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SWEA International awards the Agneta and Gunnar Nilsson Scholarship for Intercultural Relations (US \$10,000) to Tove Larsson.

Tove is researching English-speakers with different native languages

Tove Larsson, a researcher in English Linguistics, has been awarded the Agneta and Gunnar Nilsson Scholarship for Intercultural Relations by SWEA International, Inc.



Tove Larsson successfully defended her PhD thesis in English Linguistics at Uppsala University in December 2016. Tove's work investigates what constitutes successful intercultural communication when people with different native languages communicate in English in international contexts. This will involve a comprehensive study of how students and experts behave in order to successfully position themselves in relation to their own and others' perspectives and results.

The jury's motivation:

Given that an important proportion of communication between individuals from different corners of the globe occurs in English, it is crucial that these people, who are often from different educational backgrounds and in different roles in society, possess the necessary tools to promote rather than obstruct good international relations and minimize the risk of misunderstandings. The results of this research will provide new knowledge and insight into how English teaching at university level should be designed to help people with different native languages to participate meritoriously in the global conversation. Tove Larsson intends to conduct this research at the Centre for English Corpus Linguistics, Université catholique de Louvain, in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

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