

Residence Permit Guidance for InnoEnergy Masters+ Programmes with Year 1 in Sweden

INTRODUCTION

This guidance note applies to non-EU students of an InnoEnergy Masters+ programme, who will study:

- Year 1 in Sweden (at KTH)
- Year 2 in another European country

You may choose between a 1-year or 2-year residence permit. This guide helps you decide which option is best for you.

OPTION 1: ONE-YEAR PERMIT FOR SWEDEN

[Apply for a residence permit for studies at higher education – Swedish Migration Agency](#)

Advantages:

- Matches your actual stay in Sweden (Year 1)
- More flexibility if plans change
- Lower financial proof required upfront (you will need to show financial proof for one year of studies)
- Avoids managing Swedish permit while living abroad

Considerations:

- You will need to apply for a separate residence permit for your Year 2 location. This will happen during your Year 1 and will take time and effort. While your application for the Year 2 residence permit is in progress, you may not be able to travel there.

OPTION 2: TWO-YEAR PERMIT (MOBILITY)

[Admitted to studies in a mobility programme – Swedish Migration Agency](#) and apply here [Apply for a residence permit for studies at higher education – Swedish Migration Agency](#)

Advantages:

- You apply for one permit that is valid during the Year 1 in Sweden and the Year 2 in another EU country. Only one application to deal with.
- More stability and peace of mind initially
- Easier travel during the permit period

Considerations:

- You still need to follow residence rules in your second-year country. Typically it means announcing to the local migration authorities that you wish to stay there on the basis of your two-year permit for Sweden. They may require a brief application for this.
- If you need to extend the permit beyond the two years (e.g. for thesis delay at your Year 2 university), it means you need to extend the Swedish permit while you no longer live in Sweden. You cannot extend locally. KTH will support this process through supplying a certificate stating you need to extend your studies, but success is not guaranteed
- Less flexibility if plans change
- Higher financial proof required upfront (you will need to show financial proof for two years of studies in one go).

HOW TO CHOOSE

Choose a 1-year permit if you want flexibility and alignment with your mobility pathway.

Choose a 2-year permit if you prefer stability and fewer administrative steps early on.

FINAL TIP

Plan ahead, check requirements for your second-year country, and contact your programme coordinator if in doubt.