

Reception Policy

The Medical Students' Association's (Medicinska Föreningen, MF) reception policy covers all reception activities organized by MF's committees, sections, and other student union bodies, and applies throughout the entire reception period. All senior students involved in reception activities in any way are subject to this policy, regardless of where the reception activities take place.

Please note that any reception participant who knowingly or unknowingly violates this policy may become the subject of a disciplinary case.

Purpose of the Reception

- The reception shall actively work to give all newly admitted students the best possible start at Karolinska Institutet (KI).
- The reception shall provide a proper introduction to student and academic life at KI.
- The reception shall provide newly admitted students with a social network, a sense of belonging to KI and MF, and create cohesion with classmates and senior students.

Terminology

New students are called Amphioxes until the end of the reception.

Senior students engaged in reception activities, regardless of their level of involvement, are referred to as "buddies" ("mottagare").

The reception period lasts from the first day of reception until 8:00 AM the day after the Amphiox Banquet (Amphioxgasque). If a section's reception continues beyond the Amphiox Banquet, the reception period continues until 8:00 AM the day after the final reception activity.

Fundamental Principles

- The reception is for newly admitted student members.
- Participation is voluntary for Amphiox, and a "no" must always be respected.
- Reception participants value all engagement from new students but may never force anyone to participate.
- The reception shall strive to:
 - Ensure new students gain knowledge of their rights and responsibilities as students, as well as opportunities for engagement in educational matters, student democracy, business relations, and social activities.
 - Give new students as enjoyable a reception as possible, and a complete picture of MF.
 - Foster a good atmosphere between committees, sections, and other union bodies, showing respect for other sections, programs, and organizations.
 - Encourage as many new students as possible to take part in the reception and to learn about the benefits of becoming MF members and getting involved in the union.
 - Ensure all new students have equal opportunities to participate, regardless of personal circumstances.
 - Prevent bullying and exclusion among students.
 - Promote diversity among the reception group.
 - Ensure everyone has fun, feels well, and enjoys themselves.

Responsibilities

Section boards and reception coordinators

The section board has the ultimate responsibility for all reception activities within their section. The section chair is expected to lead the work. The section board must always maintain the insight and control required to fulfill this responsibility.

Reception coordinators within the sections ensure that the reception is carried out in practice, that the purpose is achieved, and that current rules are presented to and signed by all reception participants.

Reception participants must be informed about and approve the reception policy before the reception takes place. Reception coordinators are responsible for ensuring this happens. They are also responsible for making sure that everyone (both reception participants and Amphiox) knows where to turn if they see or experience something unacceptable.

They must also ensure that newly admitted students are given sufficient information to be able to participate on their own terms.

Committees

Committees arranging reception activities hold full responsibility for their activities. Committee chairs are expected to lead the work, and the committee must maintain the insight and control needed to carry out this responsibility.

Responsible at activities

It must always be clear who is responsible for each ongoing activity. These persons must be sober and either visibly marked or introduced clearly. They must be familiar with MF's reception policy and have access to necessary contact information, such as reception coordinators, security staff, and MF's presidium.

Financial responsibility

For events with costs, discounted prices must always be offered to MF members.

Behavior towards Amphiox

- Reception activities may not involve actions that are degrading to new students, individually or in groups.
- Activities or pressure involving nudity are prohibited.
- Reception participants may not exploit, favor, or misuse their position towards new students during the reception period.
 - For example, a mentor may not initiate a romantic or sexual relationship with a new student, nor may new students be singled out for activities others cannot participate in.
 - All new students should have equal opportunities to participate in activities during the reception.
- Reception participants must lead by example and behave in a respectful and positive manner.

Alcohol and Festivities

Alcohol culture

- Pressure to drink alcohol must not occur. Drinking alcohol must always be a voluntary choice, and reception participants must not encourage it.
- Reception participants must set a good example and demonstrate a healthy attitude towards alcohol.
- Alcohol-free beverages equivalent to alcoholic ones must always be offered and presented attractively.

Safety

- At each event where alcohol is served and reception participants attend as guests, at least two sober reception participants must be present, clearly known to new students. They must remain available throughout the event.

Relations with Other Parties

- Derogatory remarks or activities at the expense of MF, other student bodies, or KI must not occur.
- Reception participants must always show respect for KI property, staff, and all others on campus, and inform new students to do the same.
- Contact with news media must always be referred to MF's presidium.
- It is especially important that both reception participants and new students behave appropriately outside KI's premises, as they represent KI and MF in the public eye.
 - Activities that may be perceived as offensive, disturbing, or disruptive to others, participants, or public order must not take place.