

## Letter from the programme coordinator

Dear student,

As responsible for the master's study programme in bioinformatics, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you warmly welcome as student at our university. During your studies here I will be responsible for the academic content of your study programme, co-ordinate the teachers involved in the programme as well as teach in some of your classes.

As stated in your acceptance letter, the study programme begins with an introductory meeting and registration on **30 August at 10:15-12:00 in room P102** (which is located in our research building called Portalen, please see campus map for more details: <http://www.his.se/english/university/campus-map/>). During this week the introduction programme for all new students will also take place, which you are warmly recommended to attend. During this week you will receive a lot of important information about living and studying in Skövde. So, please start making your travel plans at an early stage, so that you will be able to arrive in time for the introduction programme.

For more general information about studying, here is a web page about master's studies at the University: <http://www.his.se/mastersinformation>, about admission at the University: <http://www.his.se/admission>, and about studies in Sweden: [www.studyinsweden.se/english](http://www.studyinsweden.se/english). We have also put up a web site for you who are attending the master's programme in 2010, with some study material, etc., that you can read as preparation for the programme: <http://www.his.se/english/education/master-studies/masters-programmes/bioinformatics/campus-skovde/>.

If you are not a citizen of an EU country, you should also take into consideration that the waiting times for receiving a study visa to Sweden are currently very long. Therefore, as a very first step you should **immediately** start the process of applying for a study visa. We have experienced a lot of cases with visas being granted too late for the student to arrive in time, which in some cases result in the student not being able to join the programme. Please note that registration for the programme will close on **6th September** and it will not be possible to arrive later than that under any circumstances. After that date you will lose your place on the programme and students on the waiting list will be contacted to fill the place.

If you have any questions regarding your up-coming studies in Skövde and in Sweden, you may send these to me personally. My email address is [angelica.lindlof@his.se](mailto:angelica.lindlof@his.se).

Again, warmly welcome as student in our master's study programme. I am looking forward to meeting you in Skövde in August.

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