



Open call for applications from countries outside  
the EU and EEA for programs starting in 2022



**SANKT IGNATIUS COLLEGE**  
STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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# ABOUT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

## Our Story

The Sankt Ignatios Foundation was established in 2012, with the intention of helping the Orthodox churches in Sweden work more closely together. One of the most important aspects of our work has been our work as an educational institution. Through what is now known as Sankt Ignatios College, a collaboration between Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and Stockholm School of Theology at University College Stockholm, we offer training for those who wish to serve in the Church as deacons, deaconesses, priests, and theological educators and provide theological education for men and women seeking to deepen their faith and understanding of their Church traditions. We work in close collaboration with the four major Orthodox traditions: the Byzantine (Slavic and Greek), the Coptic, the Syriac and the Tewahedo (Eritrean and Ethiopian). Each of these has their own seminary in Södertälje where students live and study during their time at Sankt Ignatios.

## Life at Sankt Ignatios

At Sankt Ignatios College, you will mix with students from many other traditions and from many different places in the world. Sankt Ignatios is a multicultural and multilingual environment! This is a place where “the old meets the new”, where men and women discover new opportunities and challenges and where life-long friendships are formed.

You will have access to a first-class theological library at Stockholm School of Theology in Bromma, Stockholm and also to our own library in campus Södertälje, which specialises in Orthodoxy and Early Church materials and where copies of course literature are held.

## Our Aim

We aim to offer an education marked by quality, flexibility and academic rigour. You will be taught by outstanding scholars who are also deeply committed believers. All of our students receive high quality teaching, support and mentoring.

We aim to provide both a deep understanding of the way the Church has developed through the centuries so that students can better understand their traditions and a vision of how the Church can develop in the future. Our aim is to equip our students to become faithful, imaginative and creative leaders within Church and society.



# PROGRAMS

THE FOLLOWING ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ARE OPEN FOR APPLICANTS FROM OUTSIDE THE EU/EEA:

## Pastoral - Pedagogical Program

The Pastoral-Pedagogical Program prepares people for service in the Church as priests and deacons and involves academic study at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology (UCS) in Bromma, Stockholm and in-depth study of your own Orthodox tradition based at the Södertälje campus and taught by teaching members of your own seminary. Successful candidates will be awarded a BTh degree.

For the first two years of the program pastoral-pedagogical students study in Södertälje, where they receive a thorough grounding in the theological, liturgical and biblical foundations of their own tradition, provided by teaching members of their own seminary.

For the following two years, students study in Bromma, at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology (EHS), where they take a range of university courses in theological, historical and biblical studies.

The overall aim of the program is to equip participants with the intellectual, practical and spiritual skills to serve God's people as priests or educator in the Orthodox Churches. Students learn how to create a safe and stimulating learning environment within a Church congregation and how to encourage participation in the life of the Church by lay members.

You can find more information about the program [here](#).

## Requirements for the Pastoral Pedagogical Program

To take part in the pastoral/pedagogical program you must:

- have completed your upper secondary (high school) education.
- be able to demonstrate a good proficiency in English. The entry requirement for studies at the bachelor's level in Sweden is equivalent to the Evnglish 6 course at Swedish upper secondary school.

## Before you Apply for the Pastoral-Pedagogical Program

Please seek the advice of your priest and others whom you trust, to help you discern whether training for ordained service in the Church is the path for you. A blessing from your bishop or a written recommendation from a parish priest is not mandatory in order to enter the program, but you are welcome to submit the written recommendation if you have it.

## Religious Educator Program

Religious Educator Program is offered for those who wish to work as theologians and educators in the Church. This involves the study of Orthodox theology and tradition at an advanced level. Successful candidates will be awarded an MTh degree.

A religious educator is a teacher and theologian who plays a key role in the life of the Church and in its future development. Since an educator has the privilege of inspiring and encouraging both laity and clergy to deepen their faith and widen their vision, he or she must have an in-depth understanding of the Church's theology and tradition, as well as the pedagogical tools which will allow him or her to communicate that understanding to others.

Participants on this program receive a theological education at a master's level in the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology (UCS). In addition, they learn how to create a safe and stimulating learning environment within a Church congregation or a diocese and how to encourage participation in the life of the Church.

The program can be studied over two years (for participants who already have a bachelor's degree in a theological or a biblical subject) or over three years (for participants who already have a bachelor's degree in a non-theological degree in one of the humanities).

You can find more information about the program [here](#).

### Requirements for the Religious Educator Program

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must either have a bachelor's degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits, or a degree in another subject as part of which they have taken religious studies or theological courses comprising at least 60 credits, including a thesis of at least 15 credits.

At least 15 credits of this degree should be gained from the study of the Eastern Church or an equivalent subject area within religious studies studied at an advanced level. Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent degree-level qualification, may be admitted on the basis of individual assessment and examination. Students may also be admitted to later parts of the program (61-120 ECTS credits) on the basis of a special application, provided that the relevant prerequisites are met.

The English proficiency requirements for studies is equivalent to the English 6 qualification at Swedish gymnasium level. Students from outside Sweden, or students who cannot verify proficiency in English, are required to take an internationally recognized test, e. g. TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent.

