

Motivation letter

As 2018 is an election year in Sweden I believe the Sustainability Forum holds an especially important position in reaching out and forming a bridge between the society, students and environmental researchers. It is a chance to show that one of Sweden's most eminent universities highly prioritises environmental issues, and I'd love to take part making that priority come true.

The environment has for long time been a special interest of mine. Already in middle school I had the opportunity to choose a class with an environmental profile, where we among other things completed the Young Masters Programme. During the programme we were able to discuss environmental issues with students from all over the world in the whole range from local to global level. In 2015 I was one of the Swedish church Climate ambassadors leading up to the COP21 in Paris, where I during the autumn worked collecting names to a petition and wrote an article for a newspaper. Half a year later, in June 2016, I was admitted to a UCL summer course on Environmental Justice where we discussed the aftermath of the Paris climate negotiations. I hope that I one day will be able to work with questions related to climate issues, and this is one of the reasons I chose to study towards a BSc in Political science and Economics, where I have now started my fourth semester of studies.

Before I started my studies in Lund I spent one year studying at UCL in London, and during my time there I was an active member in their Unicef on Campus society. In February 2016 I arranged a FAST24 event where the challenge for the participants was to go without food for 24 hours with the purpose of donating money to children in South Sudan, where a famine was widespread due to drought. We had invited speakers from different backgrounds and tried to keep the participant's energy up during the day with quizzes and other activities. Since I started studying in Lund during the autumn 2016 I've been an active member in the Association of Foreign Affairs. I first joined the lecture committee, where I helped planning and organising lectures, and during the autumn semester 2017 I joined the travel committee to Taiwan, where we for example met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I am also the current project leader of the association's Project Integration and in the project group we plan to organise a conference on the theme "What is integration?" towards the end of the semester.

I am currently a part of the board of the Centre Party in Höör, and the environment remains to be a very central interest of mine, as questions I engage in on the local level are the expansion of bike paths, the environmental impact of new roads and ways to reach the goal of making the municipality fossil free by 2020. Being a student representative in the board of the Sustainability Forum would be a great way to deepen my engagement in climate issues and help building the sustainable university.

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