

**Call for applications:**

**The Swedish Institute Summer Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) 2017**

- > Leadership & training programme for sustainable modern governance
- > Three thematic modules offered in 2017
- > Follow-up activities, alumni network and peer shadowing mobility grants



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**Are you under 36 years old, and interested in building networks and increasing your knowledge of transparent, efficient and resilient public administration? Do you currently work with public administration, in politics or within the civil society?**

The Swedish Institute (SI) is pleased to welcome applications to SAYP 2017 from young policymakers, public servants and civil society workers in Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Sweden and Ukraine. This year, SAYP offers three different thematic modules, possible to choose from, depending on which topics within sustainable modern governance the applicant is interested in.

**Malmö University, 12-23 June 2017: *Sustainable Public Management***

The module has two tracks, running in parallel along the module. The first track is structured thematically and will cover topics such as: public management, governance, transparency, leadership, gender equality and public ethics. Each topic is introduced by a short lecture, followed-up by a group seminar, and completed with a practically oriented seminar with representatives from a Swedish governmental agency. The second track is oriented towards project management and group-work. Specific focus will be directed towards cross-sector collaboration and social- and public innovation.

[Click here for a description of the module, at Malmö University's website](#)

**Linköping University, 7-18 August 2017: *Sustainable e-Governance for Resilient and Innovative Democratic Public Administration***

Digitalisation is characterising our time in many different ways and challenging all parts of the society when opening for new practices. Public administration is indeed influenced by the digitalisation both by new demands from citizens and other actors using the technology and forming new social practices and internally by demands from professionals and policy makers aiming to improve public efficiency, transparency, accessibility and other public values by smart use of digital technologies.

The pedagogical approach of interactivity, knowledge building, sharing and application characterizes the entire module. The module is preceded by small, preparatory pre-studies in the participating countries and two webinar discussions on the goals, expectations and the work methods in the module.

[Click here for a description of the module, at Linköping University's website](#)

**Lund University, 14-25 August 2017: *Perspectives on Multi-level Governance, Decentralisation & Human Rights***

This module within the Summer Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) will focus on decentralisation within public administration and how human rights can be implemented on a regional and local level. The module combines theory with a high level of practice, including lectures, seminars/workshops with highly qualified staff from Lund University, with study visits to relevant organisations and institutions. This combination enables the participants to get a deeper insight in public administration, as well as exchange experiences and

establish new contacts and networks between all participating countries.

[Click here for a description of the module, at Lund University's website](#)

### **Programme outline**

SAYP is a leadership and training programme developed to build awareness, capacity and resilience in the practice of governance in countries of the Baltic Sea region and the EU Eastern Partnership. At the same time the focus of SAYP is to strengthen young professionals and their individual capabilities to meet the requirement of a modern governance structure.

Participation in the training session is **free of charge** and includes food, accommodation and travel expenses to Sweden. The programme also includes possibilities to participate in follow-ups and thematic workshops afterwards, as fellows of the Swedish Institute Alumni Network – a vast professional and global contact network meant to keep building good practices and mutual learning processes for a sustainable future.

### **Target groups**

The programme is targeted primarily at young professionals (up to 35 years old) already employed in the state structures, working with development of policy and measures to create a more transparent, resilient and efficient public administration. SAYP also targets political advisors, civil society workers and employees of public companies.

- Policymakers (politicians, government officials, employees of political parties)
- Public servants (non-political civil servants working at government agencies)
- Civil society workers (CSO/NGO volunteers/employees)

### **How to apply**

1) Please read the instructions, [available on the SI website](#).

2) Complete your application, with the following enclosures:

- Letter of Motivation (SI template mandatory)
- Curriculum Vitae (Europass template mandatory)
- Letter of Reference (SI template recommended)
- English Language Certificate (SI template available)

3) Submit your application, using the SI online application portal. The portal will be open for applications between **16 January – 19 February 2017**.

## More information

[More information about SAYP](#) can be found on our website.

Two of the SAYP 2015 participants [shared their impressions of their time in Sweden](#).

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