

Welcome to join

The SACC Mentor Program
for Women in International Business

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Swedish-American
Executive Women's
Conference 2009

In 2003 The Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in New York initiated an annual Conference for Executive Women from Sweden and the U.S.; “The Swedish-American Executive Women’s Conference”. The Conference provides a unique forum for business women from Sweden and the U.S. to come together to compare notes and share respective economic and cultural strengths. The goal is to create support, encouragement and valuable long-term business relationships essential for young women in their careers. This has generated an outstanding network of brilliant and remarkable business women from across a wide array of industries.

Out of the very successful Executive Women’s Conference evolved the SACC Mentor Program for Women in International Business. In 2007, the Chamber happily teamed up with Thunell, Odhnoff Sundström & Partners, a firm specializing in developing leadership and mentor programs, to launch a mentor program designed exclusively for women in business. The SACC Mentor Program for Women in International Business, a 12-month program focused on international leadership skills, is offered concurrently in both Stockholm and New York. Due to its great success, we are now delighted to offer the program on an annual basis.

Sincerely,
Renée Lundholm
President



Who should participate?

Young business women (ages 26-38) who currently work for international organizations and seek to further develop their leadership skills should apply. The program is limited to 16 mentees and mentors in each location. Mentors are carefully selected from the SACC Executive Women’s Conference network.

Leadership Seminars

Beyond introductory sessions and a Kick-Off Seminar, the program also includes several evening seminars and workshops focused on strategy discussion, leadership, and career development. The seminars also give an opportunity to share experiences, and trade insights and advice in dynamic sessions led by Yvonne Thunell, Executive Coach and Certified Mentor in Sweden and the U.S.

Mentor and Mentee: Individual Dialogues

Personal dialogues are the core of the program. Individual meetings between mentor and mentee, which take place every six weeks, give participants vital opportunities to discuss and share views on leadership levels, both from a strategic and practical perspective. The meetings are also a valuable opportunity to gain insights about professional development on a face-to-face level.

What will you gain?

Not only is the program a proven success for mentees, it is also valued by the mentors as a chance to contribute to the future successful leaders. As a participant, you will have a unique opportunity to learn from these amazing perspectives and shape your own future as an international business leader.

Participating companies

Since the inception of the program in 2007, the following companies have participated in Stockholm and New York:

Stockholm-based:

Advokatfirman Vinge, Axfood, Bonver Videodata, Consafe Logistics Consulting, Deloitte, Dialect, Electrolux, Ernst & Young, GE Real Estate, IBM, ICA, Image Group, Inditex Scandinavia, Investor AB, JP Morgan, Kreab Stockholm, Kubi LLC, Länsförsäkringar, LfV Group, Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå, MAQS Law Firm Advokatbyrå, NASDAQ-OMX, Nordea Bank, Advokatfirman Norelid & Holm, Pfizer, SAS, Scania InfoMate, SEB, Swedish Export Credit Corporation, Schering-Plough AB, Sogeti Sverige AB, Stena Gotthard, TV8, Thule, Vattenfall Power Consultants, Veolia Transport Northern Europe, Verizon Business, Volvo Personbilar Sverige AB, and Öhrlings Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

New York-based:

Accenture, BearingPoint, Canon USA, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP, Ericsson Inc, Ericson Associates LLC, Fried Frank Law Firm, H&M, IBM, iittala Inc, IQPC, KF Production, Kreab/Strategy-XXI, Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå LLP, Newmark Knight Frank, Pfizer, Pharmadule, SEB, Skanska, Svenska Handelsbanken, Time Inc., Virtus Relocation, Volvo Cars of North America, and Womens World Banking and The World Bank.



Yvonne Thunell, Program Director

Join the Program

We welcome both potential mentees and mentors to apply for the program beginning in the spring each year.

For reservations and/or more information, please contact:

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<http://www.saccny.org/main/events/about/MentorProgram>

What our participants say about the program:

“The program broadened my perspective on my career and thought processes, as well as on my demands and expectations. It is an exceptional opportunity to have uniquely in-depth discussions.”

Susanna Francke, Brand manager, Pfizer AB
Mentee, Stockholm 2007

“I gained a lot of insight about myself, about my strengths and weaknesses. I also got help in organizing myself at work and in delegating in better ways. I now have less stress at my work.”

Helena Andersson, Planning and Reporting Mgr, Schering+Plough
Mentee, Stockholm 2007

“I have really gained a lot of insights. Getting to know so many women in senior roles both as mentees and mentors – and on a professional and personal level – has been great and valuable.”

Angelica Wadeborn, Head of Marketing, Marsh & McLennan Co.
Mentee, New York 2007

“I found this experience absolutely fantastic and inspiring in so many ways. I would recommend it to anyone interested in growing professionally.”

Marie-Louise Adlercreutz, Conference Director IQPC
Mentee, New York 2007

“It is incredibly rewarding to feel that one is helpful to someone else in developing their career. I have been part of mentoring efforts in the past that lose steam after a few months. Instead, the design of this program made the sessions get increasingly meaningful as people got to know each other better.”

Cathinka Wahlström, Managing Director, Accentue
Mentor, New York 2007

“It has been a great opportunity to reflect over my own career and future development. The program also gives an opportunity to learn how other successful women are managing their careers, family, and business opportunities”

Anita Karlsson- Dion, Vice President Finance and Operations, IBM
Mentor, New York 2007 & 2008

“The SACC’s Mentoring Program offers an expansive program of professional development for young women....and unique insight and creative opportunities for the seasoned executive.”

Yvonne Ericson Owner, Ericson Associates LLC
Mentor, New York 2008

“The surprising thing about being a mentor is that you don’t expect that you, too, will learn and grow from the experience. The SACC program has assembled an impressive group of women whose success never fails to inspire me. The mentors are examples that, still, it’s possible to succeed - and more, that it is possible to succeed on a global, multi-national scale.”

Cole Ruth, Communications and Brand Manager Skanska USA
Mentor, New York 2007 & 2008





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