



# CHAIR IN INNOVATION MANAGEMENT AT THE HOUSE OF INNOVATION



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is a leading international business school based in Sweden, conducting research and education in business administration, economics, finance, and related disciplines. Located in the beautiful and lively city center, SSE has a unique business community network and is a vibrant meeting place for entrepreneurs, business leaders, politicians, policymakers, journalists, and artists.

SSE is now recruiting a Chair in Innovation Management/Innovation Studies to be filled on the full professor or tenured associate professor level. The position is at the SSE House of Innovation (HOI) and its Department of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology. The position is established through new funding in the range of 100 MSEK for the Chair and for a new research center with the purpose of building expertise in Transformative Innovation. We are seeking an excellent scholar within the broader field of Innovation Management to play a leading role in assuring research excellence, deliver great teaching and outreach, and further enhance the overall contribution of the House of Innovation to business and society.

The House of Innovation offers a vibrant, interdisciplinary, and highly international research, education, and outreach environment focused on innovation, digitali-

zation, and entrepreneurship. Our development and achievements since the start in 2018 have been exceptional. We regularly publish in top journals, serve in academic leadership positions, and collaborate with a broad, influential network of academics, corporations, government agencies, and civil society actors, with the aim of contributing to the advancement of society as well as to the international academic community.

We now take the next step in our development. The new Chair position offers unique prospects for the right candidate to pursue world-leading research in proximity with industry and with ample opportunities to interact with and impact practice in one of the most innovation-intensive regions of the world. The holder of the position will enjoy excellent conditions, including reduced teaching commitment and long-term funding for PhD students and postdocs.

The ideal candidate will have an internationally prominent research profile in innovation or a closely related field, as demonstrated by an excellent publication track record and visibility in the field. Further, we expect a high capacity (or potential) for inspirational leadership in research and education. The appointee should be able to build an impactful research program that also leads to education and outreach activities.

# CHAIR IN INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

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With the new Chair in Innovation Management, a new exciting intellectual journey begins at SSE.

The new Chair is a unique opportunity for the right candidate to contribute significantly, not just to the development of the academic field of innovation, but to the strategic development of the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE), the House of Innovation (HOI) and to the different stakeholder communities that care about the future of innovation.

The Chair's research focus is broadly defined as Innovation Management/Innovation Studies, and the impact of innovation as a force for transformation of organizations, industries and societies. The center associated with the Chair will be an important new unit within the House of Innovation, further strengthening this interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach environment focused on innovation, digitalization and entrepreneurship.

The aim of the new position as Chair in Innovation Management is to:

- Expand the intellectual reach, range, and impact of our research environment within the field of innovation.
- Contribute to a vibrant and growing research environment at HOI, with accomplished senior scholars and highly talented young scholars.
- Open opportunities for scholarly work focused on the transformative potential and effects of innovation for organizations, industries, and society and/or other pressing and contemporary issues related to innovation.
- Facilitate an academic approach that embraces innovation as a force for renewal that can be guided to address major challenges for organizations, industries and societies.



Suitable research orientations for the new Chair include (but are not limited to):

- Innovation management (general)
- Technological change and innovation
- Innovation strategy
- Open innovation and crowdsourced innovation
- Innovation in alliances and networks, and collaborative innovation
- Breakthrough innovations and transformative innovation
- Disruptive innovation processes
- Innovation ecosystems and platform-based ecosystems.

The holder of the Chair will be able to enjoy the following favorable conditions:

- A well-funded position, including long-term funding for recruiting Postdocs and PhD students, as well as for data collection and other research costs
- Reduced teaching commitment and other benefits related to the chaired professorship
- Belonging and contributing to a vibrant, productive research and educational environment with increasing impact in academia and society.

This position presents a unique opportunity for an outstanding scholar to make high-impact contributions to research in Innovation Management and related fields. The ideal candidate will have a prominent research profile, the capacity to develop and lead a successful research program, and the passion and curiosity to take a new leap in their career.





## RESPONSIBILITIES

The position encompasses the following responsibilities:

- Initiating, leading, and conducting excellent, impactful research published in top-ranked international journals and other outlets
- Building and supervising the research program of a new center focused on transformative innovation
- Taking on a significant role in contacts with the business community, and promoting SSE's and HOI's visibility in public discourse
- Conducting high-quality education on Bachelor, Master, PhD and/or Executive Education levels
- Participating actively as a senior member in the development of the academic environment of HOI
- Supporting and contributing to the development of junior and mid-career scholars
- Securing additional external research funding
- Acting as a positive force in the strategic development of SSE.

