

# Validity and quality criteria, Linnaeus-Palme Partnership 2019

## Assessment process

All the submitted applications are assessed when the application deadline has passed. This has two stages:

- validity checks
- quality assessment

## Validity criteria

To be valid:

- the project application must have arrived before the deadline (12 noon). The deadline date is available on [utbyten.se](http://utbyten.se),
- the project application must have been submitted through our application system,
- the project owner must be an accredited higher education institution (HEI),
- the project application must be complete,

To be complete, a project application must include the following:

- a signed letter of intent from the partner HEI/department that, through dating or phrasing, shows that it supports the current application to the Linnaeus-Palme programme,
- an appended file with the framework application that includes the relevant project application. the framework application must be signed by the vicechancellor or another person with the authority to make a decision,
- contact details (first name, last name, telephone and email) to an authorised representative with the right to sign agreements on behalf of the HEI who provides approval of the terms and conditions and the programme's other rules.
- a valid partner country.

Only applications that fulfil the criteria will continue to the quality assessment stage. It is not possible to supplement an application after the application deadline.

## Quality criteria for the 2019 application

Valid project applications are assessed using the following quality criteria:

- The project's relevance in relation to the programme's aim of contributing to broadening the recruitment base of young people who are able to work with development cooperation and increasing the quality of higher education.
- How well the project's planned activities are assessed to contribute to achieving the objectives of the exchange project. Particular emphasis is placed on ensuring that granted student exchanges are implemented.
- The project's feasibility. We particularly assess the project owner's capacity to run international exchange projects.
- The project's risk awareness and risk management.

Allocation of funding within the Linnaeus-Palme partnership is based on the quality assessment. The minimum points for approval are 43.0 points. The points are stated to one decimal place and not rounded off. All applications that do not achieve the approved level are rejected. Other applications are ranked using average points and are granted in the greatest number the programme budget allows. If there are more applications with the same minimum points for approval than there are funds for allocation, the below selection criteria will be used to grant the funds.

1. Exchange projects that include more than 2 + 2 student exchanges.
2. Exchange projects relating to cooperation with an HEI from one of the countries included in any of UHR's contact seminars<sup>1</sup>.
3. Exchange projects as part of teacher education programmes. Applicants have stated the subject area *education and teacher education*.
4. Random selection.

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia, Egypt, Georgia, Kirgizstan, Morocco, Peru, Serbia and Uzbekistan. Syria is not included because Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs advises against travel to the country. Please note that it also advises against travel to some areas of Algeria, Colombia, Egypt and Georgia.