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Resources about policies in Sweden in light of the war on Ukraine

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References

Here a list of links regarding policies in Swedish higher education w.r.t. the war in Ukraine:

- ▶ Current [government guidelines](#)
- ▶ Example of university rules: [Lund University Q&A](#)
- ▶ Example of (stricter) government laboratory rules: [Statement from ESS](#)

Quotes

... from [Government guidelines](#)

Many Russian academics have openly criticised the countrys actions, and it is important not to equate individual Russian and Belarusian researchers with state institutions.

Sweden should not be involved in education and research cooperation that supports the Russian central government.

The basic premise is that contact and cooperation with Russian and Belarusian state institutions must cease.

Quotes

... from [Lund University](#)

the University [...] is immediately suspending all existing organised collaborations with Russian and Belarusian state institutions until further notice.

Four ongoing student exchange agreements with higher education institutions in Russia are now suspended.

... from [Lund University](#)

[...] it is of course tragic on a personal level when collaborations between researchers are cut short in this way and contrary to academic freedom.

Quotes

... from [Lund University Q & A](#):

Individual researchers from Russia and Belarus can participate in workshops, conferences or the like arranged by Lund University, online or on site, under the following conditions: It is an individual researcher and not an institution and / or university that participates; Ethical and safety aspects have been considered; The person is not in a politically exposed position.

It is entirely possible to publish already completed research with researchers from Russia and Belarus, but also future research according to the same principles as above.

Quotes

Individual government laboratories might take stronger measures.

... from [statement from European Spallation Source \(ESS\)](#)

In particular, ESS suspends:

- ▶ Participation of ESS staff in committees and boards of Russian and Belarussian institutions and companies.
- ▶ All visits to Russian and Belarussian institutions and companies by ESS staff and vice versa.
- ▶ Participation of members of Russian and Belarussian institutions and companies in any of ESSs committees.
- ▶ Participation in workshops by members from Russian and Belarussian institutions and companies.
- ▶ Exchange of scientists with Russian and Belarussian institutions.

Support

Ukrainian researchers can apply for support to work/live in Sweden. A list of funding schemes is [here](#) or [here](#).

Depending on the institution, student tuition fees for Ukrainians may be waived, see e.g. [here](#).

At present, there is no extra-ordinary support for (tuition fees of) Russian students affected by sanctions. Similarly, no extra-ordinary support for Russian researchers.