



## Internationalisation Policy

FACULTY OF MEDICINE,  
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Modern medical science is dependent on new technology, increased information exchange and improved communications. Increased mobility of people, goods and capital has made the global influence within healthcare increasingly clear. A new disease panorama, the ongoing challenges posed by rare diseases, health problems in connection with migration and the flow-on effects of socio-economic and political changes are some of the factors which have contributed to the growing global importance of our activities.

The Faculty of Medicine Internationalisation Policy has been adopted by the Faculty of Medicine Board (09.12.2009). The policy is an application of the *Lund University Internationalisation Policy 2008–2011* and the *Faculty of Medicine Strategic Plan 2007–2011*. The policy provides guidelines for the faculty as an international environment and for international relations and cooperation. Good routines for continual follow-up and quality assurance of the policy shall be followed. A separate action plan shall define and identify measurable targets and create the prerequisites for the application of this policy. Evaluation of the action plan shall be carried out continually.

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## VISION

The Faculty of Medicine has a regional and national commitment, as well as a global responsibility in terms of research, education and knowledge transfer. The UN Millennium Goals for global development, the Government's decision on Sweden's Policy for Global Development and UNESCO's ambition for universities to take greater responsibility for future global development, place demands on our work to be active in the global arena. **Education and research at the Faculty of Medicine shall stimulate learning that can contribute to solving global health problems.** Students and staff shall have good knowledge of our global responsibility, the UN Millennium Goals and an understanding of issues relating to migration and health.

The activities of the Faculty of Medicine are characterised by high international ambitions through participation in strategic international networks, teaching staff and student exchanges, internationalisation of courses and international research collaborations.

Fundamental for internationalisation is to adapt the work of the faculty to global development. **The Faculty of Medicine is characterised by a global knowledge perspective.** A distinct international dimension and intercultural understanding require that the faculty highlights experience and skills among student groups and staff, and that we increase our capacity to communicate in an international environment where language skills are adapted to a global labour market.

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## UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

An overall goal for the faculty is to actively work to develop and participate in strategic networks and to establish long-term collaborations with universities abroad that promote student and teaching staff mobility. The faculty strives to continually broaden and strengthen the international dimension and global knowledge for all students studying on basic and advanced level. An important aspect of this endeavour is to **promote mobility and provide students with a study period, at some point during their studies, which can be exchanged for study abroad.**

Important participants in this task are lecturers/researchers, who need to be involved and informed about the faculty's internationalisation efforts. Their knowledge and cooperation with the faculty's partner universities help to provide quality assurance for the students' studies at higher education institutions abroad.

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**A global perspective in teaching is important and should be encouraged.** Engagement in internationalisation of the curricula of our educational programs, should therefore be seen as a qualification which is taken into account when setting salaries and appointing positions.

A basic prerequisite for student mobility is to internationalise study programmes by promoting education in English. In order to enable foreign students to study at the faculty, attractive programmes of study in English must be provided.

The development of 'joint programmes' is strategically important for the promotion of internationalisation on advanced level. Master's programmes developed jointly with partner universities abroad strengthen the faculty's international profile.

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## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH (PHD) EDUCATION

The faculty strives to continuously broaden and strengthen the international dimension and promote global knowledge among doctoral students. These students are encouraged to undertake parts of their studies abroad and the departments are encouraged to receive research students from abroad. In order to facilitate and create opportunities, it is important to have high ambitions and provide guidance to those doctoral students who wish to spend time studying abroad. Support should also be provided to foreign doctoral students who wish to spend time studying at our faculty.

The capacity of doctoral students to communicate in an international research environment is important and should be continuously strengthened. Doctoral theses should be written in English as far as possible so that they can be publicised internationally and, if possible, doctoral students should present their work at the mid-way review in English, in order to support their capacity to communicate in an international environment.

Developing joint PhD courses with partner universities abroad is important for integrating the international dimension into PhD education. In parallel with joint course development, the faculty has an **express ambition to create joint PhD degrees, together with higher education institutions abroad.**

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## RESEARCH

The faculty shall have a strong international profile and shall be recognised for its research environment. International cooperation is a basic requirement in order to achieve excellence within the faculty's research areas. The faculty encourages and stimulates international research cooperation and collaboration with universities abroad within various networks. Communication regarding ongoing international research cooperation is important in order to stimulate and make the global presence visible within the faculty. Researchers are encouraged to attend international conferences and symposia and shall be encouraged to arrange similar events at the faculty. In recruiting researchers at post-doctoral level, the faculty should pay particular attention to international activities.

In order to increase internationalisation and experience exchange, it is important to create opportunities for researchers from different countries to meet. Established researchers shall be encouraged to support younger researchers in participating in or setting up international networks. An expressed vision is that the faculty shall strive to work proactively and strategically with external funding from international sources. In order to support this process, the faculty strives to create routines for support and experience exchange with regard to international project applications.

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