

Housing in Stockholm area

The management is fully aware of the difficult housing situation prevailing in Stockholm. We will do what we can to give advice and support to reduce concern and stress about this. We will partly update the information in the handbook for current employees and also prepare clear information for those who are offered a position at SIPRI and/or are in the process of moving to Sweden.

Based on the survey that ST has done among their members, it has emerged that many have to move several times each year and the question is whether SIPRI can pay for more than one move which so far has been the case. When we looked into the regulations about this, the rules from the tax authority (Skatteverket) is clear. They say that an employer can only pay moving costs for people who move to and from Sweden at the start and end of an employment. Unfortunately, this means that from now on we will not be able to pay for any move within Sweden. What a person can do to reduce the cost of moving is to hire a moving company with f-tax (f-skatt) and use deductions for household services (RUT). This means that if you hire a company you get a deduction for the labor cost by 50% up to 25,000 SEK/year and person. The company makes the deduction directly on the invoice so it is important to clarify with the company you use that they really do this. The company reports this to the tax authority. [Information on RUT deduction](#)

We will inform all new employees with PhD about the opportunity to apply for an apartment in the [Wennergren Center](#) on Sveavägen. This has to be done as soon as possible but no later than 6 months after arrival in Sweden. The maximum rental period is 2 years. Both smaller and bigger apartments are available.

An opportunity that everyone has is to queue for rental apartments in the Stockholm region, [Bostadsförmedlingen](#). In some areas, the queue is very long, but there are also apartments that are easier accessible. There are also homes that are earmarked for younger persons between 18 and 30 years. The costs for this is 200 SEK/year.

Sometimes SIPRI get offers from landlords who know we often need accommodation for staff. We will always send this kind of information to all staff and we encourage everyone to also share the information if they are aware of any available accommodation.

Below is a list of websites to search for housing:

<https://www.bostaddirekt.com/> - both a private part where you sign the contract yourself and one part where the landlord want to sign the contract with a company

<https://qasa.se/> - no cost

<https://www.residensportalen.com/> - free search, fee for contact information and viewing

<https://bostadsportal.se/> - registration for a fee

<https://www.blocket.se/bostad/uthyres/stockholm?f=p&f=c&f=b> – site for ads from both private persons and companies

If you would be interested in buying an apartment or house don't hesitate to ask your bank about their conditions.

The contact person for housing issues at SIPRI is Christina Ekberg, Office Assistant.