"SSE's graduates are an important force for good in society, and our educational mission supports the development of individuals who think and act based on facts, who are reflective and empathetic, and who combine entrepreneurial spirit with a sense of responsibility. The new Chaired Professorship will strengthen not only SSE's research but also our graduates' abilities to bring positive change to the world."

Lars Strannegård,  
President, Stockholm School of Economics



## HOUSE OF INNOVATION

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The House of Innovation (HOI) is an interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach environment focused on entrepreneurship, innovation, and digitalization. The academic core of HOI is the Department of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology (DEIT), which brings together approximately 70 full-time researchers and staff, including PhD students and the operations team. In addition, HOI hosts Affiliated Research Fellows and Visiting Professors.

HOI scholars are deeply involved in all levels of teaching at SSE, from bachelor and master programs to PhD and executive education. Further, we have extensive collaborations with our own incubator, SSE Business Lab (SSE BL), and with the Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship (SSES).

Several research centers are integral to HOI:

**The Jacob and Marcus Wallenberg Center for Innovative and Sustainable Business Development** focuses on how companies can thrive long-term and create sustainable growth through innovations, product improvements, and sustainable investments.

**The Scania Research Center for Innovation and Operational Excellence** allows us to explore innovative product development and operations and new business models for the future of transportation ecosystems, together with one of the major players in the transportation industry.

**The Center for Family Enterprise**, formed in 2022, takes a Nordic perspective on entrepreneurship, ownership, and governance, as well as venture and impact investments and philanthropy in family enterprises.

**The Garden – Center for Design and Leadership**, focuses on the intersection of design and leadership challenges to support the next generation of leaders looking for innovative directions to achieve a meaningful and sustainable future.

**Center for Data Analytics** undertakes applied, theoretical, and simulation-based research in statistics, econometrics, and data science with a business administration, economics, and finance focus.

Two additional research centers/platforms serve as a basis for collaborating with other research partners:

The MISUM platform **Sustainable Business Development through Entrepreneurship and Innovation** focuses on how entrepreneurship and innovation can work to support business – both commercial and social – and their stakeholders to collectively contribute knowledge, experiences, and resources to provide solutions for sustainable business development.

**The Swedish Center for Digital Innovation, Stockholm (SCDI Sthlm)**, serves as the Stockholm node in a national research partnership with the University of Gothenburg and Umeå University, consisting of over 50 scholars researching digital innovation and transformation.

HOI views academic collaboration as essential for interdisciplinary research opportunities and excellence. We are proud to collaborate with the following:

**Vision Zero Cancer (Nollvision Cancer)** is an innovation environment hosted by the House of Innovation and pursuing transformative innovation in the cancer prevention and treatment space. We support the development of VZC and conduct research on its development as an innovation ecosystem.

**WASP-HS:** In 2021, HOI became part of the Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems and Software Program – Humanity and Society. We are expanding our research into AI and algorithmic phenomena with new research projects on AI governance and AI in the legal sector, with additional tenure track faculty and Ph.D. students joining in 2022.

**Cambridge Digital Innovation**, a knowledge hub developing and exchanging knowledge on the digital revolution at Cambridge University.

**AI Sweden** – the Swedish National Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence: A national collaboration environment furthering research, education and practical use of AI in organizations and society.

HOI faculty members regularly publish in top academic journals, including *Academy of Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, *MIS Quarterly*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*, *Management Science*, *Organization Studies*, *Journal of Management Studies*, *Information Systems Research*, *Journal of International Business Studies*, *Journal of Product Innovation Management*, *Research Policy* and *Harvard Business Review*. They serve on editorial boards, in editorial positions, and in academic leadership positions. They frequently receive substantial grants from leading Swedish and European funding institutions to conduct state-of-the-art research, and serve on national and international policy committees and boards of directors, thus contributing to the shaping of society and its innovation ecosystems.

To accommodate for its growth and increasing prominence in relation to industry partners, HOI is expected to move to a newly acquired building this fall, where academic and student activities focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, digital innovation and AI will be consolidated. The new building, informally known as Studentpalatset, is located close to the main building of Stockholm School of Economics in central Stockholm, and a stone's throw away from the new Odenplan station for the subway, commuter trains and buses.



# STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

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"We are one of Europe's leading business schools, with a unique business-community network. Our research is internationally recognized and many of our researchers are among the leading figures in their fields."

The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is the leading business school in the Nordic and Baltic countries and enjoys an excellent reputation in Sweden as well as internationally. World-class research forms the basis of our programs, consisting of Bachelor's, Master's and PhD programs, an EMBA program and a wide range of executive education programs. Our programs are developed in close collaboration with research, business and societal communities. This gives our students outstanding opportunities for achieving influential positions in businesses and other organizations.

## TOP QUALITY AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

SSE has more than 70 comprehensive strategic partnerships with research and educational institutions abroad. We are involved in a range of activities, such as benchmarking, joint courses, student exchanges, executive education, and of course joint research projects. We also offer international experience through several MSc double-degree and fellowship agreements.

We are accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), which certifies that our main activities – teaching as well as research – are of the highest international standards. SSE is also the only Swedish member of two collaborations among top business schools worldwide, the Global Alliance in Management Education (CEMS) and the Partnership in International Management (PIM), which together contribute to the high quality SSE is known for. CEMS membership is only granted to a country's leading business school. SSE has also joined the Global Network for Advanced Management (GNAM) in 2020. SSE became the 32nd school in the network, and the first in Scandinavia.

## INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

For more than a decade, SSE has been ranked by the Financial Times as the number one business school in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Our master programs are ranked 8th (Management) and 22nd (Finance) in the world by Financial Times. SSE Executive Education is ranked 17th in the world and first in Northern Europe by FT.

Our admissions processes are highly selective. Recent faculty hires come from environments such as Columbia University, London Business School, Bocconi University, New York University, HKUST, Instituto de Impresa, Harvard Business School, Imperial College and Kellogg School of Management/Northwestern University.

SSE has an extensive and active network of corporate partners that can be engaged to conduct research. The SSE Corporate Partners network includes the large majority of leading Swedish companies, such as Ericsson, H&M, SEB, Scania and Electrolux, as well as international organizations, such as McKinsey & Company, PwC, ABB and IBM.

In addition to receiving a world class education within business and economics, SSE students are trained to be successful decision makers and leaders of the future.

SSE is committed to a balanced gender distribution and values a variety of backgrounds and experiences among our employees. We therefore welcome all applicants regardless of their gender, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, disability, sexual orientation, age, or religion or other beliefs.

## MISSION AND VISION

Our objective is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness through scientific teaching and research.

Our vision is to firmly establish SSE among the top tier European business schools and to be recognized as a global benchmark for industry collaboration and for thought leadership in selected knowledge fields.

## ORGANIZATION

Stockholm School of Economics currently comprises 1,800 students and 150 researchers organized into seven departments:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology
- Finance
- Management and Organization
- Marketing and Strategy
- Law and Languages

Further details about each of the departments can be found at [hhs.se/en/research/departments/](https://hhs.se/en/research/departments/)

Alongside the departments there are a number of research institutes, such as:

- The European Institute of Japanese Studies
- Center for Advanced Studies in Leadership
- Institute for Economic and Business History Research
- Stockholm School of Economics Institute for Research
- Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (MISUM)
- Stockholm China Economic Research Institute
- Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics

For more information on these institutes please visit [hhs.se/en/research/institutes/](https://hhs.se/en/research/institutes/).

## RESEARCH

Our departments and their multitude of research projects and programs are representative of the strength, energy and diversity of the research conducted at SSE. The School also organizes research centers that enable wide and open collaborations. With a history going back several decades, many of the research centers have developed mature, strong academic environments and today exhibit theoretically and empirically comprehensive research agendas.



# HOW TO APPLY

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We encourage highly qualified candidates to get in touch with us informally for more information about the position.

Full applications are encouraged at your earliest convenience, and we will accept applications until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, please submit your application via the SSE Varbi online platform by June 17, 2022, including the following:

- 1 A cover letter articulating the candidate's fit with the position description, including research interests and teaching experience.
- 2 A curriculum vitae.
- 3 A separate document listing both published articles and articles submitted to journals.
- 4 Copies of representative research.
- 5 Names and contact information for three people willing to provide references.

