



Agenda for Global Engagement

2021–2026



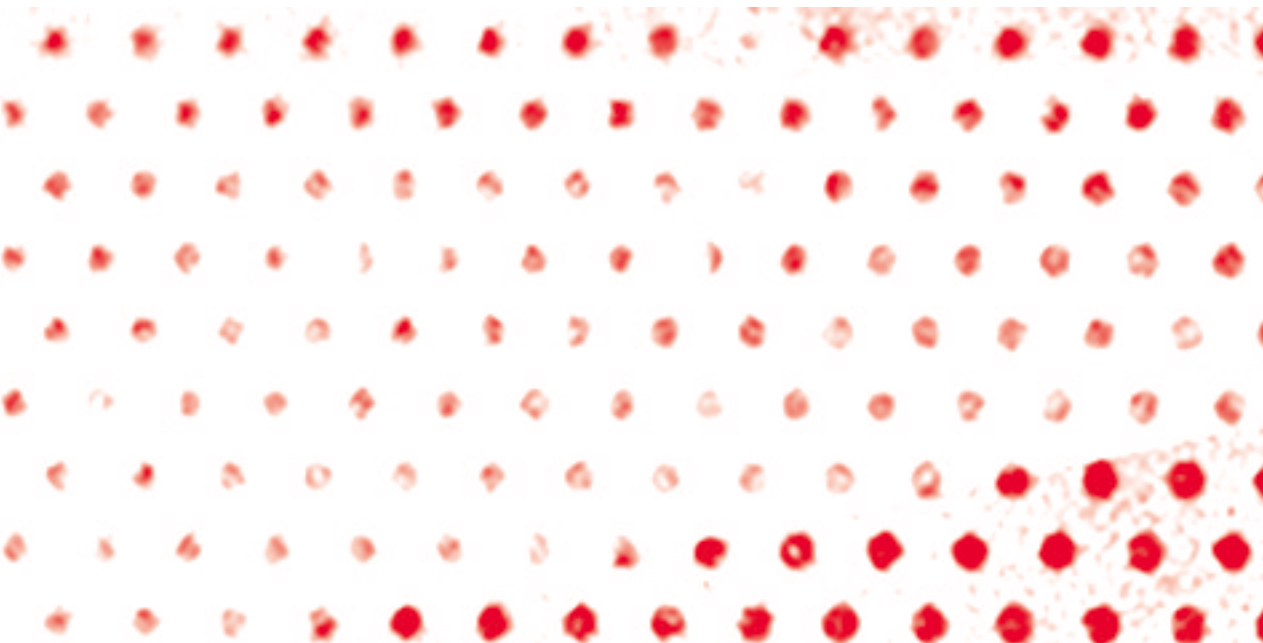
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**A university aiming to improve life
through global engagement and
inclusive international collaboration.**



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Global engagement has always been a core value for Malmö University, and an essential dimension for our societal commitment and contributions to a more sustainable world. We recognize equal opportunities for all and academic freedom as fundamental for responsible internationalisation.

Malmö University has always been dedicated to internationalisation. We were one of the first universities in Sweden to offer bachelor programmes in English and brought internationalization to the campus by “internationalization at home”, a concept developed at the university in early 2000. Our university is truly multi-disciplinary and we are closely linked with the wider society in our education and research. We are proud to be culturally diverse and value participation for all.

In 2019, the advisory board for Global Engagement was given the task to design a strategic document for global engagement, grounded in the university’s Strategy 2022 and in alignment with the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. As a result of almost a year of dedicated work throughout the institution, we are proud to present the Agenda for Global Engagement, our road map for internationalisation for the coming six years.

As a strategic document, the agenda is set to empower and guide us all at the university. It is our firm belief that this agenda, when implemented by students and staff at all levels, will advance our global engagement.

This agenda should be read as a guidance for internationalisation and global engagement, supporting the work to develop and accomplish operational plans and priorities, and followed up within our quality framework.

The agenda sets out a series of overarching goals and enablers under the four key arenas: A university with globally competent students, A university with research for global impact, A University with global outreach and An inclusive global university.

Our aspiration is that this Agenda for Global Engagement will support and inspire us at Malmö University to improve and strengthen our global engagement through inclusive international collaboration.



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Key

arenas

We express our commitment to global engagement through four key arenas:

A university with globally competent students

A university with research for global impact

A university with global outreach

An inclusive global university



A university with globally competent students

Together with all our students we work through education and research to contribute to a better world. We actively promote an open and inclusive university for all. Malmö University encourages intercultural learning and global competence to enable our students to act and work in a globally connected world. Malmö University will reach this goal through a set of enablers that facilitate international partnerships and collaboration.



