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Dear all doctoral students,

Here comes the last DO-letter before my summer vacation. I hope all of you will get some time to relax from your studies during the summer, also those of you who have plants or similar to look after in your research, or other duties to take care of.

Last year I wrote about some rights regarding work and vacation that you are entitled to as employed doctoral students. I hereby send them again.

This semester I have visited both Umeå and Alnarp in order to meet the PhD councils (SHS DR and ASK DR) as well as individual PhD students. One issue that we discussed was allowances in connection with fieldwork. Since some of you are doing fieldwork during the summer, I added this point to the other three below;

### Remember that

- if you are working during the summer, make sure that you get what you are entitled to - don't use vacation days when you are working;
- your vacation is essential in order to get some rest and to recharge your batteries! It is also important to be aware of that, the insurance that normally cover you at the workplace, may not cover you at the workplace during your vacation;
- if you still have remaining vacation days when your employment ends, you are entitled to be compensated for these days.
- If you are travelling for your work (50km away from home or more), such as a conference, field work etc. and stay at least one night, the employer usually pays allowances in connection with the trip. If you have not received compensation from the employer and meet the requirements, you can make deductions in your income tax return yourself. You can get more information from Skatteverket. Telephonenumber; 0771-5657 567, website; <https://www.skatteverket.se/>. (Allowance is an issue that will be followed up.)

Talking about rights you have as doctoral students, I encourage you to have a look at the following website, so you don't miss benefits that you are entitled to as employed doctoral student;  
<https://internt.slu.se/en/my-employment/benefits-at-slu>

I wish all of you a wonderful summer!

Warm regards, Monika Appel