

EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2025

MSc PROGRAMS



REDEFINING BUSINESS EDUCATION

The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) opened its doors to its first students in 1909 and has since become one of Europe's leading business schools. Built on a foundation of world-class research, our programs – ranging from Bachelor, Master and PhD degrees to Executive MBA and executive education programs – are developed in close collaboration with both the research and the business communities. This ensures our students gain the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to excel in leadership roles across industries.

At SSE, an innovative transformation is taking place. At its core is the introduction of the FREE model, an educational mission that aims to prepare future leaders for a complex and interconnected world. FREE stands for Fact-based, Reflective, Empathetic, and Entrepreneurial, values essential to fostering sound judgment and adaptability in leadership.

This employment report provides real insights into where our graduates go, the industries they enter, and how quickly they secure top positions. Explore the data and see how an SSE degree can open doors to a world of possibilities.

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To be a good leader in today's unpredictable world, you need factual knowledge – that's undebatable. Especially in a time where "alternative facts" have become an accepted part of the vernacular. But you also need the ability to understand and connect with others. Culture, empathy, and critical thinking are not extras; they are essentials. We need the full FREE spectrum.

Lars Strannegård
President of the
Stockholm School
of Economics



GRADUATE PROFILE

In 2024, 328 alumni graduated from SSE's five Master programs. The group consisted of 44% women and 56% men. The median age at graduation was 25 and 44 nationalities were represented.



*Algerian, American, Austrian, Azerbaijani, Bangladeshi, Belgian, British, Canadian, Chinese, Czech, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hongkonger, Indian, Iranian, Irish, Israeli, Italian, Japanese, Kenyan, Korean, Lithuanian, Mongolian, Nigerian, Norwegian, Pakistani, Peruvian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Singaporean, Slovak, Swedish, Swiss, Syrian, Taiwanese, Turkish, Ukrainian (some of these were Swedish alumni with dual citizenship).

EMBRACE YOUR UNIQUENESS

A CURRICULUM THAT NURTURES YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Since 1999, SSE has been accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), signifying that all programs and research activities demonstrate excellence at an international level.

SSE's Master students have various opportunities to enhance their education and gain valuable experience. In addition to studying at one of SSE's partner schools, enrolling in a double degree program or joining the CEMS community, students can pursue a track in sustainability or data analytics. They also have the option to select elective courses related to innovation at the Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship, take online electives or attend seminars at other European higher education institutions through CIVICA. Additionally, students can access online electives offered by other leading global business schools through GNAM.

Students can also engage in the Executive Trainee Module (XTM), which involves working closely with an executive manager at one of SSE's partner companies.

Another option is to participate in the Wallenberg International Fellows Program, which allows students to combine their MSc studies at SSE with a summer internship in the United States, along with international business diplomacy studies in the Landegger Program at Georgetown University.



Read more about all MSc program components in year 2.

MSc ALUMNI WHO WENT ON EXCHANGE



SSE runs an extensive student exchange program with about 100 top-ranked universities and business schools worldwide. SSE is also a member of prominent networks such as PIM (Partnership in International Management), CEMS (The Global Alliance in Management Education), GNAM (Global Network for Advanced Management), and CIVICA (The European University of Social Sciences), and it participates in the Erasmus+ program.

186

of our 2024 MSc graduates studied abroad for one semester (excluding those who enrolled in a double degree program).



Read more about the student exchange program.

MSc ALUMNI WITH A DOUBLE DEGREE

We have joined forces with some of the very best European business schools and offer exciting double degree programs with the University of St Gallen, Bocconi University and Sciences Po (the Paris School of International Affairs and the School of Management and Impact) at the Master's level.

The combined strengths of the partner universities and SSE enhance the academic experience and equip students with international exposure and perspectives that help prepare them for successful careers in business, government or academia.

Graduates of a double degree program receive two degrees, one from each higher education institution, giving them an edge in the increasingly integrated European labor market.

18

of our 2024 MSc graduates were enrolled in one of the double degree programs and awarded two Master's degrees.

