



THE FULBRIGHT HILDEMAN FELLOWSHIP IN SCANDINAVIAN AREA STUDIES

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The Fulbright Commission will award the 2024-2025 Hildeman Fellowship to teach at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois during the spring semester of 2025.

The Program in Scandinavian Studies is seeking a dynamic Swedish scholar with experience in any of the following areas: Migration to the United States, Gender and Sexuality in Scandinavia, Swedish Culture Studies, Film and Media Studies, Scandinavian Art and Art History, Scandinavian Literature, Social Sciences, Swedish History, or Comparative Indigenous Studies.

The Hildeman Fellow will:

- Teach one upper-division undergraduate-level course (in English, 25-30 students).
- Give a public lecture on a topic related to the fellow's area of expertise.
- Informally advise a small number of students with interest in the fellow's area of expertise.
- Be in residence the entire spring term (February-May 2025).

Once the Fellow is selected, they will work closely with department faculty to design the course.

Augustana's ties with Sweden offer a Hildeman Fellow several resources for advancing an existing research agenda or developing a new area of research. The college's Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center is an international archive, library, and research institute for the study of Swedish immigration to North America. It is recognized as the leading institution for documentation of, and research into, Swedish-American history. It provides services to researchers interested in all aspects of Swedish immigration to, and life in, North America. The Center's director, historian Dr. Dag Blanck, is also a senior lecturer at the Swedish Institute for North American Studies at Uppsala University and leads the programmatic and scholarly efforts of the center.

The Augustana College Center for Visual Culture is known for its holdings of paintings by Birger Sandzén (1871-1954) and Olof Grafström and sculptures by Carl Oskar Haage

(1867-1933). The recently acquired Samuel and Ann Charters art collection is a unique and noteworthy assortment of 94 pieces of Swedish art from the late 19th century on.

The Special Collections area of Augustana's Thomas Tredway Library holds a unique and extensive collection of Swedish and Swedish-American materials related to the immigrants who established Augustana and the continued connection between Augustana and Sweden. It is recognized as one of the more important collections of Swedish-related materials among American academic libraries.

Bishop Hill, located near Augustana, is a significant Swedish-American historical site. It was a communal society of Swedish immigrants who fled their native country in 1846 seeking religious freedom. The location has been designated a National Landmark Village and an Illinois State Historic Site and maintains historical artifacts in its museums.

Learn more about Scandinavian Studies at Augustana College on their website: www.augustana.edu/academics/areas-of-study/scandinavian-studies

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A doctoral degree or equivalent
- Swedish citizenship
- Fluency in English
- Demonstrated university teaching experience

Persons having dual citizenship with the United States or holding permanent residence in the United States are not eligible to apply for Fulbright grants.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS:

- Grant of SEK 125 000
- Roundtrip travel between Sweden and the United States with baggage allowance of up to SEK 1 400
- Sickness and accident insurance
- Housing in college accommodation
- Up to \$1000 for research and/or conference travel

The application deadline for this program is March 4, 2024. The link to the 2024–25 online application form and further details are available on the Commission website at: <http://www.fulbright.se/hildeman-fellowship/>. Please contact Anna Appelberg at the Fulbright Commission with any questions by email to: fulbright@fulbright.se.

