



STARS NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT



2023



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we wrap up 2023, I am excited to share some of the work STARS Network has accomplished throughout the year.

With the Board of Directors in place, we have been able to expand our efforts in various areas to better support our members and the broader research community.

I am particularly excited about the launch of STARS Member Features, which highlight our members' success stories. The first few Member Features have broadcast promotions, publications, and other career advancements involving our members. If you are a STARS member and would like to share your research with us and the network, let us know [here](#).

Looking ahead into 2024, we are excited to support our members with resources and events to network and develop their research. If you have ideas for how STARS can better support you or questions about our work, please reach out to me at sofia@starsnetwork.org.

I hope you enjoy this brief summary of the work STARS Network has accomplished this year. I wish you a wonderful end to 2023 and a great start to 2024!

Sofia Seder gren-Booker



EVENTS

In 2023, STARS held four events and contributed to one more, totaling over 120 participants from 15+ countries.

- We hosted a spring and fall virtual networking fika event, each with interesting discussions about Swedish candy, summer photographs and associated stories, and Sweden's famed kanelbullens dag, with Swedish candy generously sponsored and shipped to attendees by EURAXESS North America!
- In May, STARS hosted "2023 MSCA Fellowship Information Session: Sweden," a seminar on upcoming Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) for Sweden, together with Jackson Howard and Derya Büyüktanir Karacan from EURAXESS North America. The event included talks by MSCA Sweden National Contact Points (NCPs) Dr. Isabel Dellacasa Lindberg and Dr. Erik Litborn, as well as MSCA Research Grant Specialist Dr. Ying Zhao at the Karolinska Institute.
- In November, we held "Beyond Language: Navigating Cultural Variance in the Workplace," a discussion led by Christina Rundcrantz from BBi Communication, about compassionately navigating the complexities of intercultural communication, particularly among those with professional experience in Sweden and North America.
- We wrapped up the year by participating in the first SIREUS RESEARCH Forum together with the Office of Science and Innovation at the Embassy of Sweden in the United States, presenting on the topic of "Networking: Cultivating Success in an Interconnected World."

PARTNERSHIPS

To foster transatlantic research collaborations between Swedish and North American researchers, we have developed a new information hub for release on STARS' website in 2024. This hub will include resources on research funding, relocation, and professional development. Of particular interest was the webinar on Canada EU Science, Technology & Innovation Opportunities hosted by the Mission of Canada to the EU, which provides a great overview of research funding opportunities.

STARS also connected with EURAXESS Sweden, the Young Academy of Sweden, the International House in Gothenburg, and Swedish researchers at Canadian universities to share resources and events relevant to relocating researchers and research collaborations.

We are looking forward to continued joint efforts supporting researchers who connect Sweden and North America.



[EURAXESS Sweden](#)



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[Young Academy of Sweden](#)

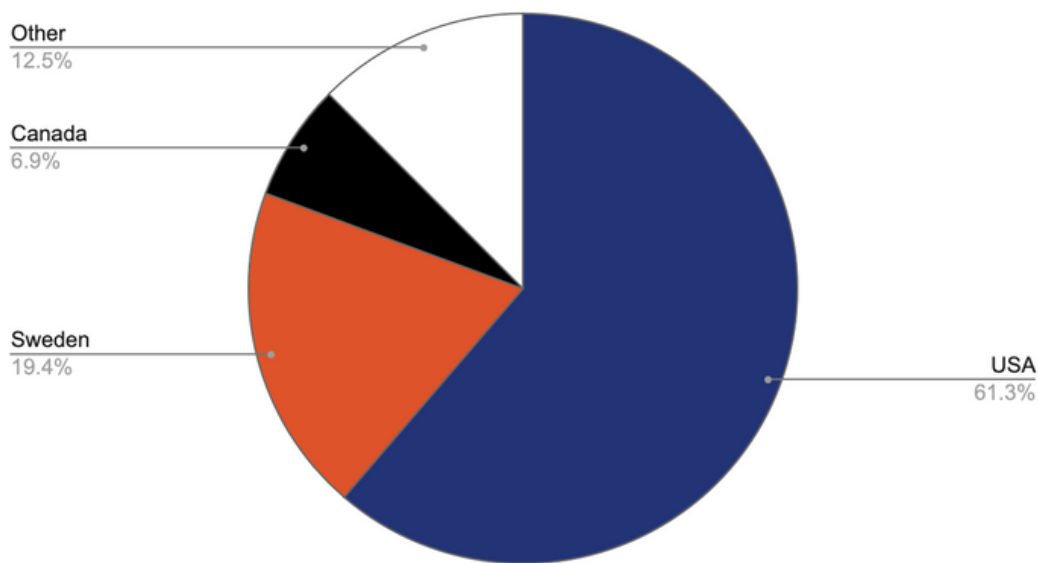
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MEMBERSHIP AND REACH

In 2023, STARS grew its membership by 17% across the regions that we serve.

STARS Members Country of Residence



STARS also increased the number of followers on social media by 32%, where we share STARS member features, upcoming event information, job and funding opportunities, and more.

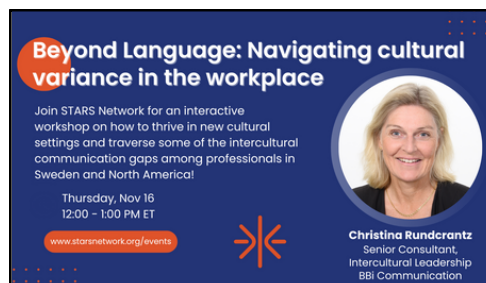


STARS Member Feature

Anja Benschaul Tolonen recently published an academic paper in the *Journal of Economics and Behavioral Organization* titled "The evolution and persistence of women's roles: Evidence from the Gold Rush."

www.starsnetwork.org/member-features

STARS Member Feature



Beyond Language: Navigating cultural variance in the workplace

Join STARS Network for an interactive workshop on how to thrive in new cultural settings and traverse some of the intercultural communication gaps among professionals in Sweden and North America!

Thursday, Nov 16
12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

www.starsnetwork.org/events

Christina Runderantz
Senior Consultant,
Intercultural Leadership
BBI Communication

Event Information



Opening:
10 • 10 • 2023

Deadline:
08 • 02 • 2024

Budget:
€96.6 million

Funding Information



We look forward to continuing expanding our network in the upcoming year and providing additional opportunities for our members.

Thank you for reading! We appreciate your support for STARS Network and are looking forward to connecting in the new year.

Happy New Year!

STARS' Board of Directors

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ABOUT STARS NETWORK

STARS (Swedish Trans-Atlantic Researchers and Scholars) Network's mission is to connect researchers, scholars, scientists, and students in North America and Sweden to foster collaborative research and mobility between the two regions by helping members grow their network, and improve access to information about funding options, research, and professional development opportunities.

STARS aims to inspire and foster transatlantic research collaborations and help members identify and navigate new professional opportunities in Sweden and North America. We develop an information hub harboring relocation, funding, and academic advice resources to support STARS members' professional development.

To learn more about STARS' work, visit our website starsnetwork.org.

