

BioResearch School Steering Group

Stockholm University (SU) BioResearch School organises PhD courses for students at any of the Biology departments at SU no matter their subject area. Furthermore, it organises introductory courses, obligatory for all PhD students in Biology and a requirement for those expected to participate in teaching, as well as other general interest courses and special events, such as workshops and the annual PhD Day. The steering group discusses and makes decisions regarding all kind of issues related to the school.

What we are looking for

3 PhD student representatives from each department at the Biology Section, and alternates.

Why become a representative?

- Knowledge about what is happening on faculty level
- A broader circle of contacts within the Faculty of Science
- A merit for your résumé/CV
- Monetary compensation if you are a student; prolongation if you are a PhD student
- A chance to influence important decisions regarding education

Number of meetings per semester

3 scheduled meetings.

Language requirements

Documents are in Swedish, discussions are held in English and non-Swedish speaking students are welcome to participate.

Term

The mandate period is until NFR's next annual meeting, which is usually in the beginning of December. However, no commitments are binding.

Compensation/prolongation

Prolongation for PhD students:

2 days per year + one day extension per meeting. For particularly time-consuming assignments where the meeting time can amount to 4 hours or longer, a doctoral student can be compensated with a 2-day extension per meeting. The main rule is always that the extension must correspond to the work effort that the assignment requires.

As an alternate, you do not get compensation if you do not step in for one of the ordinary representatives.

For full terms and conditions, see Regulations for third-cycle education and summative assessment.

What is expected of you as a representative

Prior knowledge

No prior knowledge is needed. The chair of the body is responsible for giving you an introduction. You can prepare questions and send emails if something is unclear.

Before the meeting

About a week before the meeting you will get a calling with the agenda and the documents. Read through these before the meeting to better understand the issues that will be discussed and the decisions that will be made.

During the meeting

As an ordinary representative you have the right to attend, speak and vote. Don't hesitate to speak if you feel that something is unclear or problematic from a student perspective. Your experience of being a student is important.

After the meeting

As a representative, you report back NFR. When you get the calling for the next NFR meeting you will be able to fill out a form, reporting things of relevance that were discussed or decided upon at the meetings you have participated in. As a representative, you can also be present at the NFR meeting and report directly.

Absence

If you for some reason cannot participate in a meeting, tell the person who sent the calling and, as an ordinary representative, let your suppliant know.

Resignation

If you decide to resign from your position, you must inform in writing the chairperson of the group you have been appointed to, SUS and NFR.

For full terms and conditions, see NFR's statutes and Regulations for student influence.