# The Swedish Institute (SI) Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP)

## Enclosure to your application for participation in the SAYP 2024

### LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM – INSTRUCTIONS

Examples of who can be your reference person

* Supervisor
* Employer/head/director
* Tutor/mentor

Examples of who **cannot** be referred to and used as reference person

* Family members/relatives
* Partners
* Friends

Individuals who demand compensation (money, goods, favors, services or other means) from you in order to give you a statement of reference.

#### Why do we require a reference person?

The referee is expected to state an opinion of the applicant from a professional perspective and thereby provide an important supplement to the letter of motivation and the curriculum vitae.

During the selection process, the reference person may be contacted by the Swedish Institute/Lund University for additional information.

#### Restrictions

The letter of reference must be completed in English and cannot exceed two pages. Any additional pages will be disregarded. In order to be valid, the letter must be dated and signed.

The letter should preferably be completed by using the template provided by the Swedish Institute/Lund University below. If, however the referee chooses to write a freeform letter of reference, the details of the applicant as well as contact details for the referee must be provided. Furthermore, the referee is encouraged to answer the questions given in the form.

The completed letter of reference is then to be scanned to PDF format (please **do not** include this instructions page in the conversion) and enclosed along with your application. A letter that is not signed will be disregarded. Please name the document “Letter of Reference 2024”. Do not include your own name.

**Information** about the SAYP programme at Lund University can be found on the [webpage of Lund University](https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/international-admissions/professional-education/capacity-building-programmes/summer-academy-young-professionals)

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| FIRST NAME of applicant (as written in the application form) |  |
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| LAST NAME of applicant (as written in the application form) |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH of applicant (YYYY-MM-DD) |  |
| CITIZENSHIP of applicant |  |

| FULL NAME of reference person |  |
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| TITLE/POSITION of reference person |  |
| ORGANISATION of reference person |  |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS of reference person |  |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER of reference person |  |

| Please state in what capacity you know the applicant |  |
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| 1. In your opinion, how would participation in the *SI Academy for Young Professionals* be valuable for the professional development of the applicant? |
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| 2. Please, evaluate the applicant’s leadership capacity and skills to contribute to development on behalf of your organisation. |
| 3. Please describe in what way your organisation would benefit if the applicant was accepted to the *SI Academy for Young Professionals* (if applicable). |
| 4. Additional remarks/comments (optional) |

Date and place Signature of reference person