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The Associate Professorship Board
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INSTRUCTIONS

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**Instructions for expert advisors appointed by the
Docent Board of the Faculty of Landscape
Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production
Science, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.**

The board approved these instructions on 17 August 2017.

**The expert advisor's assessment of applications for
appointment as docent (reader/associate professor)**

As expert advisor, you are expected to submit a reasoned written assessment. The assessment should be structured using the headings below. For each heading, give your justification and a clear recommendation.

•Scientific output

The applicant's scientific output (social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and technology) should be set in an international context and evaluated in terms of quantity and quality.

•Significant scientific results

The applicant's most significant scientific output should be identified and positioned in relation to the state of the relevant research field. Evaluate the quality, taking into consideration the extent of the applicant's contribution.

•Scientific maturity and independence

The extent to which the applicant has developed scientific maturity and independence over time should be assessed in relation to their doctoral project. Maturity can be demonstrated through the applicant's choice of research questions, results attained, publications, funding, leadership skills and ability to supervise students at various levels.

•Scientific skills and network

The extent to which the applicant has developed their scientific skills and contacts after being awarded their doctorate should be evaluated, as should achievements at international and national level, including collaboration with external stakeholders.

•Final recommendation

All recommendations must be clearly justified and based on the requirements for appointment as docent. Your evaluation under each heading should be at least half a page (A4 format) long. You can provide positive as well as negative feedback.

The final recommendation should also state whether the applicant has or has not attained the qualifications required to be appointed docent.

For more information on the requirements for appointment as docent at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, please see the document entitled “Instructions for the appointment of associate professors at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences”, in particular the subheadings “General” and “Competence”.

Length of assessment

The assessment should be 2–4 pages long.

What the assessment will be used for

The expert advisor’s written assessment is the most important document in the process of assessing an applicant’s scientific qualifications for appointment as docent at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.