

2026-2027 ASF FELLOWSHIPS FOR SWEDISH CITIZENS IN THE U.S.

New York, NY—The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) is pleased to announce its 2026-2027 Fellows from Sweden. ASF and the Swedish Fulbright Commission work together to promote educational and cultural exchange between Sweden and the United States. Fellowships are awarded in all fields and made possible this year by the following ASF Endowment Funds: the Marcus and Amalia Wallenberg Memorial Fund, the Thord-Gray Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Peter and Birgit Faber Morse Fund, the Dr. Mary Jane Oestmann Fellowship Fund in the Sciences.

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IMAGES: (Left to right) Photos of Swedish Fellows Lovisa Bergdahl, Burak Sayin, and Farhad Ahmadzai.

AHMADZAI, Farhad, to the University of Florida
MCM, Construction Management

In Fall 2026, Farhad Ahmadzai will begin his graduate program in Construction Management at the University of Florida, where he will focus on sustainable practices in construction and project management. Building on his professional experience in the construction sector, he aims to apply these approaches to future large-scale construction projects in Sweden. In 2023, he obtained a BS in Engineering and Construction Project Management from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, where he also completed an MS in Civil and Architectural Engineering in 2024. Since then, he has worked as a Construction Site Manager with SEHED Byggmästargruppen AB and as a Project Manager with NRC Group Sverige AB.

ALEMIR, Sara, to the University of California, Los Angeles
PhD, Political Science

Sara Alemir will conduct dissertation research at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she will examine migration governance and transnational security through ethnographic fieldwork in Mexico. Working under the supervision of Jason De León at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, she seeks to advance innovative and empirically grounded approaches to the study of governance, migration, and

border security in the US-Mexico context. Alemir earned both her BS in Sociology (2011) and MS in Sociology (2014) from Lund University. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Government at Uppsala University and serves as Project Leader of Women in Transit and as Adjunct Professor in the Risk and Crisis Research Center at Mid-Sweden University.

BERGDAHL, Lovisa to the University of California, Los Angeles

PhD, Psychology

A 2026 Fulbright Scholar, Lovisa Bergdahl will pursue a PhD in Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she will study how sexism—particularly benevolent sexism—shapes women’s identities and experiences across cultural contexts. Building on her undergraduate thesis, *A Nightmare Dressed Like a Daydream: Recognizing and Responding to Benevolent Sexism*, her work aims to develop interventions that promote gender equity. Bergdahl earned a BS in Psychology from Uppsala University in 2025 and has since worked as a Research Assistant with the Ivanov Research Group in the Department of Clinical Neuroscience at Karolinska Institutet.

CEBAN-JOHANSSON, Mila to Harvard Kennedy School

MPA, Public Administration

Mila Ceban-Johansson is pursuing an MPA at Harvard Kennedy School, where she studies how public institutions can remain resilient, accountable, and citizen-centered amid geopolitical instability and democratic backsliding. Drawing on Moldova and Ukraine as case studies, her research examines how governance reforms and data-driven policymaking can strengthen transparent, inclusive, and trustworthy public services. She earned a BA in International Relations from Moldova State University in 2008 and an MA in European Public Affairs from Maastricht University in 2011. Since then, she has worked with EU institutions and the Swedish government and currently serves as a Senior Specialist at the Department of Multilateral Cooperation at the Folke Bernadotte Academy.

SAYIN, Burak to Brown University

PhD, Social Sciences

As part of his dissertation research, Burak Sayin will be a visiting scholar at Brown University, where he will access city archives and urban planning documents to compare US and Swedish approaches to urban development, cultural policy, and creative economies. His research examines how creative hubs contribute to urban transformation and neighborhood revitalization in post-industrial cities. Sayin earned a BS in Biology from Istanbul University in 2015 and an MS in Media and Communications from Lund University in 2017. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Service Studies at Lund University and is the founder and CEO of Space-time Works and co-founder of Cirkus Syd.

Siljehag Alencar, Malcolm to the University of Pennsylvania

MSE, Data Science

Malcolm Siljehag Alencar will pursue an MSE in Data Science at the University of Pennsylvania, where he will study how machine learning and data science can address key challenges in biology, particularly in molecular interactions and structural biology. Through this graduate training, he aims to develop advanced computational expertise while collaborating with leading biomedical researchers and exploring how academic research can be translated into real-world applications. He earned a BS in Engineering

Mathematics from Lund University in 2026 and is currently a student at the Department of Statistics at the University of Oxford.

WYCKMAN, Lisa Linnea Johanna to Indiana University

PhD, Economics

A 2026 Fulbright Scholar, Lisa Linnea Johanna Wyckman, will pursue a PhD in Economics at Indiana University, specializing in advanced econometric methods to examine how exogenous shocks shape economic resilience and interconnectedness across global markets. While at Indiana University, her research will examine how global economic uncertainty influences macroeconomic outcomes. In 2023, she earned a BS in Economics from Linköping University, and in 2025 she earned an MS in Economics. She currently serves as Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy and as Data Analysis Consultant at Wyckman Consulting.

ZACKRISSON, Anton to Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PhD, Engineering

A 2026 Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher, Anton Zakrisson will work with the Center for Transportation and Logistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will develop tools to support sustainable freight logistics using advanced operations research and AI methods. He seeks to address key challenges in decarbonizing logistics to enable zero-emission transportation systems. Zakrisson earned an MS in Industrial Engineering and Management from Linköping University in 2023 and is currently pursuing his PhD in Industrial Engineering & Management from Linköping University while working as an Industrial PhD Researcher with Professor Ou Tan in the Division of Production Economics.