GRADUATES WITH AN ADDITIONAL CEMS MIM DEGREE

The CEMS Master in International Management (MIM) is a joint Master's program offered by a global alliance of leading business schools, multinational companies and NGOs collectively providing one of the top-ranked Master's programs in management worldwide.

The CEMS MIM is an excellent choice for those seeking a truly versatile and geographically mobile international career. Its joint curriculum is co-created and refined by academic directors from 33 member schools, with input from over 70 CEMS Corporate Partners, eight social

partners, as well as CEMS students and alumni. SSE is the only school in Sweden that is a member of CEMS and has one of the largest student cohorts among CEMS schools.

The CEMS MIM program consists of mandatory elements, such as an initial one-week Block Seminar, courses in international business, a Business Project, an academic semester abroad, Skill Seminars and language requirements. Upon completion of the program, students are awarded both the CEMS MIM degree and a Master of Science degree from SSE.

62

of our 2024 MSc graduates also obtained a Master's degree from CEMS. Out of these, 52 had studied the MSc program in International Business.



SSE BUSINESS LAB

#8

in Europe according to the Financial Times

40M

SEK raised by the startups during 2024

55%

of the teams admitted in 2024 had at least one female co-founder

100B+

SEK is the total valuation of all alumni companies

REACH YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL DREAM

Since its inception in 2001, SSE Business Lab has supported over 300 companies, among them well-known successes like Klarna, Budbee and Voi Technology. In 2025, half of last year's leading hubs in the Financial Times' ranking vanished from the list, while SSE Business Lab surged ahead. Now ranked eighth among Europe's leading start-up hubs, SSE's incubator is the only Nordic hub to earn a place in the top ten.

SSE Business Lab is an integrated part of the School and encourages entrepreneurship within the SSE community. Open to students, alumni, and faculty, the lab offers early-stage support to ventures with at least one co-founder connected to SSE. The incubator helps startups develop their ideas, accelerate growth, and create impact, through coaching, mentorship, workshops, and access to a first-class network of investors.

Read more about the SSE Business Lab.



ABOUT LAMIN K. DARBOE AND BANTABA

Lamin Darboe is originally from Gambia in West Africa and did his MSc in Finance at SSE. Prior to enrolling at SSE, he received his Bachelor's degree from Bocconi University in Italy. In 2021, he co-founded Bantaba, a startup that seeks to contribute to the development in Africa by supporting entrepreneurs addressing important challenges on the continent. Bantaba received support from SSE Business Lab, first in the Activate program for early-stage ideas, and later in the Incubate program for startups scaling their business idea.

Bantaba connects African tech startups to investors, mentors and consultants in the African diaspora. The platform allows the diaspora to contribute to Africa's tech ecosystem through networking, mentoring, and investing in startups on the continent.

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The team at SSE Business Lab has been nothing short of incredible, being our number 1 supporter. They have always gone the extra mile to support our journey, providing access to business coaches, mentors, and investors as well as giving feedback, recommendations and tips. Over the past years, we have been able to build and grow as a company thanks to the lab's resources.

Lamin Darboe
Co-founder of
Bantaba,
Gambia



START YOUR CAREER WITH A MENTOR

The MSc Mentorship Program is a unique initiative that supports Master students with their transition to professional life by connecting them with SSE alumni and corporate partners. Every year, the program matches students with mentors who are thriving in their fields, giving their time and sharing their experiences to inspire the next generation of leaders.

The program spans one academic year, during which students and mentors collaborate to explore career paths, share insights into workplace culture, and expand the students' professional networks.

156

of our 2024 MSc graduates took part in the MSc Mentorship Program.

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The most rewarding aspect of mentoring is the reminder of how much we often take for granted. The MSc Mentorship Program allows me to see the world through fresh eyes again and reminds me that all skills are attainable with time and guidance. Mentoring a student is a purposeful endeavour that involves more than just providing guidance—it's about genuinely engaging in someone's growth and witnessing them discover their path.

Tania Johannisson
Mentor
Founder &
Managing Director
at Amplific



The best part of having a mentor is definitely having someone who can guide and support you while helping you learn from their career experience, including both learnings and mistakes.

