



Celebrating UK-Sweden Collaboration Call for research showcase proposals - April 21 2020, Stockholm

On behalf of the British Embassy Stockholm, the Russell Group, the University of Nottingham, the British Council, the Royal Society, the Swedish Council of Principals and the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) – we would like to invite you to submit ideas and interest for a very special research showcase and knowledge diplomacy reception taking place in Stockholm on the evening of Tuesday 21st April 2020.

The purpose of the reception and showcase, which will be hosted by the [Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences](#) (IVA) in Stockholm, is to celebrate the strength and variety of research links between the UK and Sweden. It is being organised by the British Embassy in Stockholm in conjunction with a coalition of UK and Swedish partners with the aim of providing a platform for wider knowledge diplomacy between our two countries and emphasise the value of collaboration between our universities, researchers and scientific institutions as we move forward to shape the future of UK-SE bilateral relationship on research and innovation. The showcase and reception will be a high profile in-country event with underpinning press and social media activity, attended by nearly 300 senior UK and Swedish stakeholders.

It is being held in Stockholm to coincide with a week of activity between both UK universities and partners across Sweden and the wider Nordic region, as well as a bilateral exchange between the Russell Group and the Swedish Council of Principals. The [Times Higher Education Innovation and Impact Summit](#) is also taking place in Stockholm at KTH Royal Institute of Technology that week.

We are seeking proposals from interested partners across UK and Sweden to help create this showcase.

- We think we will have around 10 spaces (size dependent) available – and are looking for interesting and creative showcase ideas that have involved both UK and Swedish partners in some way.
- This could be something that celebrates joint research project that involved universities or researchers from both countries, or be something that brings to life an educational exchange.
- This opportunity is open to all UK and Swedish universities
- This opportunity is open to ideas from across all disciplines, not just STEM.
- Successful entrants will be expected to cover the costs of transport for any showcase equipment, materials and any researchers manning the stands. UK universities might want to explore whether their internal HEIF funds are applicable for this type of project. Equally, it may be more practical to liaise with Swedish partners to arrange any logistics around showcase materials.
- The British Embassy and IVA will be assessing entries according to a set of criteria that will weigh up the creativity of the proposal, its relevance to the focus of the event, the practicalities of the showcase (i.e. the venue is on the first floor of a very old building)
- This showcase builds on the very successful BUILA-DAIA and UK Embassy Berlin showcase held last year to coincide with Going Global. You can see a [video produced by the FCO of the event here](#), which gives you an idea of the kind of thing we're hoping to achieve

If you are interested, then please send your proposal and any queries to Mackenzie Storm (Mackenzie.Storm@fco.gov.uk) in the British Embassy Stockholm by Monday 2nd March 12.00pm.

Please keep submissions to no longer than a couple of paragraphs – detailing the background to the project and what the showcase will involve. Images and video of anything you're planning to showcase would also be very helpful.