

PhD-student representation at **Fysikum** and the **Faculty of Science**

Stockholm University is Sweden's largest university

With 27000 students & 1600 PhD students

And we have the right to take part in decisions!

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Organizational structure of SU

- **4 Levels:**

- 1) University (SU)

- 2) Faculties:

- -**Natural Sciences** (→ We are here)

- -Social Sciences

- -Humanities

- 3) Sections:

- -**Math/Phys.** (→ We are here)

- ...

- 4) Departments:

- -Math

- -Astronomy

- -Meteorology

- -**Physics** (Fysikum → We are here)

Organization of Stockholm University

Stockholm University

Lead by President
Astrid Söderbergh Widding
and divided into 2 Areas:

Natural Sciences

Humanities &
Social sciences

The areas are organized
as 4 Faculties.

Science

12 % of the students
but 51 % of the PhD's (2015)

Humanities
Juridical
Social sciences

Faculty of Science

Lead by the Dean
Henrik Cederquist (Physics)
and organized into 4 Sections

Mathematics-Physics

Chemistry
Biology
Earth and Environmental Sciences

Section of Mathematics-Physics

Lead by the Section Dean
Tom Britton (Mathematics)

Physics

Mathematics
Mathematics and science education
Astronomy
Meteorology

Fysikum

(Department of Physics)

Lead by the Head of Department (Prefekt)
Jan Conrad (CoPS)
PhD studies directors: Per-Erik Tegner,
Sten Hellman

7 research divisions:

Astroparticle and Elementary Particle
Physics (ELPA)
Atomic Physics (Atom)
Chemical Physics (Chem)
Condensed Matter and Quantum Optics
(KOMKO)
Cosmology, particle Astrophysics and
Strings (CoPS)
Instrumentation Physics (Instrument)
Medical Radiation Physics (MSF)

PhD student representation at Fysikum

PhD Council

(all PhD students at Fysikum)

The democratic forum for PhD students
Meets two times per year
(spring and fall meeting).
Invitation by email (drand list).

ELECT
representatives
(spring)

PhD Council Board

Elected representatives from all divisions
Meets once per month to coordinate the
representation.
Committee representatives responsible for
reporting back to council board.
Brings up relevant issues and organizes
activities for PhD students.

ELECT
representatives
(spring)

Fysikums styrelse (FS) /

Executive board

Makes decisions for the
department:

- Recruitment
- Budget
- Education

ELECT
representatives
(spring)

Advisory committees

Committee for research education
Committee for basic education
Committee for equal rights and opportunities
Etc.

PhD Council Board

Chair: Kajsa-My Blomdahl (Atom)

Vice-chair: Jorge Laraña Aragón (CoPS)

Cashier: Kunal Deoskar (ELPA)

Regular members _____ Substitutes

Nadia Flodgren (CoPS)

Alexandre Adler (CoPS)

Nadia Dachlythra (CoPS)

Fredrik Kalholm (MSF)

Cody Sterling (Chem)

Raka Paul (KOMKO)

Roger Cattaneo (ELPA)

Coordinate the representation
& actively pushes relevant issues on
behalf of the PhD students

Important work:

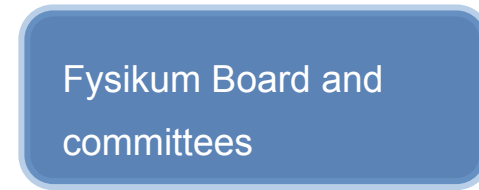
- Temporary rules for salary increase and a new licentiate defense system.
- Corona task force
- Social events and a PhD pub!

Student and PhD student representation at Faculty of Science

Department level



ELECT
representatives
(spring)



Faculty level



ELECT
representative
(fall)



NOMINATE
representatives
(fall)



DECIDES: Budget, rules, new
positions, education,
organization, grants, ...

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Student Union (SUS)



ELECT
representatives
(fall)



Representatives at Faculty and Central level

Faculty Council (NFR)

Chair

Vice-chair

+ 1 representative from each

Student Union (SUS)

Studiebevakare

Doktorandombud

Central PhD Council (CDR)

Chair

Faculty Board (ON)

3 representatives:

Important recent work:

- PhD program evaluation
- Electronic ISP system
- Disbandment of several departments
- Compensation for Swedish courses
- Corona measures

Prolongation system

Representative work is compensated with “prolongation”

Extra days to your PhD employment paid by the department / faculty

Typically: 1 meeting = 1 day of prolongation

→ No research time is “lost” :)

Prolongation system

PhD council board:

- Chair: (15) days (fixed)
- Vice-chair: (10) days (fixed)
- Regular representative: $(2+1*\#)$ days, where $\#$ is the number of board meetings.

Committees at Fysikum:

- Fysikum Styrelse: $(2+1*\#)$ days, where $\#$ is the number of committee meetings.
- All the other committees: $(1+1/2*\#)$ days, where $\#$ is the number of committee meetings.
- Secondary representatives: $(1*\#)$ days, only for the attended meetings.

Specific tasks (e.g. applications evaluations): it should be agreed with the senior requesting participation from PhD students.

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Or find the other board members at:

Fysikum website → doktorand → PhD Council