Catherine Dolt
Mentee
MSc alum in International Business

GRADUATES WERE HIRED QUICKLY

In the spring of 2025, the 328 alumni who graduated from SSE's Master programs in 2024 were surveyed about their whereabouts, employment situation and remuneration. Out of those invited, 284 alumni responded to the survey. Their answers are summarized on the following pages.

Please note that not all participants answered every question. Percentage values are based on the number of valid responses for each specific question. Throughout the following pages, the term "alumni" refers to those who responded to a given question, not the entire 2024 graduating cohort. Company sector information was reviewed and standardized by the project team using the Financial Times classification system.

Of the MSc alumni who told us that they went straight to work and disclosed their time to employment,

94%

found employment within three months of completing their studies.*

Out of those who found employment within three months of completing their studies,

84%

found positions before they completed their studies.

*The remaining 6% include alumni who chose not to look for a job immediately after graduation.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

WORK LOCATIONS OF MSc 2024 ALUMNI

More than 60% of SSE graduates start their careers in Sweden, but international pathways are increasingly common. Germany (13%), the United Kingdom (5%), Italy (3%), Ireland (2%), and Switzerland (2%) top the list of popular destinations in Europe.

Other countries included Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, India, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Singapore, Spain, the Netherlands, Turkey and the United States of America.

33%

of international MSc alumni chose to stay and work in Sweden.

11%

of Swedish MSc alumni launched their careers abroad.

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

At SSE, corporate collaboration is part of our DNA. Through the SSE Corporate Partnership Program, we work closely with over 90 leading Swedish and international companies across industries. These partnerships create real opportunities for exposure to leading employers through internships, case studies, on-campus recruitment events, and mentorship programs.

35%

of employed alumni work in a SSE or CEMS corporate partner company.

674,508 SEK

or 67,316 USD - the average annual gross salary for employed alumni just one year after graduation*.

*Alumni were asked to provide their salary in a currency of their choice. The currency was converted to USD and SEK using Riksbank's exchange rate on April 8, 2025; USD 1 = SEK 10,02. Outliers were excluded from this analysis. This figure includes bonuses and commissions.

FIRST EMPLOYERS AFTER GRADUATION

Corporate partner companies:

Accenture	Deloitte*	McKinsey & Company*
ASSA ABLOY	European Investment Bank	Morgan Stanley
Axel Johnson	EY	Nordea
Bain & Company*	Goldman Sachs	PwC
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Google	Rothschild & Co
Beiersdorf	Grant Thornton	Salesforce
BNP Paribas*	H&M*	Scania
Boston Consulting Group*	Handelsbanken	SEB
Carnegie Investment Bank	HSBC	Swedbank
Coca Cola HBC	KPMG	UBS
	Mastercard*	Vinge

Other companies include:

ABG Sundal Collier	European Commission	Novo Nordisk
Arkwright	European Parliament	RBB Economics
Arla Foods	HDR Partners	Roland Berger
Bellbird	Implement Consulting Group	Sana Labs
BlackRock	Influence AB	Strategy&
Capgemini	J.P. Morgan	Swedish Ministry of Finance
Citigroup	Lumell Associates	Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce
Clearwater	MCF Corporate Finance	Telia Company
Copenhagen Economics	Mynt AB	Unilever
Cupole		

* Both SSE & CEMS Corporate Partners

MSC 2024 ALUMNI WORK IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

33% consultancy, 33% finance, 5% technology, 4% consumer products, 4% fintech, 4% education, 4% industrial, 3% public sector, 3% retail, 2% energy/utilities, 2% healthcare, 1% media/marketing, 1% non-profit organizations, 1% other.

We are recruiting from SSE simply because it's the perfect match. We are getting access to students of world class, and in return we offer them a truly global platform to develop their skill set and accelerate their careers as working professionals.

