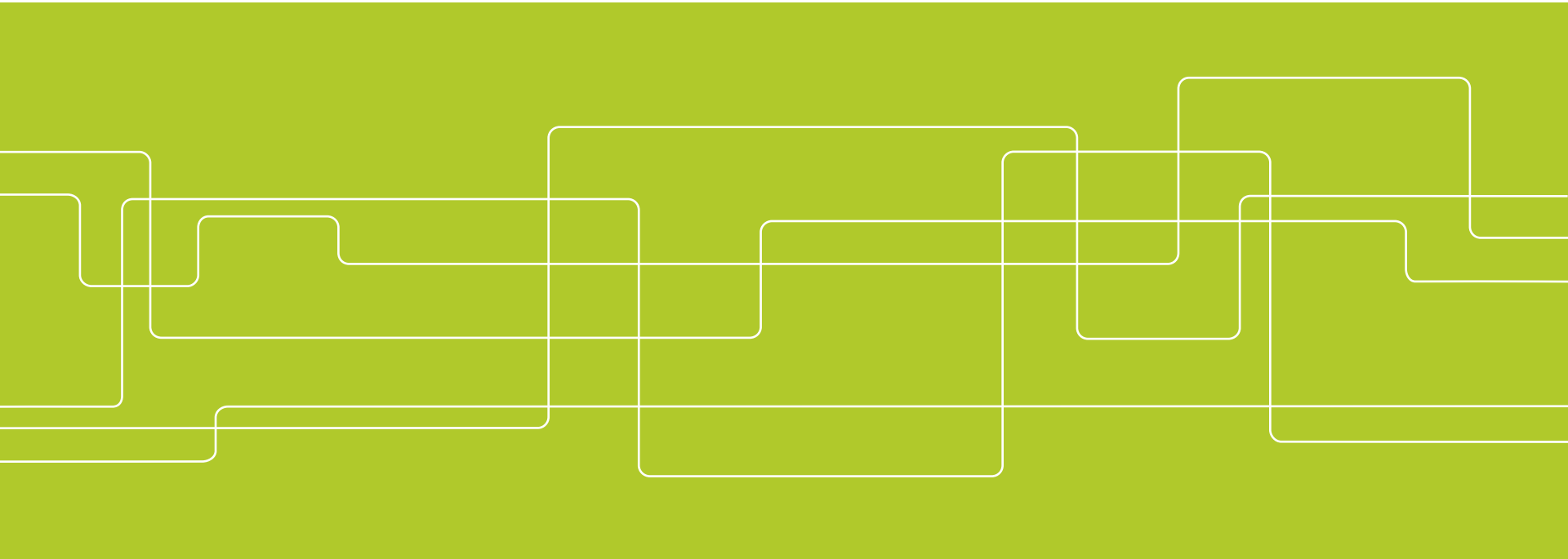




# ARC - Academic Resource Centre

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- Pre-study 2011-2012
- To improve student retention
  - Support in subjects such as academic writing mathematics, information retrieval, study technique and career development.
- Start, spring 2013



## ARC is placed ...

- ARC belongs to the ECE School (School of Education and Communication in Engineering Science) and consists of a coordinator and a working group
  
- ARC is placed at the library



## Development Plan 2013 – 2017

The Academic Resource Centre (ARC), introduced in 2012, **should be developed into a well-established and integrated part of educational activities**. It will consist of a wide range of services for the students; **from admission to graduation**.

ARC's range of services will be easily accessible for all KTH students at all campuses and on the Internet.



# ARC support students in:

- Academic Writing: Seminars and individual support in / on:
  - Writing Process
  - Practicing oral presentation
  - Structure of texts
  - Language support in English and Swedish
  - Academic style



# ARC support students in:

- Academic Writing
- Tutorials on information management (information retrieval, search strategies, databases, reference management, Open Access ...)



# ARC support students in:

- Academic Writing
- Tutorials on information management
- Career Development: seminars and individual coaching to help students feel confident when it is time to enter working life



# ARC support students in:

- Academic Writing
- Tutorials on information management
- Career Development
- Language Café (at the Main Library): For sharing language and culture. (neither a language course nor a formal class)
  - Japanese speakers meet on Mondays
  - Spanish speakers on Tuesdays
  - Chinese and Swedish speakers on Wednesdays
  - German speakers on Thursdays
  - French and English speakers on Fridays





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- Academic Writing
- Tutorials on information management
- Career Development
- Language Café
- Tandem Language Learning: Opportunity to become learning partners with another student at KTH to learn a new language.



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- Talking Books Centre: Support students with reading impairment



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- Study technique: Seminars / workshop in order to improve students study skills.



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- Study technique
- Math & programming support in Swedish for graduate students (student-student)



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Lunch seminars (Tuesdays & Thursdays). **We offer a free sandwich!**

Individual tutoring



## After 5 years...

Marketing ARC for:

- Students
- Teachers
- Study counselors
- Visible at student web
- Students union newsletter
- Presentation of ARC for first year students



# After 5 years...

**Autumn semester:** Focus on study technique, source criticism, reference management, support for students with disabilities, career development, language learning ...

## **Spring semester:**

- Focus on thesis projects (bachelor and master): seminars on information management, academic writing (structure, writing process, academic style...), presentation technique ...
- *An international long night against procrastination:* The idea comes from Germany. There, students expressed the need for more support and advice on writing over a longer time, preferably throughout the night...In the Swedish version we offer lot of mini seminars, tutorials, and practical help with writing, information retrieval, reference management, oral presentation... (apprecierad by students).



## After 5 years...

- Doubled the number of participants
- Good grades

ARC is now running well





# Seminars, Autumn 2017

Tuesday 19/9 – “Great habits – great students” - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Thursday 28/9 – Learn how to improve your pronunciation in English - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Thursday 5/10 – Structure your writing for clear communication - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Thursday 12/10 – Engineering across culture – the basic dos and don'ts - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Tuesday 31/10 - Are you a creative engineer with new ideas? - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Thursday 9/11- Reference management software-Basic introduction - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Tuesday 14/11 – Career Development for Master students, step 1-5 (Nov) - The South East Gallery, KTH Library

Thursday 7/12 - How can DiVA help you? Using KTH publication database in your studies - The South East Gallery, KTH Library