The starting date is negotiable, with early 2023 being ideal. Salary is competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience, and set on an individual basis.

## INQUIRIES

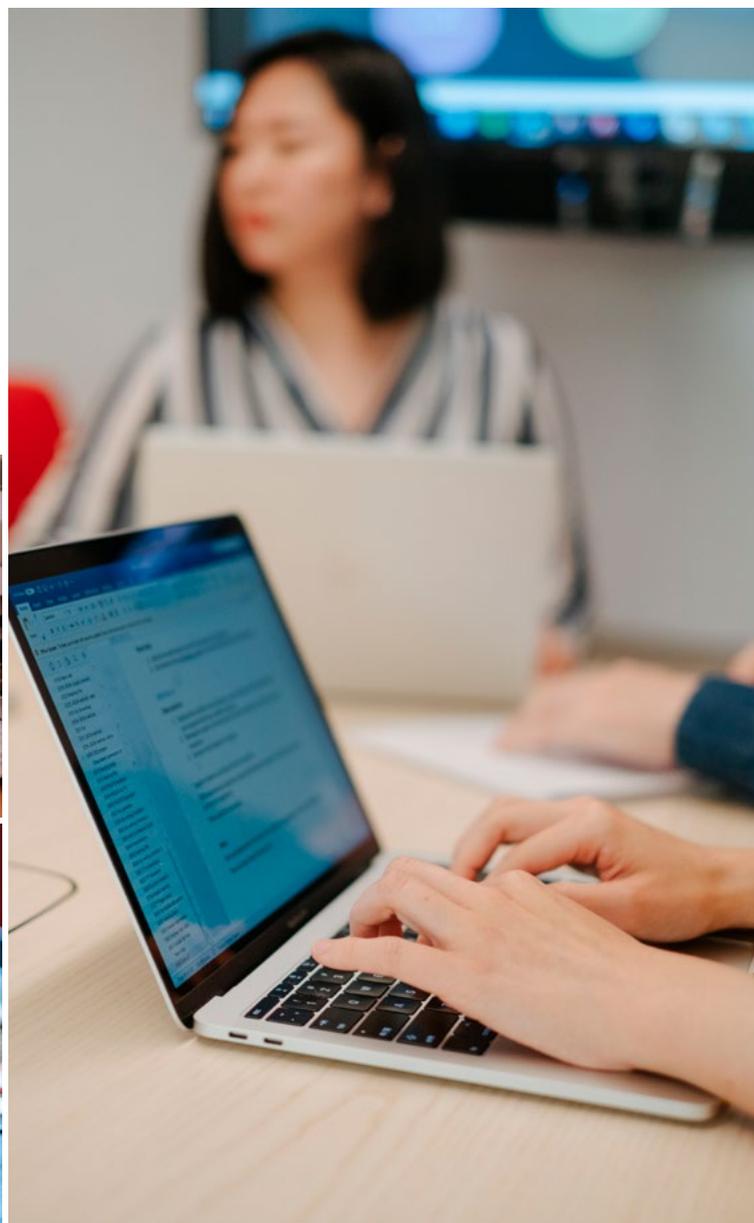
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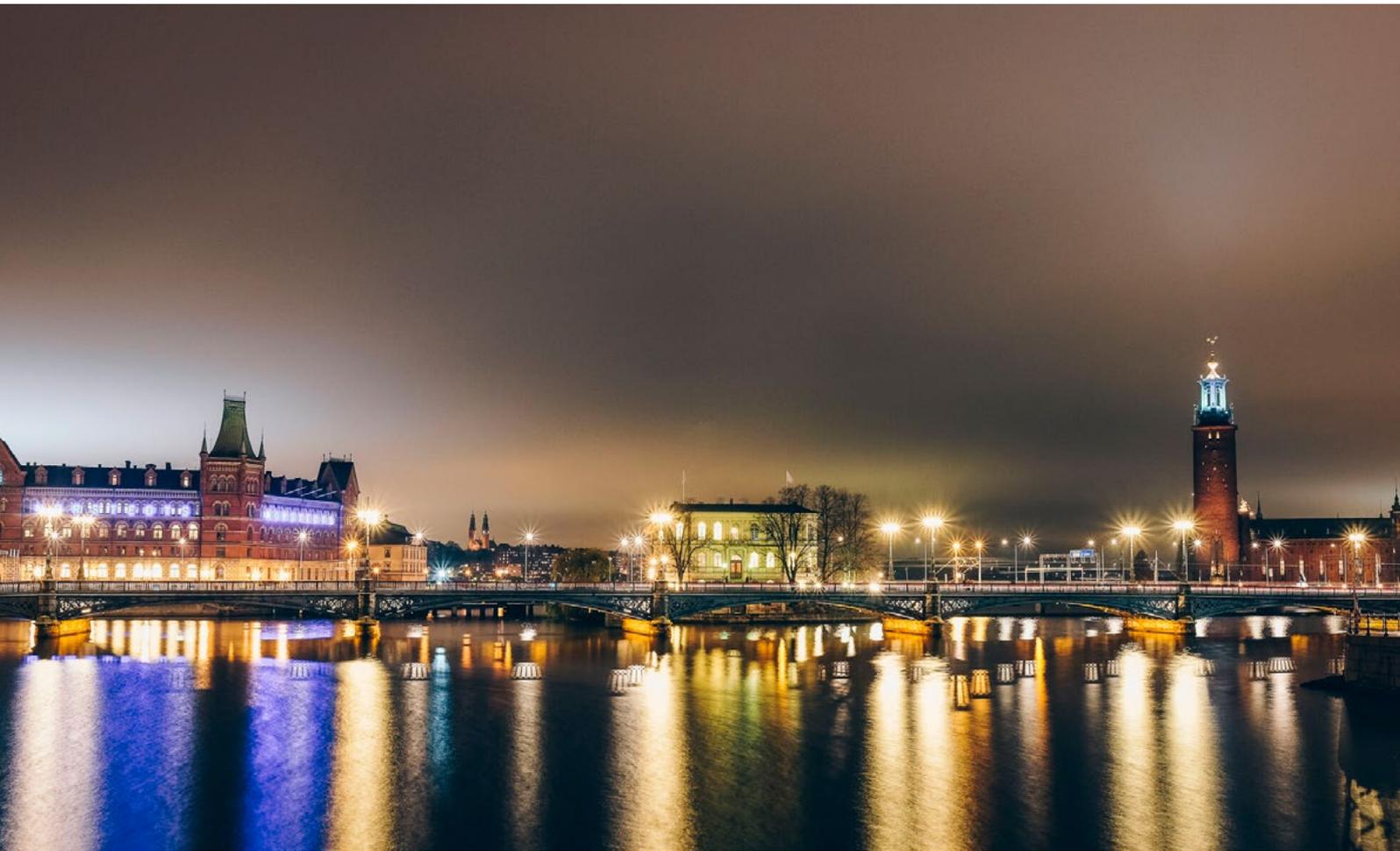
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## STOCKHOLM

