



CIF Sweden

Professional Exchange Program April 25 – May 24, 2025

CIF Sweden invites social workers and other professionals working in the social field to participate in a four week program including introduction to the program, orientation to Swedish Welfare System, Social Policy and Social Work and fieldwork experience.

CIF Sweden, a national branch of Council of International Fellowship (CIF), was founded 1961. CIF-Sweden had its first program in 1978. CIF is a private, nonprofit, politically and religiously independent organization. The goal is to promote professional, cultural and educational exchange for social workers and professionals working in social field. The CIF-Sweden program is coordinated by volunteers, former CIF participants and with help from friends of CIF.



Participants of the program 2024 together in Kungsträdgården, Stockholm on a nice Spring Day

Introduction

The program begins in Stockholm where the participants are hosted together during the first weekend and have a chance to getting to know each other. Introduction of the program and some information about Stockholm, Swedish life and culture are shared. During these days there will be professional exchange between the participants by sharing information about their home countries and professions. The participants move to host families after the first weekend.

Orientation Program

This part of the program takes place in Stockholm and gives an orientation and overview of Sweden, its political, educational and social welfare system. Special emphasis is placed upon social work, social policy in Sweden and Swedish way of life. The program is a combination of seminars, visits to Governmental Institutions as well as Nongovernmental Agencies and Cultural Events. Participants are involved in discussions to enhance their understanding of Swedish culture.

An important part is the cultural and professional exchange within the group of participants including their experience and sharing in a multicultural group.



Fieldwork Experience

An individual placement based on the participant's field of social work. During this part of the program the participants will go to different parts of Sweden and live in host families. The field placement is, due to the language barrier, based on agency visits, observations and meetings with colleagues which contributes to the cross-cultural exchange.

Evaluation and Farewell Party

During the last week participants return to Stockholm for some additional agency visits and host family living. The program ends with an evaluation and sharing of experiences followed by a Farewell Party.

Relevant information

- Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years of professional experience in the social work field.
- The number of participants is 4 - 6.
- CIF Sweden has no program fee.
- Domestic travel and room and board are covered by CIF Sweden.
- International travel, travel expenses from and to the airport and medical insurance are the participant's responsibility.

How to apply

- The deadline for application is November 15, 2024.
- The application form is found on CIF Sweden's or CIF International's website.
- Your application must go through your CIF national branch or Contact Person in your country.
- Send your application directly to CIF-Sweden only if there is no CIF branch or Contact Person in your country.

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