

Welcome to Växjö University, Sweden!

Guest Professorship in Memory of Astrid Lindgren

Växjö University invites nominations for the position of Guest Professor in memory of Astrid Lindgren.

As a guest professor in memory of Astrid Lindgren, internationally prominent Swedish or foreign researchers will have the opportunity to spend a period of up to one year at Växjö University. The guest professorship is linked to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Växjö University.

Aim

The guest professorship in memory of Astrid Lindgren can be held by internationally prominent researchers in various fields that are in some way linked to the life and work of Astrid Lindgren. Examples of these fields are children's rights, literature, film, issues regarding ethics and values, pedagogy, as well as environmental issues, although other fields are also possible. During the time in Sweden active participation in the research environment is expected.

Open for Nomination

The holder of the guest professorship is appointed by way of invitation from the Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences. Faculty members holding a PhD degree at Växjö University are invited to nominate a candidate. Furthermore the Swedish Institute, The Swedish Institute for Children's Books, Swedish Film Institute, and a number of foreign universities and organisations are invited to nominate candidates. Apart from the usual curriculum vitae, the nomination is to include a description of how the guest professor's work at Växjö University is to be linked to the life and work of Astrid Lindgren. The nomination must be in English.

The nominations are considered by a special appointments committee. The final decision is made by the Vice Chancellor on recommendation from the Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Financing

The guest professorship is financed in collaboration with the municipality of Vimmerby, Save the Children Sweden, and the Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences. Part of the guest professor's work is to be conducted in close cooperation with the knowledge centre in Näs, which opens in 2007 in memory of the 100th anniversary of Astrid Lindgren's birth in the municipality of Vimmerby. Details are subject to further discussion.

The funds of the professorship cover the salary, travels to and from Växjö and a subsistence allowance for the period. The School to which the guest professor will be affiliated is responsible for providing the guest professor with suitable working conditions.

Nomination Date

The registrar at Växjö University must have the nomination no later than March 1, 2007. Postal address: Växjö University, SE-351 95 Växjö, Sweden or by e-mail: registrator@vxu.se

Questions regarding the guest professorship are referred to Tapio Salonen, Pro-Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (tapio.salonen@vxu.se), or International Liaison Officer Anna Carlström (anna.carlstrom@vxu.se), +46 470 70 85 22.

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