## How to Apply

You can apply to both programs through the application form below:

[Application form](#)

In addition, as part of your application you need to send to us the following documents:

- A letter describing why you want to study at Sankt Ignatios
- Official confirmation of your qualifications, translated to English.
- A copy of your picture page of your passport

## Application Period

The application period opens on October 15, 2021 and closes on December 1, 2021.

## Interviews

Interviews are required as part of the application process. Eligible applicants will be contacted at the end of the application period to arrange an interview. These are conducted online.

## Decision

The Admission Committee will inform applicants whether their application has been successful by January 15, 2022.

After being accepted into the program, applicants need to apply for a residence permit in Sweden. You can find more information about this below.

## Residence Permit

Students at Sankt Ignatios are required by the Swedish Government to have a residence permit. Applications for residence permits must be made before you arrive in Sweden. You must send us evidence of residence permit before you can begin studies here.

You can find out more about residence permits, when and how to apply at these pages:

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-and-researching-in-Sweden/Higher-education.html>

<https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-and-researching-in-Sweden/Higher-education/Residence-permit-for-higher-education.html>

## Fees

Students who are not citizens of countries in the EU/EEA or Switzerland, are required to pay application and tuition fees for university studies in Sweden. The current fees are 80000 SEK per academic year for full-time students and 40000 SEK for part-time students. This applies to all programs. More information is available [here](#).

Students at Sankt Ignatios College are also required to pay a service fee of 1200 SEK per semester for all students. The service fee covers refreshments, insurance, administration costs, and some teaching materials. Course literature is not covered by this service fee, and is the student's own responsibility.

Students on the pastoral pedagogical program stay at one of the seminaries. The current cost for room and boarding in the seminary is 2500 SEK per month during the first year. From the second until the fourth year of studies the cost for room and boarding depends on the type of boarding and can vary from 3500 to 5000 SEK per month.

## Health Insurance

Students are responsible for their own health insurance during their studies. This is also a requirement for a residence permit in Sweden. More information is available [here](#).

## General Information

You can find out more about studying in Sweden at this website:

<https://studyinsweden.se>

## Important!

It is important to apply as early as possible in order for us to process your application and give you time to provide all your documents and apply for a residence permit.

It is also important to request any necessary supporting documents (e.g. transcripts of educational qualifications) as soon as possible, as this can take some time.

## Ordination

Please note that acceptance to, and completion of a seminary program does not constitute a guarantee of ordination in any Church. Only ecclesiastical authorities have the power to decide if a person should be ordained.

## Later Application Period for Online Programs for Applicants Outside EU/EEA

The above relates to applicants from outside EU/EEA countries for our Pastoral-Pedagogical and Religious Educator programs.

The application period for university programs at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, Stockholm School of Theology (EHS), which involves an element of online teaching, opens on March 15th 2022. More information will be available on [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) and [www.ehs.se](http://www.ehs.se).

These are:

- The Bachelor's Program in Eastern Christian Studies (1st year online, years 2 and 3 on campus)
- Master's program in Eastern Christian Studies (100% online)
- Master's program in International Relations and Ecumenism (100% online)
- Master's program in Religion, Politics and Democracy (100% online)

## Application Period for EU/EEA Applicants for all Courses and Programs at Sankt Ignatios

The 2022/2023 application period for EU/EEA students will open on March 15, 2022. More information will be available on [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) and [www.ehs.se](http://www.ehs.se).

## Contact

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please e-mail Pierre Aziz Nehme, director of studies:

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# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2022-2023

FOR APPLICANTS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EU/EEA

Applicants to the pastoral pedagogical program can apply for a full scholarship which will cover tuition costs, room and boarding.

For the academic year 2022-23, three scholarships will be available to applicants for the Pastoral Pedagogical Program and one scholarship will be available to those wishing to follow the Religious Educator Program. If there are no successful applicants for the Religious Educator Program that year, the scholarship will be made available to applicants for the Pastoral Pedagogical Program. We particularly welcome applications from female candidates.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit.

## Applications

Applicants can apply for a scholarship when they apply to study for a program. On the programs application form, there is a box where you can register your wish to be considered for a scholarship. For that reason the application period for scholarship opens on October 15, 2021 and closes at the same time as the application period for the program i.e. December 1, 2021.

## Terms and Conditions for the Scholarships

You must be present at the registration on the first day of the semester (August 18, 2022). If you cannot be present, you must notify the school administration before the registration, and be physically present no later than three weeks after this time in order to keep your scholarship.

You must continue to uphold a high academic standard throughout the academic year. This includes full attendance, meeting all deadlines and passing all exams and other requirements which are included in the curriculum. At the end of each semester the Sankt Ignatios Admission Committee will assess whether or not you will continue to qualify for the scholarship. In addition to the above conditions, you must write a short paper each semester, reflecting on your academic and personal development, and submit it to the Deputy Dean.

These scholarships cover the period from August 18, 2022 - August 17, 2023.

In the first instance Scholarships are valid for one year and need to be renewed before each new academic year according to the above conditions.

## Contact

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please e-mail Pierre Aziz Nehme, director of studies:

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