

Local Admission Regulations for Doctoral Studies in Linguistics

Note: All conditions and regulations specified by Stockholm University and the Faculty of Humanities apply; this document constitutes an addition detailing the local implementations within the Department of Linguistics.

Date of admission

The Faculty Board of Humanities has decided that vacancies for doctoral studies can be announced twice a year, at fixed times as listed below.

Deadline for applications: 15 April for training starting on 1 September.

Deadline for applications: 15 October for training starting on 1 February

Vacancies are to be announced at least one month before the application deadline.

Application

The application should contain the following documents

- ♦ Curriculum vitae
- ♦ Diploma of undergraduate degree, or a certified record of previous studies to document eligibility
- ♦ Academic qualifications including degree theses on the B.A. and advanced (second-cycle) levels or equivalent
- ♦ A brief research plan of 3–5 pages, setting out the delimitation of the topic, overview of the research field, aims, theoretical and methodological foundations
- ♦ Any other documentation showing the applicant's ability to benefit from the training
- ♦ The application should also give the names and contact details of two referees, such as previous supervisors and/or employers

As far as possible, the collaborative skills of the applicant should also be documented in writing.

Processing and assessment of applicants

Processing of the applications is coordinated by the director of doctoral studies. The applications are assessed by a group formed of those teachers and researchers within the relevant sub-discipline who are qualified to be supervisors, who form an opinion of the likelihood that the applicant will complete the programme within the specified timeframe. The assessment takes into account the research plan, prior qualifications (educational as well as scholarly production) and teamwork skills. The most important component is the research plan (relevance, originality, and feasibility given the timeframe).

Regarding prior qualifications, the applicant's degree theses (15 to 30 ECTS) within the academic field are particularly important. Critical and analytic ability, creativity and independence are assessed.

The section head may interview shortlisted applicants.

Decision

The director of doctoral studies will present the assessment group's selection of candidate to the Board of the Department, who will then decide on admission. Applicants are informed in writing of the Board's decision. The Board may only admit applicants who will be appointed to a doctoral studentship or receive a doctoral grant. The Board's decision cannot be appealed.