MANAGEMENT NEWS
Nominate candidates: dean, pro-deans and members of the Faculty Board
It is time to nominate candidates for the positions of dean, pro-dean and other members of the Faculty Board. The deadline to submit your nominations is 17 February.
Read more and nominate

Latest meeting of the Faculty Board
At the Faculty Board meeting on 8 February, the board decided to establish a labour market council at the faculty, and to maintain its measures against overproduction. Among other things, the board was informed of the annual closing of the books for 2016 and of the work to develop a new faculty model for the allocation of funds. Further information and decisions were also included on the meeting agenda.

Latest dean’s bulletin
Olov Sterner writes about the importance of maintaining academic freedom and following the laws and rules that apply to public authorities. He also writes about a new rule concerning work lunches.
Read more

PRIZES AND AWARDED GRANTS
Millions awarded to researchers
Several researchers at the Faculty of Science have received grants from the Swedish Research Council.
See all grants awarded

Chemist is awarded the Carl Tesdorpf scholarship
Peter Jönsson, associate senior lecturer at the Department of Chemistry, has received the 2016 Carl Tesdorpf scholarship for his research on how molecules interact on cell surfaces.

Professor elected member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
Professor Tõnu Pullerits, at the Department of Chemistry, has been elected member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA).
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APPLY FOR GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Apply for funding for polar research

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The Swedish Polar Research Secretariat has issued a call for applications for funding for Swedish polar research.

- **Project level operational support** – application deadline 31 March
- **Support to minor extent** – accepting applications throughout the year

**Nominate candidates for the Balzan Prize**
You can now nominate candidates for the 2017 Balzan Prize for excellence in research. The nomination deadline is 15 March.
[Read more](#)

**WHAT’S ON**

**Apply for LERU’s summer school for doctoral students**
Doctoral students can now apply for the LERU summer school in Zürich on 10–14 July. The theme is “Citizen Science – Nexus between Research and Public Engagement”. The application deadline is 16 March.
[Read more and apply](#)

**Apply for graduate school in medical bioinformatics**
Doctoral students can now apply for a national graduate school that focuses on medical bioinformatics, coordinated by SciLifeLab. The application deadline is 28 February.
[Read more and apply](#)

**Start writing for The Conversation – meet with the editor on 1 March**
Lund University is the first Scandinavian university to become a member of the British independent research news source, The Conversation. This is an opportunity for LU researchers to disseminate their research to the public through this media outlet with a multi-million audience worldwide. On 1 March, one of the editors of The Conversation will be at the Astronomy building to meet with researchers at the Faculty of Science. Take this opportunity for a 15-minute one-on-one meeting to discuss your ideas. Contact the faculty’s press officer, [lena.bjork_blixt@science.lu.se](mailto:lena.bjork_blixt@science.lu.se), to schedule a meeting. If you want to know more about The Conversation you can attend one of the open lectures on 27 February or 2 March.
[Read more](#)

**Demonstration of research instruments, 28 February**
The Department of Immunotechnology will have an open house and demonstrate two instruments – iQue Plus Screener and Mass-1 – which are available to researchers at Lund University. The instruments can be used to analyse cells, particles and molecular interactions. Time and place: 10:00–14:30 at the Department of Immunotechnology, building 406 at Medicon Village.
[Read more and sign up](#)

**Welcome day for new employees, 15 March**
You can now sign up to attend Lund University’s welcome day for new employees. On this day you will learn more about the University’s vision, organisation and activities. The event will conclude with a lunch for all participants. Time and place: 08:30–14:00 at Skissernas Museum – Museum of Artistic Process and Public Art. Sign up for the event by 1 March at the latest via [Kompetensportalen](#).
STAFF IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA

New robot inspired by the flight technique of bats
Researcher Emily Baird, at the Department of Biology, was interviewed by SVT Nyheter about a new autonomous robot, inspired by the flight technique of bats. “The robot can be of great use to explore difficult, narrow and hazardous environments, such as caves and tunnels. It can also be used as a model in biology studies and evolutionary research as it mimics the wings of the bat so well”, she says.

Researcher interviewed about vitamin deficiency
Researcher Martin Green, at the Department of Biology, was interviewed in Sveriges Natur on a new study showing that many sea creatures in the northern hemisphere suffer from a thiamine deficiency, which can lead to entire populations shrinking or disappearing. Green is critical of the new findings. “The article makes a lot of quite startling claims – thiamine deficiency seems to be the explanation for everything, without taking any account of the numerous other ecological factors that could affect the decline of, for instance, the eider population”, he says.

Astronomer interviewed about the universe
Doctoral student Karl Wahlberg Jansson, at the Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics, was interviewed in Sydsvenskan, among other media outlets, on the occasion of his talk on the universe. The lecture was held at the Ängelholm city library.

New project to observe animals using a satellite system
Professor Susanne Åkesson, at the Department of Biology, was interviewed by Sveriges Radio about the ICARUS project in which the global migration of small animals will be observed through a satellite system.

Head of administration receives award
Monica Pardon, head of administration at the Department of Biology, was mentioned in Sydsvenskan on the occasion of her receiving the Lund University Administrative Prize at the jubilee celebration.

Biologist continues to serve as an expert on the programme Fråga Lund
Jessica Abbott, senior lecturer at the Department of Biology, was mentioned on Swedish public television (SVT) about how this year, too, she will be an expert on the TV programme Fråga Lund (Ask Lund).

Doctoral student gives lecture on how animals see
Nellie Linander, doctoral student at the Department of Biology, was interviewed in Smålandsposten the occasion of her lecture on how animals see. The lecture was held at the library in Älmhult.

Biologists respond to questions on the programme Naturmorgon
Professor Susanne Åkesson and insect expert Mikael Sörensson (both at the Department of Biology) respond to listeners’ questions on the programme Naturmorgon (Nature morning) on Sveriges Radio.
**Professor talks about the winter bird census**
Professor Åke Lindström, at the Department of Biology, was interviewed in *Smålandsposten* about the winter bird census, in which the public contributes to the research. “Sure it’s a problem when we receive reports which have not been properly assessed. But very many people are good at recognising birds”, he says.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

**New LU investment in student scholarships**
Within the scope of the University’s 350th anniversary, a campaign has been launched to collect donations for student scholarships. Donations can be made via text message and hopefully also via Swish. Campaign material, in the form of posters in Swedish and in English, can be ordered via oscar.heimburg@rektor.lu.se.

**The faculty’s summer party to be held on 24 August**
This year, the Faculty of Science’s summer party will take place on 24 August, starting at 16:00. Save the date. More information will be provided later in the spring.

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