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Stockholm is the capital and largest city of Sweden with a population of 2.4 million in the larger metropolitan area. It is located on several islands on the south-central east coast of Sweden.

Stockholm is often said to be one of the most modern and open cities in the world. Stockholm and Sweden excel in areas such as sustainability, education, IT, entrepreneurship, technology, innovation, social welfare and culture. In addition, Stockholm is one of the leading green cities in the world according to Global Green Economy Index. Alongside all this, Stockholm is famous for its stunning beauty.

Stockholm is known to pick up on international influences quickly. With a broad ethnic spectrum, the latest trends within fashion, culture, art, and music quickly take root. Restaurants with cuisine from every corner of the world nestle among cafés, pubs and night clubs, galleries and museums, large shopping centers and unique boutiques.

Sweden provides comprehensive social services and outstanding living conditions for its residents and is frequently ranked amongst the countries with the highest standard of living. The country is proud of its excellent work-life balance and is especially attractive for families.

Sweden provides an outstanding climate for business, and is a world leader in innovation, despite being a small country. Sweden ranks among the EU countries with the lowest levels of national debt, a strong economy and a healthy banking system. Many of today's Swedish companies are at the forefront of their industries and market segments and leaders in sustainability.

Further details about living in Sweden can be found at [sweden.se](https://www.sweden.se).

[Visitstockholm.com/en](https://www.visitstockholm.com/en) provides full details on Stockholm as a city. Additionally, SSE also has a webpage about studying in Stockholm, which includes a presentation about living in Stockholm, which can be found at [hhs.se/stockholm](https://www.hhs.se/stockholm).

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