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Equal Opportunities

- not just an issue of gender equality



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The Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) is a Swedish government agency with various tasks in the education sector.

300 employees located in Stockholm and Visby.

UHR's vision

Education, exchange, enrichment – helping you take the next step.



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UHR's assignments and areas of work

- Admission to higher education
incl. information about HE and the Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test
- Analysis and promotion of increased diversity, equal rights and widening participation in higher education
- Evaluation and recognition of foreign qualifications
- International cooperation and mobility
- Systems management and development



Increased diversity, equal rights and widening participation in higher education

UHR supports the work of higher education institutions in

- increasing diversity,
- promoting equal rights and opportunities in higher education and
- combatting discrimination.

This is done through evaluations, analyses, conferences and education.



Examples from reports 1 (2)

- The choice of education (or not) is based on the parents' study background
- Education pathways are gender-based
- Recruitment to higher education is biased due to factors established in early schooling
- Young men often choose not to study at all



Examples from reports 2 (2)

- National minorities experience previous discrimination as a barrier to openness in higher education
- From reports such as:
 - **Can excellence be achieved in homogeneous student groups?**
 - Report in English 2016
 - **Education is inherited**
 - Report in Swedish 2017
 - **What can Swedish universities do for young people from national minorities in Sweden?**
 - Report in Swedish 2018



Government assignment

- a result of #MeToo

- UHR will investigate how higher education institutions (HEIs) work to counteract sexual harassment
- The purpose is to show good examples
- Currently conducting a survey of HEIs (incl. student and labour unions)
- Follow-up in autumn 2018, with hearings at HEIs
- Analyse #MeToo testimonials, interviews
- UHR has tasked the Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research with conducting an international research review on the subject

#MeToo

Thank you for your attention!

Useful links

www.uhr.se/en

www.universityadmissions.se

www.studyinsweden.se

english.uka.se



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