



Decision on costs related to the public defence of the thesis

Background

With the rights of the Swedish Defence University (SEDU) to examine at the doctoral level, the need for decisions on the costs of the public defence has emerged both from those who drew up the rules for the public defence (Ö 120/2020) and from the Head of research.

This decision has not previously been needed as the dissertation costs for doctoral students admitted to other universities, but with their daily activities located at the SEDU, are regulated in an agreement with the admitting university.

Prior to the public defence of the thesis that will take place in War Studies in the spring of 2023, a decision was made in December 2021 on the fee levels for the opponent and the grading committee (Ö 640/2021).

Fees for the external reviewer and the examining committee

A simpler external monitoring showed that universities usually only pay the opponent (several stated SEK 10,000), while smaller universities tend to also pay the examining committee (SEK 2,000). It is proposed that the levels of the amounts decided by the Head of Research in December 2021 be maintained. This means 10,000 for the opponent and 2,000 SEK.

Funds for the public defence will be distributed by subjects from 2024

A subject is assigned a standard of SEK 35,000 per dissertation. Excess costs are borne by each subject. From 2024 onwards, funds will be distributed via Appendix 3 in the planning instructions and each subject must notify FUS in May of the number of planned public defences of doctoral theses for the following year. For dissertations (for doctoral students admitted at FHS) that take place in 2023, SEK 35,000 per dissertation can be charged to account that are handled via FUS.

The FHS checklist for the public defence can be found in the doctoral student handbook at MySEDU and describes in table form elements to handle.

Flat-rate costs

Post	Cost SEK
Opponent	10 000
Examination committee + deputy 4 x 2,000	8 000
Travel and hotel for the opponent and examining committee	10 000
Lunch/refreshments for the examining committee and opponent etc. (Ö 169/2018)	1 000
Thesis print	6 000
Sum	35 000

Decision

To determine the level of fees for the opponent and the examining committee as well as the standard for other costs in connection with the public defence of doctoral students admitted to SEDU. This is in accordance with the table above and that the funds will be distributed in the future as described above. The decision applies from 2022-12-01 and until further notice but should be reviewed no later than 2027-12-31.

The decision on the matter has been made by Head of Research Malena Britz after a presentation by Head of Section Fredrika Sinclair. In the final preparation, C FUS Maria Gustavsson and administrator Birgitta Mattsson have participated.

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