Per Hillström
Managing Director at Morgan Stanley

WHAT EMPLOYERS THINK

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SEB continues to prioritize being a corporate partner with Stockholm School of Economics because we believe our long-term relationship brings together some of the brightest minds to help solve the challenges of the future. From finance to entrepreneurship, from diversity to sustainability, we believe there is great value in engaging with Stockholm School of Economics students and educators on topics that will positively impact our society today and for generations to come.

Johan Torgeby
CEO and President at SEB

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We are proud of our close partnership with SSE. In our search for exceptional talent, SSE students continue to be distinctive. They exhibit high levels of drive and engagement, qualities that are crucial in our work to solve some of the world's most complex problems. We have decades of history of learning, growing, and unleashing our potential together.

Sebastian Sjöberg
Managing Partner and
Senior Partner at McKinsey
– Sweden

McKinsey
& Company

WHAT ALUMNI THINK

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I appreciated the strong connection with corporate partners and the projects carried out with companies, starting from the first term of the first year. Having real hands-on experience has been the greatest takeaway I brought with me from SSE when starting my first full-time job. Finally, meeting ambitious and like-minded people, whom I now consider close friends, has been truly enriching.

Margherita Cristaldi

Sustainability Consultant at
KPMG



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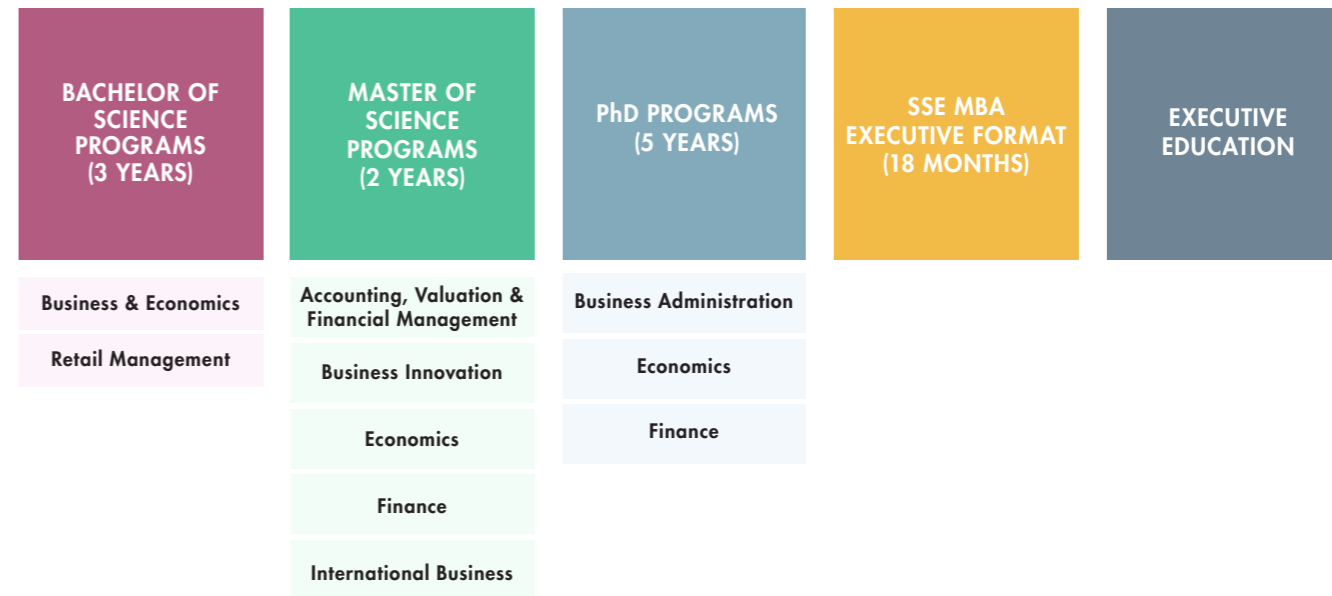
SSE helped me immensely in guiding me in my career so far. While I believe the numerous corporate events are greatly beneficial for students to get an idea of how it is working for a certain organization, it was the time spent actively reflecting on what you really want to do in your life, which helped me find my way.

Timo Maronna

Senior Consultant at
McKinsey & Company



PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SSE



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the MSc programs.





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