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The Election Committees Profile for the Chairperson for the 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.

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. The Chairperson is responsible for planning and leading the work in the Committee.

The Chairperson for the Committee for PhD-students is also a full member of the SFS Board and is the link between the Committee and the Board. As a member of the Board, the Chairperson for the Committee for PhD-students is expected to especially take responsibility for PhD-issues. The board has six to seven meetings in person every year and in addition some webb based meetings in between.

Profile for the Chairperson for 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 the Chairperson for the Committee for PhD-students .

Experiences

The Chairperson for the Committee for PhD-students should be a PhD- student or recently been one. The Chairperson should have experiences from a Student Union or other student- or PhD-student organizations as well as experience from working with a board or other decision-making authorities.

Knowledge and skills

The Chairperson for the Committee for PhD-students should have an interest in issues as well as educational- and welfare issues for PhD-students and research policy . The Chairperson should also have an interest in other political issues regarding higher education. The Chairperson 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.

The Chairperson 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. The Chairperson should also be able to understand Swedish texts and to follow a discussion held in Swedish, since that is the working language of the SFS Board.

Personal attributes

The Chairperson should be responsive to the others in the Committee, and have leadership skills. The Chairperson should be able to multitask and have a sense of responsibility. The Chairperson can see the bigger picture, reflect about it, is equipped with a power of initiative, have good planning skills and is good with cooperating. It is also important to be prepared to take a long-term and strategic perspective on issues. The Chairperson should also have experience of working with and an understanding of transparency and how to anchor issues in an organization.

Additional desired qualities

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

- To have been active in the Committee or elsewhere in SFS before.
- A background as a national or international student representative.
- Prior experience of working with issues regarding PhD-studies.
- Experience of leading a board and experience of working with a given economic framework.

After the nomination

The deadline for nominations is February 10. 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.