

The Swedish National Union of Students
Linn Svärd's Cover letter
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Dear election committee and member unions,

My name is Linn Svärd and I am looking for your support in continuing to lead SFS next year. I believe a good presidium is one that sees, engages and encourages others to achieve their best results both individually as well as in a group. I am proud to be someone that others tend to describe as reliable and experienced, and as a clear leader who can convert visions into actions. Being a person who values open debate, I always strive to seek out knowledge-based arguments, while making sure that everyone is given the opportunity to participate on equal terms. I encourage transparency and strive to create a climate where everyone feels comfortable in taking and giving criticism, as this develops the organization and gives room for its' members to grow. I believe that I have proven this throughout this unprecedented year.

I want SFS to be a singular, clear voice for students and doctoral students in debates and in the media. During my year in SFS presidium we have become more visible to those we seek to represent and we branched out into new media outlets to influence our situation. That being said, it is extremely important to also have a solid internal organization, especially now that we have recruited a member coordinator. It is exciting to think about what our successors will say, when they look back on the next anniversary in another 100 years. I will work hard to make sure it is with elation and solidarity, that they see a strong SFS that I hope you give me the privilege of leading on into the future.

I have experience working with educational affairs, having been a full and-part-time sabbatical officer; I know how to develop, change and lead organizations. While my core focus tends to be directed towards effective innovation and renewal, I also regard myself as someone who thinks in the long term and places a great deal of emphasis on organizational continuity. In addition to my studies, I also have a diverse work experience. The core of my assignments has been to give students and doctoral students the best possible conditions for pursuing their higher education. In this, I have a wide-ranging set of commitments that in multiple ways have contributed to deepening my knowledge and experience locally, nationally, and globally.

Since 2011 I have been a student at Lund University, later also adding courses at Linnaeus and Uppsala Universities. Initially at the Faculty of Engineering within the civil engineering program, I continued with courses at the school of Economics, later adding Law courses. I am now at the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology, where I hold a bachelor's degree. I believe my diverse set of experiences from Lund's student life – both academic and professional – makes me a solid candidate to continue as your SFS leader.

Linn Svärd