

Call for members of the SFS International Committee, Komit

We are looking for three members for the SFS International Committee Komit, which is the voice of SFS in the international debate on education issues. Komit consists of four members, including one of the SFS presidiums leading the work, and is answerable to the SFS Board.

Komit members' assignment is to represent SFS internationally at formal events organised by the European Students' Union, the ESU and Nordiskt Ordförande Møte, NOM, as well as in informal contexts linked to the international work. It is possible to follow Komit's work through international reports to SFS Board meetings as well as on the [SFS website](#) and in social media.

About the assignment

SFS represents Sweden's students in international contexts. To help with this, the SFS Board has a committee to assist with representation in international contexts. At national level, Komit can represent SFS in discussions concerning the implementation and advocacy of international student issues through meetings and conferences.

As an organisation, SFS is a member of the European Students' Union (ESU), which is an umbrella organisation consisting of 45 national student organisations. The ESU represents around 20 million students from 40 countries. Komit represents SFS at the two annual decision-making meetings, Board Meetings, and the two member meetings, European Students' Conventions. More information about the history, organisation and current policy of the ESU can be found on the [ESU website](#).

Komit also represents SFS at Nordiskt Ordförande Møte, NOM. NOM is a network consisting of member organisations from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. The NOM meetings discuss joint issues and possible solutions. The NOM meetings are also a platform for exchange of knowledge. The meetings take place twice a term.

Members and term of office

SFS is looking for three members with two different terms of office. At present we are looking for:

- Two members from 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022.
- One member from 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2023.

Expectations and commitments

Komit's work varies over the year, with more activity around the time of the formal meetings. For shorter periods, up to a week, it can be more intensive and time-consuming, with a certain amount of time spent abroad.

The SFS Board expects Komit members to:

- actively participate both during and in the intervals between Komit meetings and conferences.
- be knowledgeable and/or interested in student and education issues at international level.
- distribute areas of responsibility within Komit among them.
- be aware of and comply with aspects of SFS' established guidelines and views that are relevant to the assignment.
- keep up-to-date with current events within SFS by reading Board documents, for example.
- as necessary, be able to set aside time for international participation, normally up to one week per term.

Komit can expect to have the backing of the SFS Board in international matters, that feedback will be given on a regular basis and that the Board will regularly compile knowledge from experiences and provide Komit with relevant Board documents.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications for the assignment include a genuine interest in student and educational issues at both national and international level. In addition, the applicant is expected to be knowledgeable and/or interested in familiarising him/herself with international issues and the person will be expected to be aware of the aspects of the SFS guidelines that are relevant to the assignment and/or familiarise him/herself with SFS policy. The goal is to assemble a committee with extensive knowledge of the various areas of educational politics that SFS is active in nationally and internationally.

In this call, all members will be replaced and we are looking for a group that together covers the ESU's political areas. The ESU divides the work into clusters¹ and in recent years these have consisted of conditions for study, mobility and internationalisation, quality issues in higher education and governance and

¹ In English: Mobility and Internationalisation; Social Dimension; Quality of Higher Education; Public Responsibility Financing and Governance.

financing issues. It will be considered an advantage if an applicant has experience and/or considerable interest in one or more subject areas.

It will be considered an advantage if you have experience of a students' union, student politics and/or if you have been active at the level of a higher education institution or national/international undertakings. Experience of international politics and EU affairs is also considered an advantage. In the case of applicants with similar experience, the committee will be selected so as to have an even balance in terms of gender and expertise.

The preparation process

Komit is appointed by the SFS Board. Interviews with the nominated candidates are held before the Board makes a decision. Interviews are held with a preparatory group consisting of persons from the Board and Komit. The interviews will take place via Zoom in week 19. A draft decision is thereafter submitted to the Board.

Nomination and applications

Members must be nominated by a member student union, a member of a member student union or an SFS Board member. Nominations must contain:

- A personal letter from the candidate giving reasons why the person is interested in the assignment and containing comments on which cluster/political area the person has experience in or is interested in.
- The candidate must specify for which term/s of office the application for the assignment is submitted.
- The candidate's CV, describing the candidate's formal qualifications in terms of education, work experience and other experience relevant to the assignment, including elected posts.
- The candidate's contact details: telephone number and e-mail address
- Contact details of the person responsible for the nomination, if any.

If the above criteria are not met, the nomination will not be assessed. Nominations (including the above information) must be received by SFS no later than 09:00 on Tuesday 3 May and must be sent to: studrep@sfs.se. Mark the e-mail "Application/Nomination: Komit".

Contact

If you have any questions or queries about the assignment or the preparation process, you are welcome to contact Komit at komit@sfs.se or the person in charge of the presidium, Linn Svärd, at linn.svard@sfs.se or on telephone number 070 545 70 45.