What is SwOFF?
SwOFF is the Swedish Research School in Organic Farming and Food Systems. The research school begins in autumn 2002 and is, among other things, going to act to establish good relations with international programs and networks within the area of organic and sustainable agriculture.

The research school is part of the research programme for ecological agricultural production financed by Formas (The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning). The financing for the whole programme is 69 milj. SEK (7.3 milj. ¤) during 2002-2004. SwOFF is primary intended for the post-graduate students within this programme. The courses are however open for other Swedish and International PhD students, some of the courses are also open for MSc-students.

The goals
SwOFF aims to:
• coordinate and develop disciplinary and interdisciplinary PhD education (courses, seminars and workshops) within organic/sustainable agriculture,
• give the students an interdisciplinary perspective and stimulate interdisciplinary cooperation with focus on studies of whole systems and methods of so called participating research,
• promote the development of new methods within the interdisciplinary research area sustainable agriculture,
• stimulate, encourage and support publishing and wide distribution of research results from the PhD-projects in the Formas research program,
• act to establish good relations with international programs and networks, and facilitate for the students to do research at research institutes abroad.

Where is SwOFF located?
The administration of SwOFF is located at the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, CUL, at the Swedish university of agricultural sciences, Uppsala.

Courses
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The Centre for Sustainable Agriculture – CUL, is a focal-point for researchers and institutions interested in research, development, education and information related to ecological agriculture. CUL co-ordinates activities and promotes co-operation. It takes an active part in the work of developing interdisciplinary research methods.