:**

- Swedish Institute Scholarship for Global Professionals
- Pioneering Women in Stem

These are **government-funded scholarship** with a separate application process from Dalarna University.

### 2.1 What the SI Scholarships cover

The SI scholarship includes:

- **Full tuition fee coverage**
- **Monthly living allowance** (SEK 12,000)
- **One-time travel grant**

### 2.2 Applying for the SI Scholarship

- Step 1: Apply for eligible master's programmes via **UniversityAdmissions.se**
- Step 2: Apply separately via the **SI scholarship portal** during the SI application period (February 9<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>)
- Eligible programmes are listed on the SI portal/scholarship website

### 2.3 Applying for DU and SI Together

- You **may apply for both DU and SI scholarships**
  - You **cannot receive both**
  - If awarded an SI scholarship, the DU scholarship will not be applied
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## 3. SI References, Work and Leadership Experience

- The SI scholarship requires **two reference letters**
- At least **one reference must be based on work experience**
- The second reference may be from:
  - Another employer,
  - Leadership experience, or
  - An academic referee
- Referees must be **different individuals**
- Applicants with one employer but multiple roles may still qualify, provided experience is clearly documented
- All references and experience must follow **SI templates and instructions exactly**

## 4. Scholarship Strategy and Common Concerns

- **First-choice selection** is required only for the **DU Choose Dalarna First Scholarship**, not for SI
  - Applying to multiple programmes or uploading different cover letters does **not reduce scholarship eligibility**
  - Missing part of the webinar does not affect scholarship evaluation — all decisions are based on submitted applications and documents
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## 5. Cost of Living in Sweden

### 5.1 Required Living Funds

To receive a Swedish residence permit, students must show proof of sufficient funds for living expenses.

The Swedish Migration Agency currently requires **that you show available funds of SEK 10,656 per month you will be living in Sweden.**

This amount is intended to cover:

- Housing
- Food
- Transport
- Study materials
- Personal and daily expenses

### 5.2 Living Costs in Dalarna

- Living costs in **Dalarna (Falun and Borlänge)** are generally **lower than in major Swedish cities**
- Student accommodation is usually more affordable than private rentals
- Most students require around 8000 SEK a month to cover their living costs

#### **Important Note on Living Costs**

- **DU scholarships do not cover living expenses**
- Students should plan finances assuming they are responsible for all living costs unless awarded an SI scholarship