CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF UNPAID DOCENTS (READERS) TO THE FACULTY OF ARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

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Being admitted as an unpaid docent should be seen as a step in an academic career, but it should also be seen as a valuable way to link people with scholarly and pedagogical qualifications to the faculty. Unpaid docent is a title that is evidence of a level of competence achieved and is not a position of employment.

To be awarded the title of unpaid docent in a subject in the Faculty of Arts means that the holder has demonstrated independent research capabilities and pedagogical competence and possesses significantly greater research expertise than is required for a doctorate.

The role of unpaid docent will be available in any of the Faculty’s teaching or research subjects or in the subject of a doctoral thesis undertaken by an applicant in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Gothenburg.

All applicants for admission as an unpaid docent in the Faculty of Arts must have completed a doctorate.

As a general rule, the applicant must also currently hold a post in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Gothenburg.

An applicant who does not currently hold a post in the Faculty of Arts may also be admitted as an unpaid docent. In such a case, the applicant must have completed a doctorate in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Gothenburg and in addition be currently affiliated to one of the faculty’s departments through teaching, research or cooperation (affiliation must be within the last five years). Written certification and confirmation of the teaching, research or cooperation-based affiliation will be provided by the Head of Department of the relevant department.

An applicant who is not currently affiliated to one of the faculty’s departments through teaching, research or cooperation (or does not have a current post) but has completed a doctorate may be admitted as an unpaid docent if the admission is of particular benefit to the faculty. Written certification and confirmation that the unpaid docent role is of particular benefit to the faculty will be provided by the Head of Department of the relevant department.

In addition to the above, the applicant must meet the faculty’s set requirements in respect of specific unpaid docent research and teaching skills and must have completed HPE 201, a course on supervision in postgraduate programmes through the Pedagogical Development and Interactive Learning Department.