

Resident Teacher Needed at Yeshin Norbu Meditation Centre Stockholm, Sweden

We are seeking a Resident Teacher who will mainly teach dharma courses and lead retreats at Yeshin Norbu about nine-ten months per year, starting in August 2024, for ideally two years or longer.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a growing Dharma community, contributing to strengthening dharma in this part of the world, whilst living and working in a European setting with easy access to other surrounding countries too.

Yeshin Norbu is a young and growing center located in Stockholm. In spite of the small scale of our center we still have been blessed by having many prominent visiting teachers visiting us over the years such as Jhado Rinpoche, Tengyur Rinpoche, Geshe Thubten Sherab, Venerable Robina just to mention a few.

Due to the presence of our current resident teacher, who has been teaching at Yeshin Norbu for the past three years, the center is experiencing a steady and growing community of dedicated dharma students. Our current teacher has been offering weekly Discovering Buddhism classes for entry level students, Lam Rim for more advanced, weekly drop-in meditation sessions, dharma practice days, weekend retreats and pujas. Occasionally our teacher has also been teaching in study groups and centers in Finland, Gothenburg and Riga. Due to family reasons, our current teacher has to leave his position by June 2024, hence we are now looking for a replacement teacher.

Being one of the most northern FPMT centers in Europe and also due to being very young (the center has operated for approximately five years), the center sees great value in having the presence of a resident teacher, as a way of strengthening and promoting this precious lineage in this part of the world (Sweden in particular being a very secular country). A number of students at the center are also quite new to dharma and benefit from continuity, as well as having close contact with an experienced teacher as a way to help encourage dialogue and answer questions etc. It is thereby useful if the teacher has some ability to communicate in English, as well as ideally have some understanding of a western mind set in order to better communicate and meet students from various backgrounds.



Role Responsibilities

- The resident teacher will mainly teach weekly classes two evening a week and drop-in meditation once a week.
- Foundational level course such as Discovering Buddhism and/or Exploring Buddhism.
- One intermediate or advanced level course in Lam Rim or equivalent.
- Offer regular Lam Rim and DB related practice days on a monthly basis.
- Occasionally offer weekend Lam Rim retreats and ideally Nyung-Nä retreats.
- Lead Medicine Buddha and Tara puja, on a monthly basis and other special occasions.
- Be involved in other dharma related activities such as Animal Liberation day.

The ideal candidate will

- Be a student of or have great respect for Lama Zopa Rinpoche
- Be an FPMT Foundational or In-Depth Buddhism registered teacher
- Have broad experience leading meditations, teaching courses and some retreat experience
- Have great enthusiasm introducing the Dharma to new students and supporting experienced students in deepening their knowledge and understanding
- Be confident in teaching and conversing in English
- Have excellent communication skills
- Work closely together with a the center director and the SPC
- Enjoy participating in social activities with the local Dharma community
- Have a close relationship with main monasteries in Nepal, India or other monastic settings



Remuneration

- Monthly allowance, also during breaks if a two-year contract
- Private accommodation
- Visa and travel costs
- Health insurance
- One months free time during our annual winter break in December and two months in the Summer.

Please send a motivation letter stating why you would like to offer service to the FPMT's organisation, sentient beings and our Dharma community by becoming Yeshin Norbu's next resident teacher in Stockholm. Please also include a CV or list of your study and retreat experiences to Carina Thorén (Director) at: director@yeshinnorbu.se

For more detailed information or questions about this position, please contact Carina at: director@yeshinnorbu.se

In line with the FPMT policy, the new Resident and Visiting Teachers Committee will be consulted as part of the process of recruitment.

Application deadline: February 15th 2024

