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INTERNATIONALISATION POLICY

Ideas, knowledge and experience can be exchanged via internationalisation. The creation of environments in which these exchanges can take place is decisive in being able to meet the needs of a global labour market, so Södertörn University shall strive to offer these environments to students, teachers and staff. Internationalisation is conducted in Sweden, as well as through mobility and agreements, and encompasses education, research and external relations.

The university shall be an international higher education institution, where education and research are distinguished by diversity, widened perspectives and an intercultural approach. In addition, ordinary activities at the university shall offer students, teachers and staff an international environment in which meetings between different cultures naturally occur. To increase international contacts, the university shall facilitate the development of new international networks and partners that can generate new platforms and shared projects. Södertörn University shall also contribute to an internationalisation process that not only promotes its own activities, but which also includes environmental awareness and sustainable development.

Internationalisation shall define the entire university's activities. The international perspective shall also be a priority for all employees and students at Södertörn University. At the university, internationalisation work shall be documented in action plans, both centrally and at the academic schools. These plans shall be continually followed up to evaluate whether their targets have been achieved.

Researchers at the university are largely responsible for their own international contacts. However, Södertörn University shall work for the continuing development of established research networks and promote a positive attitude towards internationalisation among researchers at the university.

In order to encourage international exchanges among teachers, students and staff, the university shall enter a limited number of agreements with strategically chosen partner universities. Södertörn University shall also continue work to increase the interest of students, teachers and staff in spending a period of time at a foreign university, partly because this contributes to heightened international understanding and partly because it prepares students for the international labour market. The university shall also improve its facilities for welcoming students, teachers and staff from Swedish and foreign universities. One outcome of these improvements should be that more international students choose to study at Södertörn University.