

The Swedbank & Sparbankerna Thesis Award in Wellbeing, Welfare and Happiness

Purpose and Background

Wellbeing, welfare and happiness (WWH) are gaining increasing priority and interest in public policy, on both global, national and regional levels, as well as in organisations and individual's lives. A growing body of research shows that WWH relates to sustainability, resilience and productivity on all levels. Whether it be national economies and public health, organizational output, or quality of life, WWH matters to everyone.

The purpose of the award is to stimulate student interest in and work on wellbeing, welfare and happiness, to collect a body of thesis research from academic disciplines and institutions across Sweden, and make findings available to a wider public.

About the Award

The award targets MSc and BSc theses from all academic disciplines – including, for example, economics, psychology, sociology, medicine, public health, and business administration - who wish to investigate what constitutes a good life and how it can be promoted at individual, organizational, or societal levels.

Amount and Selection

One scholarship of SEK 25,000 is awarded for the best thesis based on a jury decision. The jury consists of researchers from Swedish universities and representatives from Swedbank & Sparbankerna.

Deadline: September 30, 2025. The thesis must have been defended sometime from January 2024 to June 2025.

Submit your thesis to cwwh@hhs.se with the subject headline “WWH Award”.

The award will be presented in November 2025.