

## PhD student in Bilingualism

at [Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism](#). Closing date: 18 April 2017.

The Centre for Research on Bilingualism was formed in 1988 and provides a broad base of theoretical and practical research with the aim of increasing understanding and awareness of bilingualism. The Centre is a cross-linguistic and interdisciplinary unit within the Faculty of Humanities Language Sciences section at Stockholm University. Research at the Centre forms a significant part of Stockholm University's leading research area "Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition".

Research areas include bilingualism and second language acquisition, multilingualism and diversity, bilingualism in the family, bilingual education, Swedish as a second language for children and adults, young people's languages and language use in multilingual contexts, second and foreign language teaching, L1 attrition and reactivation in bilinguals, language maintenance and language shift, language ideology, language policy, and multilingualism and education in developing countries. In sum, the Centre's research covers the sociolinguistic, pragmatic, structural, psycholinguistic, cognitive and neurolinguistic aspects of bilingualism.

For more information, see <http://www.biling.su.se/english/>.

As a PhD student at the Faculty of Humanities you have the opportunity to participate in [the Faculty's Doctoral School](#), which offers themes and courses characterised by interdisciplinarity and cooperation across subjects. The Doctoral School also gives you the chance to improve the quality of your education thanks to the interchange provided by the community of PhD students from other subjects and departments.

### Project description

The Centre for Research on Bilingualism announces 1-2 places in the PhD program in Bilingualism. The Centre encourages applications in the areas of the Sociolinguistics of multilingualism and diversity and Psycho-/Neurolinguistics (including EEG or Eye-tracking).

### Eligibility

In order to meet *the general entry requirements*, the applicants must have completed a second-cycle degree, completed courses equivalent to at least 240 higher education credits (ECTS credits), of which 60 credits must be in the second cycle, or have otherwise acquired equivalent knowledge in Sweden or elsewhere.

In order to meet *the specific entry requirements*, the general syllabus for doctoral studies in the field of Bilingualism stipulates that applicants must have completed at least 30 ECTS within second-cycle courses with a specific focus on bilingualism, second language acquisition, translation or interpreting studies, linguistics, another linguistic field or non-linguistic field using a linguistic approach, including a thesis of at least 15 credits.

The eligibility requirements may also be achieved by an applicant who has acquired equivalent proficiencies either within Sweden or abroad.

### Selection

The overall assessment of the candidates focuses on their capacity to benefit from the training. The selection among the eligible candidates will therefore be based on the following specific criteria:

1. Education. Assessment of both depth and breadth of previous education.
2. Scientific production. The assessment should also take into consideration the aspect of time, that is, to what extent the applicant has shown the ability to meet his or her previous scientific obligations within given time constraints. In addition, the scientific progress of the applicant is considered. Based on a Bachelor's thesis, a Master's thesis or other academic papers, the ability of the applicant to benefit from the education is considered according to critical ability, analytical ability, creativity and independence.
3. Research proposal. The applicant should enclose a research proposal, which should specify the research problem and provide an outline of the research project. The research proposal is assessed according to relevance, originality, completion within given time constraints (that is full-time work during a four-year period of doctoral studies) and the department's ability to provide supervision.
4. Ability to collaborate. This is determined on the basis of personal references, certificates or interviews.

Admission Regulations for Doctoral Studies at Stockholm University are available at: [www.su.se/rules](http://www.su.se/rules).

### **Terms of employment**

The term of the initial contract may not exceed one year. The employment may be extended for a maximum of two years at a time. However, the total period of employment may not exceed the equivalent of four years of full-time study.

Doctoral students should primarily devote themselves to their own education, but may engage in teaching, research, and administration corresponding to a maximum of 20 % of a full-time position.

Please note that admission decisions cannot be appealed.

Stockholm University strives to be a workplace free from discrimination and with equal opportunities for all.

### **Contact**

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Further information about the position can be obtained from the Administrator: Lena Grape, +46 (0)76 496 19 02, [lena.grape@su.se](mailto:lena.grape@su.se).

### **Union representatives**

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### **Application**

Apply for the position through Stockholm University's recruitment system by clicking the "Apply" button. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete in accordance with the instructions in the job advertisement, and that it is submitted before the deadline.

Please include the following information with your application

- Your contact details and personal data
- Your highest degree
- Your language skills
- Contact details for 2–3 references

and, in addition, please include the following documents

- Cover letter
- CV – degrees and other completed courses, work experience and a list of degree projects/theses
- A Research proposal which gives a brief outline of the planned research. This should be about 5-7 A4 pages, single-spaced (about 10,000-15,000 characters including spaces). The proposal should include a motivation, demarcation of the study, state-of-the-art literature review, purpose, and methodological and theoretical underpinnings.
- Degree certificates and grades confirming that you meet the general and specific entry requirements (no more than 6 files)
- Letters of recommendation (no more than 3 files)
- Degree projects/theses and, where applicable, other published works (no more than 3 files).

The instructions for applicants are available at: [Instructions – Applicants](#).

**You are welcome to apply!**