WE PROMOTE GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

At Malmö University, we are committed to providing engaging international study and placement opportunities for our students.

Enablers

- Identify and communicate visible mobility windows for our students
- Facilitate for our students to pursue part of their education with an international partner
- Establish a certificate recognizing global competence for our students

WE INTEGRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

We encourage sustainable international partnerships that build bridges and link education, research and society. At Malmö University, we encourage students to conduct parts of their academic work with international partners.

Enablers

- Identify sources and provide scholarships
- Develop credited modules in collaboration with international partners
- Ascertain that international experiences of doctoral students are documented and recognized as a merit

WE CULTIVATE INTERNATIONALIZATION AT HOME

At Malmö University, we cultivate and value intercultural learning through our international campus and the rich cultural diversity of Malmö. Together with our global community we engage in virtual interactions both by student-driven and teacher-led activities. Through Internationalisation at Home we strengthen our environmental awareness and sustainable internationalization for society.

Enablers

- Introducing and developing digital international learning modules
- Embed intercultural learning for global competences in course curricula
- Encourage collaboration and synergies between our international and Swedish taught courses

WE EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME CHANGE AGENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

At Malmö University, we are building a sense of belonging to a broader community and a common humanity. We aim to empower learners to be responsible global citizens: respecting human rights, social justice, diversity, gender equality and environmental sustainability. At Malmö University, all learners acquire knowledge and skills needed in order to promote sustainable development.

Enablers

- Stimulate awareness of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals in course curricula
- Identify and encourage extracurricular student engagement and collaboration with society
- Promote a readiness to identify, initiate and lead processes of change

A university with research for global impact

Our researchers build fruitful alliances with international partners and alumni to bring research areas together for co-creation of new knowledge. We continue to extend and deepen our international research collaborations to enrich and ensure quality and contribution to sustainable global development. Malmö University will reach this goal through a set of enablers that facilitate international partnerships and collaboration.



WE CULTIVATE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

At Malmö University, we foster knowledge alliances that bring senior and junior researchers together for knowledge co-creation and innovation. We are part of a worldwide inclusive research community based on academic freedom and openness to democratic values.

Enablers

- Provide tools and resources to advance cross-disciplinary exchange of ideas and knowledge
- Creating welcoming research environments for vulnerable researchers (such as Scholars at Risk, SAR)
- Developing sabbatical structures for researchers to go abroad
- Further strengthen and build our capacity to increase EU/European collaboration and funding

WE PROVIDE INFRA-STRUCTURES FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

At Malmö University, we nourish our global community and welcome international colleagues from near and far. Together we shape and contribute to the University and the wider community.

Enablers

- Increase openness and access to research worldwide through open access publication
- Support researchers in their international applications for successful research funding
- Securing an effective introduction and welcoming of international researchers
- Provide language courses in Swedish for international researchers and doctoral students

