

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!

Organizational structure of SU

Four levels:

1) University (SU)

2) Faculties:

- Natural Sciences (→ We are here)
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

3) Sections:

- Math/Phys. (→ We are here)

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4) Departments:

- Physics (Fysikum) (→ We are here)
- Math
- Astronomy
- Meteorology

Council:

Central PhD student council (CDR)

Natural Science faculty council (NFR)
(Both undergraduate and doctoral students)

Fysikum PhD student council

PhD representation

Two times per year elections for PhD representatives in different committees are held, in the fall (or winter) for committees at university and faculty level and in the spring for Fysikum.

How do the elections work?

- PhD students can nominate themselves in the fall meeting of the Fysikum PhD council, via sending an email to phdcouncil@fysik.su.se or via this [link](#) before the 20th of February. Please indicate which committee you want to nominate yourself for and if you want to be an ordinary or secondary member.
- As an ordinary member you should attend all the committee meetings, as a secondary meeting you should only attend when the ordinary is not available.
- Information about the open roles can be found in these slides, more details can be found [here](#).
- There is a big chance you will be elected for the role you want!

Why should I be a representative?

- Represent your fellow PhD students and **make our voices heard!**
- Compensation for your time; your employment will be prolonged.
- Learn how the university, faculty and department work, for example how hiring is done.
- Looks good on your CV.

Prolongation system

The time you spend on committees is compensated with extra days to your employment paid by the department/faculty, so no research time is lost.

How much prolongation do I get?

- As a regular representative in a committee you get $2+1*n$ days, where n is the number of meetings you attend.
- For the **Central PhD student council** (at university level):
 - Chair: 40 days
 - Vice-char: 25 days
 - Representative: 20 days
- For the **Natural Science faculty council** (at faculty level):
 - Chair: 30 days
 - Vice-chair: 10 days
 - Representative: $2+1*n$ days, where n the number of board meetings
- When a meeting is longer than four hours, you get two days for that meeting (instead of one).

Open positions



Positions in councils

The Central PhD-student council (CDR)

- CDR works to improve the conditions for PhD students. It is the student union's preparatory and advisory body for issues concerning PhD students and education at PhD level.
- Documents are in Swedish, discussions in English. English speaking students are welcome!
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

The Natural Sciences Faculty Council (NFR)

- NFR collaborates on issues that concern all students and PhD students in the Faculty of Natural Sciences. They discuss among other things topics raised by the PhD councils of the departments..
- The official language is English.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

Positions in committees at faculty level

The Faculty Executive Board / Områdesnämnden (ON)

- ON is the faculty's **highest decision-making organ**. Most decisions that affect one or several sections and institutes pass through here.
- Meetings are held 3 times per semester and are quite long (three to four hours).
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

The Promotion Committee / Befördringsnämnden

- Prepares matter that have to do with **promotions of staff**
- Documents are in Swedish, discussions in **English**. English speaking students are welcome!
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

The Basic Education Committee / Grundutbildningsberedningen (GB)

- Works with **questions regarding basic education**, for example program and course plans, student recruitment, quality assurance and the education of teachers.
- Documents are in Swedish, discussions in **English**. English speaking students are welcome!
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members

Positions in committees at faculty level

Section Advisory Committee / Sektionsberedningen

- Treats overarching departmental questions in the **math/phys. section**, for example basic education, research education and economy.
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

Research Education Advisory Committee / Forskarutbildningsberedningen (FB)

- Discusses **all matters regarding PhD education**. It initiates surveys about research education and organises meetings with the directors of studies at the different departments.
- Documents are in Swedish, discussions in **English**. English speaking students are welcome!
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

The Stipend Committee / Stipendieberedningen

- Works with donation grants, travelings grants and grants for docents. It gives suggestions of grant applications to the faculty board.
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members

Positions in committees at faculty level

Academic Appointment Board / Lärarförslagsnämnden

- Works with **teacher employments**. Together with experts they hold mock-lectures and interviews with the primary candidates for a position.
- Especially interesting for those that want to have a **career in academia**, you get to see how it is decided who gets a position!
- Documents are in Swedish, discussions in **English**. English speaking students are welcome!
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

Information committee / Informations beredningen

- Discusses the faculty's **strategies for information (PR)** and decided which projects to take on regarding research information and student recruitment. They work on for example career fairs.
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

IT committee / IT beredningen

- Makes sure that initiatives and proposals within the **IT-area** reflect the interest of the faculty.
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members.

Advisory Committee for Collaborations / Samverkansberedningen

- Develops **suggestions for collaborations** and it is the the area of science's contact organ for the communications office.
- Documents and discussions are in **Swedish**.
- Open positions for ordinary and secondary members

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Or find the other board members at: Fysikum website →

Doktorand → [Fysikum PhD Council](#)