

Scholarship announcement

Best thesis in health economics

The Swedish Institute for Health Economics and the Bengt Jönsson Foundation for Health Economics Research are pleased to announce a scholarship of 50,000 SEK awarded to the best bachelor's or master's thesis in health economics for the academic year 2025/2026.

Demographic shifts with an ageing population in combination with a citizenry with continuously increasing expectations on what health care should deliver puts strains on existing resources. At the same time health care providers face challenges in recruitment and health care payers' issues with financing. A turbulent world raises questions about prioritizations between health care and other sectors such as defence.

Health economics provides us with a toolbox to better understand the challenges we are faced with, to evaluate possible solutions and to contribute with the knowledge necessary to inform decisions about prioritization. To raise the awareness of this important field of research IHE and the Bengt Jönsson Foundation for Health Economics research are rewarding an outstanding thesis in health economics. The addressed research question should have bearing on the societal challenges we are faced with today. Health economics has its origins as a branch of economics, but nominations of students from other related academic fields are also welcome.

Conditions

The scholarship is awarded based on the thesis *relevance* and *quality* by a committee consisting of professor Peter Lindgren, PhD; associate professor Katarina Steen Carlsson, PhD and professor Linus Jönsson, MD PhD. Relevance is assessed based on how well the thesis addresses current health economic topics. Quality is assessed based on originality, clarity of expression and methodological lucidity. Both qualitative and quantitative works are welcome. Nominated theses should have been written and published at a Swedish university during the academic year 2025/2026.

The scholarship will be awarded at IHE Forum in Lund in September 2026 and will be advertised on the IHE web page in conjunction with this. The scholarship is 50,000 SEK for the rewarded thesis. In case the thesis is written by more than one student, the amount will be divided equally between the authors.

The thesis (in pdf format) along with a letter of nomination is to be sent June 30th 2026 the latest to:

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Supervisors, examiners and students are all welcome to submit nominations for the scholarship. For more information, please contact IHE using the above-mentioned address.