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## *The Election Committees Profile for Members of SFS Committee for PhD-students 2017-2018*

### *Job description*

The Swedish National Union of Students is an umbrella organization for Student Unions, whose main task is to represent and promote the members' interests in education, research and student welfare issues at the national level. The Committee for PhD-Students is SFS' special committee for PhD-education issues and research policy. The committee consist of eight to ten members, including the Chairperson.

It is important for members of the Committee to be informed about current issues in the organization and politics regarding education and research. The members of the committee are also responsible for informing the unions in the organization about the work of the Committee and also to represent and spread the opinions of the organization.

The Committee for PhD-students have circa four meetings every year, and in between them the Committee monitors and works with issues regarding PhD-students as well as the quality of research education.

### *Profile for members of the Committee for PhD-students 2017/2018*

The profile consists of the skills, experiences, and other qualities that the SFS Election Committee considers appropriate for an assignment as a member of the Committee for PhD-students.

#### *Experiences*

Members of the Committee for PhD-students should be PhD-students or else have a specific interest in PhD-issues. They should also have experiences from a Student Union or other student- or PhD-student organizations.

#### *Knowledge and skills*

Members of the Committee for PhD-students should have an interest in research

educational- and welfare issues for PhD- students as well as policy issues. They should also want to and be capable of cooperating in a group, as well as thinking outside their own situation and consider all PhD-students in Sweden, regardless of their field of research or employment status. They should be able to express themselves well in English, both in writing and speaking, since that is the working language of the Committee for PhD-students.

### *Personal attributes*

The members of the Committee for PhD-students need to be able to take initiative, have good planning skills, and a sense of responsibility. Characteristics like receptivity, clarity and a good understanding of their own and others' boundaries are important.

### *Additional desired qualities*

In addition to the qualities mentioned above, additional desired qualities are:

- Significant experience from Student Unions or associations or from SFS.
- Prior experience of working with issues regarding PhD-studies.
- Experience of working in a board..

### *After the nomination*

The Election committee will contact the nominee within three days of the nomination is received. The nominee accepts the nomination by providing the Election committee with the following information no later than February 20:

- Curriculum Vitae
- A 500-word presentation which will be made available for the Member Unions of SFS
- Names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of two referees. The Election committee may choose to contact additional referees.
- Reply to a doodle-question about when the nominee is available for interview. Interviews will be held via skype or telephone between 27 February and 17 March.

The election committee will contact the nominating person or persons to give references on the nominees. The election committee may also contact other persons to give reference.