



LUND UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Medicine

Conditions for doctoral studies funded by scholarship

Scholarship holder:	Date of Birth:
Citizenship:	

Employment vs scholarship

The majority of doctoral students at Lund university are employed. By laws and regulations, employees are granted certain social and other benefits that scholarship holders are not entitled to in the same way. Employees get salary, which is taxed, and they are entitled to annual leave (paid vacation) and they get occupational pension upon retirement at the age of 65. All employees are covered by occupational and business travel insurances. Employment also gives access to occupational health service, and also to other benefits such as (partial) reimbursements for health promotion activities and healthcare. An employed PhD student is entitled to sick leave and parental leave, meaning that the study period, and hence the employment period, is prolonged accordingly.

As a scholarship holder you do not get salary. Instead, you get your money directly from the funding organization paying the scholarship. The scholarship is not taxed in Sweden and the scholarship holder is therefore not entitled to sick leave, parental leave or pension in the same way as employees. However, as PhD student at Lund University, you will automatically be covered by a special insurance which can render you prolongation for sick leave and parental leave in a similar fashion as for employees. As a scholarship holder you will also be covered by the same kind of occupational and business travel insurances that applies to employees. Also, you will be granted occupational health services in the same way as employees. However, you will not be entitled to the reimbursement benefits and you will not be able to claim pension based on your scholarship period at Lund University.

As a scholarship holder you are not entitled to vacation. However, your stipend is specifically intended for studies, and full time studies formally means 40 weeks per year. PhD students normally spend a bit more than 40 weeks per year on their studies, but the point is that even if you are not entitled to vacation, you are anyway not expected to spend more time on your studies than employed PhD students do.

Insurances

The occupational insurance mentioned above covers accidents at work and on the way to or from work, and the travel insurance will cover you when you travel for study purposes. Details about these insurances, as well as other useful related information, is found [here](#). The insurance covering sick leave and parental leave is a special insurance specifically aimed at Scholarship PhD students, and you will find more information about that insurance [here](#). You need to review your own personal insurances since Lund University will not have any other insurances in place for you. You may e.g. want to consider home insurance and insurance covering accidents outside working time. If you bring family members, you should check the insurance status for them as well.

If you will stay in Sweden for at least 365 days, you shall apply to be registered as resident in Sweden. As resident you will get a Swedish personal identity number and you will be entitled to full subsidised healthcare. Until you get registered, you will be covered by a special insurance held by the University which covers emergency health care free of charge. This insurance covers not only you but also accompanying family members. Once you get registered as resident, this insurance ceases to apply. Any family members not registered as residents at this point will then be subject to full fees for any healthcare. Hence you are strongly advised to pay attention to this circumstance and have other insurance arrangements in place if you have brought family with you to Sweden.

As scholarship holder, I am aware of the conditions described above.

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