



JOB VACANCY

-Science and Innovation Officer- Office of Science and Innovation (OSI) Embassy of Sweden in Seoul

Sweden and South Korea share a long historical diplomatic relationship and several mutual interests in the areas of science, technology and innovation (STI). Both countries consistently rank in the global top ten of most innovative countries in the world and in terms of total investment in research and development relative to GDP.

Sweden and South Korea are also world-leading technology pioneers, with strong research ecosystems within AI, quantum technology, biotechnology, life science, energy, space, defense industry, advanced manufacturing, ICT, robotics and more. In light of these similarities, South Korea is one of Sweden's most prioritized international partners in innovation, research, and higher education.

The Office of Science and Innovation at the Embassy of Sweden in Seoul operates under the Ministry of Climate and Enterprise in Sweden. There are currently seven Offices of Science and Innovation (OSI) at Sweden's embassies globally, one of them in Seoul – a testament to the long-term commitment between our research and innovation ecosystems. The function of the OSI is to:

- **Promote** Sweden as one of the strongest and most innovative economies in the world.
- **Attract** strategic partnerships and investments between Sweden and South Korea.
- **Connect** key STI stakeholders and organisations to foster strong research and innovation bonds between Sweden and South Korea.
- **Inform** on the most relevant recent trends and developments in STI policy in South Korea to the Government Offices and other key stakeholders in Sweden, and vice versa.

We are now seeking an ambitious and proactive professional to strengthen our capabilities within the OSI as a Science and Innovation Officer. The Science and Innovation Officer reports to the Head of OSI Tokyo-Seoul (stationed in Tokyo) He/she will collaborate closely with fellow colleagues in the OSI Office Seoul. He/she is also an integral part of the Embassy's overall staff and contributes broadly to the entire Team Sweden in South Korea. The successful applicant will work closely with the other embassy functions such as the Trade and Promotion section, Political section and Defense section.

Tasks as Science and Innovation Officer:

- Monitor, analyze and report local perspectives on science, innovation and relevant technology/industrial policy development in South Korea.
- Actively develop and maintain relationships between the Embassy and key Swedish R&D organizations with relevant networks, institutes and companies within the science and innovation ecosystem in South Korea.
- Identify, initiate, and foster strategic international collaborations and projects between Swedish and South Korean R&D organizations such as universities, institutes, public authorities, regional governments and industry.
- Participate in the planning and execution of relevant agendas/programs for incoming visits/delegations from Sweden.
- Support promotional activities and strategic investment opportunities in collaboration with colleagues at Business Sweden and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Korea.
- Collaborate closely with all relevant sections of the Embassy to achieve objectives of OSI
- Other tasks as assigned by the Head of Section or the Head of Mission.

A successful applicant is expected to have:

- An academic degree in science, engineering, political science, or other relevant field.
- Documented experience from working in an academic, diplomatic, R&D or STI-focused organization or industry.
- Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills in English and Korean.
- Organized, ability to plan ahead and result-focused.
- A proactive approach and excellent social- and networking skills.
- Capable of working independently as well as function effectively in a cross-disciplinary team.

- A forthcoming personality who sympathizes with values such as openness, honesty, loyalty, discretion, flexibility and good communication.
- Excellent time management, organizational and orientation skills and an ability to work calmly under pressure.

The following attributes are highly meriting:

- Documented international experience.
- A PhD and/or documented experience as researcher within science, technology and/or innovation.
- Knowledge of and/or an established network within the Korean science and innovation ecosystem.
- Knowledge of and/or an established network within the Swedish science and innovation ecosystem.
- Spoken/written Swedish.

We believe that a great team is built not only on skills and experience but also on character and personality. Beyond qualifications, we put particular emphasis on individuals who bring passion, integrity, and a collaborative spirit to our workplace.

The Embassy of Sweden encourages diversity and has a non-hierarchical organization. We delegate responsibility and encourage independence, creativity and prestige-free teamwork, while expecting exceptional quality and timely results.

The Swedish Embassy offers a competitive package with individual salaries in relation to previous experience.

Starting date is September 1, 2025. Job offers will be made with a mandatory 6-month probation period. Working hours are 38.75 hours per week.

For more information regarding the position and conditions please email ambassaden.seoul.reception@gov.se

Please send your application including (i) CV, (ii) list of references and (iii) a personal introduction letter by e-mail to the Embassy not later than April 15th, 2025 to: ambassaden.seoul.reception@gov.se

Only shortlisted candidates for interview will be contacted.