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FAKE DEGREES FROM FAKE UNIVERSITIES

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Unfortunately there are so many lies, there is so much fraud in science. And science is a big business according to a [new report](#)

According to Hesselbäck, in Sweden it's not illegal for a job applicant to submit qualifications from a fake university, although it is a crime to forge an academic transcript or degree from a legitimate university. The relevant laws vary by country.

Occasionally I had doubts on MD/PhD or professoral titles shown on badges while it is particular annoying if legal and illegal titles are even mixing...

In Norway, he adds, it is a criminal offence to submit credentials from a fake university, but the burden of proof has to be strong. At the federal level, the United States does not explicitly prohibit the issuing, holding or advertising of bogus degrees, although some states have laws banning them. In practice, individual holders of phoney medical degrees have surrendered their licences or been removed from their positions.

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