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# IEG News

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## News from the administration

### Use your wellness subsidies

Wellness subsidies: Remember to use your wellness subsidies for 2021. Your receipts need to be registered in Primula at latest December 5. More information and manual: <https://mp.uu.se/web/info/anstallning/friskvard>

### Vaccination against seasonal influenza 2021

Vaccination against seasonal influenza is recommended for at-risk groups, health and social care staff and household contacts.

Particularly with a pandemic in progress, it is important to achieve a high rate of vaccination coverage against influenza among people in at-risk groups and health and social care staff, to protect people who risk becoming severely ill because of an influenza infection. The Public Health Agency of Sweden therefore recommends that certain groups should have priority for vaccination during the autumn. Vaccination of these groups will begin around 9 November. Other groups (the general public) can be offered vaccination from 6 December.

Previa will not be able to offer vaccination against seasonal influenza this year, because of a limited number of vaccine doses. This applies to both at-risk groups and other people. We therefore refer you to health centers or vaccination offices.

Members of staff who belong to an at-risk group (or are household contacts of such a person) can receive a free vaccination at a health center or vaccination office. Other members of staff who are offered vaccination/have their vaccination approved by their head of department/equivalent will be reimbursed for their expenses. To receive reimbursement, register your own expenses in Primula Web (normal expenses, i.e. not healthcare reimbursement).

More information about the vaccination against seasonal influenza 2021:

<https://mp.uu.se/web/info/anstallning/stod-arbetsmiljo/arbetsmiljo-ao/influensavaccination>

## News on Environmental work

### Climate inventory 2021

The University has conducted an inventory of the University's climate footprint. The purpose of this inventory was to learn about total emissions and to estimate the breakdown of emissions between different parts of the organization and its activities.

In 2019, the University's activities caused emissions equivalent to just over 50,000 tons of carbon dioxide, which corresponds to approximately 8 tons of carbon dioxide per full-time employee. The largest sources of emissions were business travel (36%), properties (33%) and purchases of goods (19%).



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The findings of the climate inventory will be used in efforts to reduce the University's climate footprint.

<https://mp.uu.se/web/info/stod/miljo/klimatavtryck>

Many steps can be taken to reduce the University's environmental and climate impact. Some of these measures are things that everyone can do:

- Choose your trips carefully – choose virtual meetings when this would work
- If you are travelling far, take the train and cut back on flying
- If you are travelling locally, walk, cycle or take public transport
- Use products as long as possible, in particular mobile phones, computers and other IT equipment
- Reduce the number of purchases you make – reuse items
- Reduce food waste
- Separate your waste, so the material can be turned into new products, biogas or energy
- Turn off lights and equipment that are not in use
- Pass on knowledge about the environment and sustainability

### **New environmental plan**

As the climate survey is now complete, work on a new, revised environmental plan for the university will continue. A working group is currently writing a proposal for a new environmental plan for the university. The aim is set on an environmental plan that has a perspective of two to three years. The environmental plan also covers more issues than greenhouse gas emissions, such as the non-toxic environment and biodiversity. The environmental plan tries to take a holistic approach to the university's environmental issues.

The new environmental plan will build on initiatives that have already been made or are underway. Energy efficiencies on the university's premises have, for example, led to a reduction in energy use by seven per cent in 2020. At the English Park campus, a pilot project has led to a 12 per cent lower energy use. Other examples of implemented measures are:

- Environmental requirements for procurements.
- The cleaning service uses plastic bags in recycled plastic.
- Solar cells on the university buildings.
- Train scholarships for Erasmus students.
- Sustainability-assessed materials for major alterations and extensions.
- Measures to increase biodiversity on campus.

### **Investment in sustainable development**

Another main track is to make a clear investment in sustainable development in both research and education, says Rector Anders Hagfeldt. During the management group's Dean's Day, we discussed how to create the conditions for interdisciplinary competitive research. That conversation will continue with prefects so that we capture the commitment that exists at the entire university.

### **News articles about various environmental and climate measures**

- A bicycle-friendly workplace – for a sustainable future  
<https://mp.uu.se/web/nyheter/-/cykelvanlig-arbetsplats-for-en-hallbar-framtid>
- Climate-smart food grown on campus  
<https://mp.uu.se/web/nyheter/-/campusodling>
- The University's efforts to reduce its negative environmental impact  
<https://mp.uu.se/web/nyheter/-/satsningar-for-att-minska-negativ-miljopaverkan->
- Initiative for more sustainable labs  
<https://mp.uu.se/web/nyheter/-/initiativ-for-resurssnalare-labb>

- Huge investment in solar cells in Uppsala (link in Swedish)  
<https://www.akademiskahus.se/aktuellt/nyheter/2019/11/jattesatsning-pa-solceller-i-uppsala/>

## New publications

Per Alström and colleagues have published a new article discussing the potential new subspecies of Yellow Wagtail breeding in western China.

<https://rdcu.be/cz1cH>

## Congratulations

To Jorrit Mesman who successfully defended his dissertation on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

To Javier Edo Varg who successfully defended his dissertation on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October with Prof. Jarone Pinhassi, from Linnaeus University as opponent.