WE ADDRESS AGENDA 2030 THROUGH RESEARCH COLLABORATION

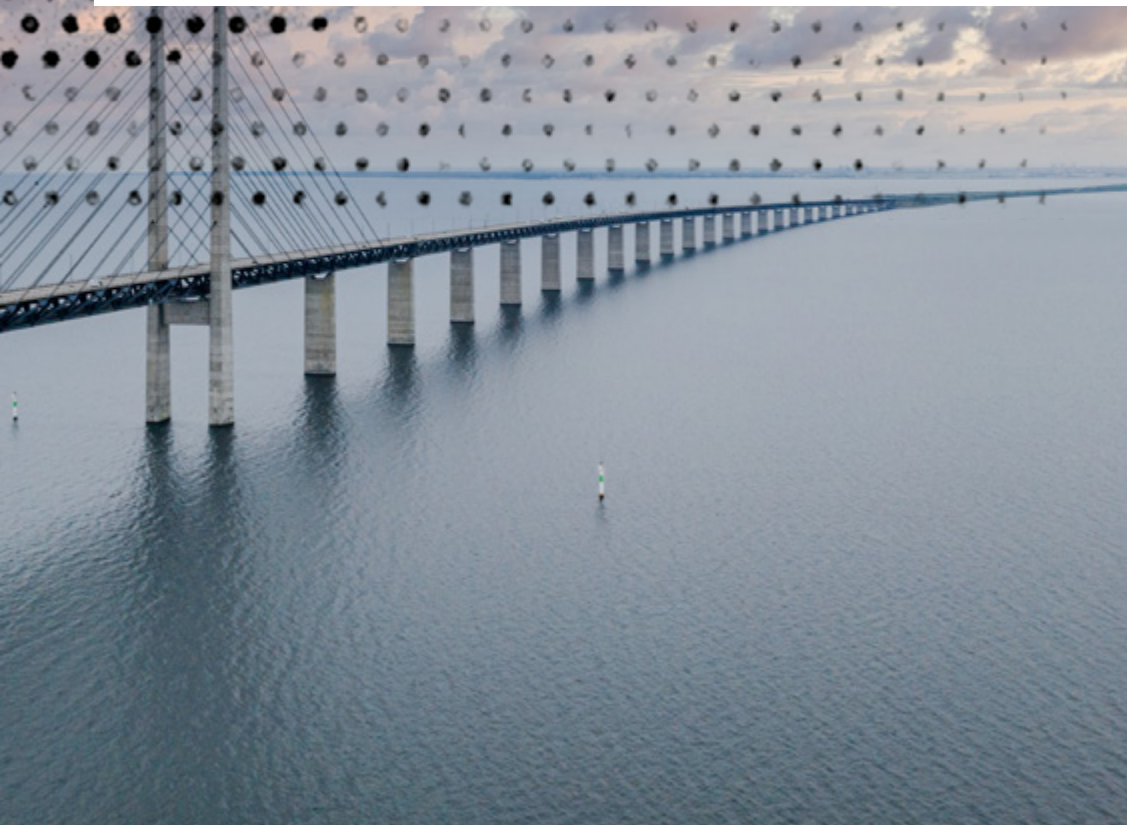
At Malmö University, we pursue research in academic international environments to address global and local challenges. We are committed to cross-border and cross-sectorial research, knowledge sharing, and innovation in collaboration with our public, private and civil society partners.

Enablers

- Stimulate and encourage research that contributes to addressing global challenges
- Bring better visibility to research that – directly or indirectly – relates to global challenges
- Assist researchers to better describe the impact of their research on global challenges

A university with global outreach

Our global engagement shapes our work, our community, and our contribution to society. Core values of academic freedom and human rights guide our inclusive responsible internationalization. Malmö University will reach this goal through a set of enablers that facilitate international partnerships and collaboration.



WE ADVOCATE VISIBLE COMMUNICATION

At Malmö University, we are committed to increasing the visibility of our research and our educational outcomes to a global community. We ensure involvement, knowledge and visibility through strategic communication to support global engagement.

Enablers

- Enhance academic communication for international collaboration throughout the university
- Secure visibility of Malmö University's global engagement through a set of different communication channels

WE EMBRACE GLOBAL INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Malmö University, we are committed to engaging with local and global communities in order to share and gain knowledge. Our alumni are valuable partners for strengthening our university's contact with the global labour market, as well as enhancing future opportunities for education and research collaborations.

Enablers

- Develop supporting structures and guidelines to enhance international knowledge alliances promoting integration of education, research, and collaboration
- Creating collaborative opportunities with international alumni
- Bridging internationalization with our societal engagement

An inclusive global university

We are committed to being a diverse university with inclusive study/working environments, where all our students and staff have a sense of belonging. We embrace diversity and acknowledge global competence. Malmö University will reach this goal through a set of enablers that facilitate international partnerships and collaboration.



WE RECOGNISE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND COLLABORATION

At Malmö University, we acknowledge a variety of individual competences and experiences through validation and recognition to ensure academic values, inclusiveness, and diversity.

Enablers

- Ensure validation and crediting of prior learning from foreign country
- Merit academic staff engagement in internationalization
- Strengthening our language policy for the global university

WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY IN OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

At Malmö University, our organizational culture is characterized by an openness to diversity. English is used alongside Swedish as a second language. We offer attractive and inclusive multicultural study and working environments.

Enablers

- Have clear strategies for international recruitment and introduction to Malmö University
- Develop an inclusive working environment where both Swedish and English are used
- Provide English language courses for staff

WE CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ALIGNMENT WITH AGENDA 2030

At Malmö University, we share knowledge and skills to contribute to sustainable development.

Enablers

- Review the university's policies and guidelines in the light of Agenda 2030
- Develop competence of the United Nations's Sustainable Development Goals within our university and the wider community

