

What is the difference between a Send-off event and a Pre-departure event?

Pre-departure events target students who have received an offer of admission from a Swedish university but *have not necessarily accepted* the offer yet. The purpose of the event is both to prepare students for studying in Sweden but perhaps more importantly also to make them want to accept the offer they have received from a Swedish university.

A pre-departure event should be held in **April or early May**, before the deadline when students have to accept their offer.

Pre-departure events are normally **organised by a Swedish embassy or consulate**, but preferably with the help of alumni.

Send-off events target students who *have accepted their offer* from a Swedish university and are about to go to Sweden for studies or research. The purpose is to prepare students for their time in Sweden but also to make them feel part of the alumni community.

The events are normally held sometime **June-August**, before students have left for Sweden.

Send-off events can be less formal and more relaxed than pre-departure events.