

Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award (All Disciplines)

Award Autogenerated Code

10388-FI

Region

Europe and Eurasia

Country

Finland

Award Type

Fulbright Scholar Award

Number of Recipients

Up To 2

Stipend

The stipend includes a monthly grant and free housing for the scholar and his/her accompanying family.

The monthly grant is 2,700 EUR (approx. \$3,200), paid out in euro in monthly installments.

The University of Turku will arrange and cover the cost of housing for the scholar and his/her family. Applicants should communicate their housing needs to the host institution during the application process, so that appropriate housing can be arranged for them. In most cases the housing is offered at the university guest apartments, which are right next to the campus area. The newly completed building has furnished one-bedroom apartments for visitors. The apartments are 37,5 - 40 m² with bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room. The apartments can accommodate 1-3 persons. The apartments are well furnished and equipped with kitchen facilities. Each apartment has a wired internet connection, a television and a separate air conditioning, among other things. Cleaning once a month is included. Those who are travelling with larger family and need larger apartment, should inform the host about this, so that alternative accommodation can be ensured.

There are no separate allowances for accompanying dependents.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

A one-time travel allowance of \$1,800 is provided

Dependent Tuition Allowance

No dependent tuition allowance is offered, but K-12 education in Finland is generally free or heavily subsidized.

The Finnish school system is considered one of the best in the world. Finland has been one of the top performers in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), an ongoing study administered every three years that tests the math, reading and science literacy of 15-year-olds in OECD nations. Average group sizes in basic education in Finland have for a long time been below the OECD average.

Instruction in English is available in Helsinki and other bigger cities at kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, as well as at the university level.

Early childhood education is pedagogically planned education, teaching and care, with carefully considered developmental goals. All early education teachers and caretakers are trained within national guidelines. Families are expected to pay a small fee for public daycare/päiväkoti (approx. €200-400 EUR/month) even though it is heavily subsidized. Private daycares may cost more. Usually, one of the parents stays at home with children until they are nine months old.

Preschool education prepares children for comprehensive school. Children normally enter preschool education at the age of six and comprehensive school at the age of seven. After comprehensive school (grades 1-9), students enter upper secondary institutes that include upper secondary school and vocational institutes. Finnish schools are generally free of charge, although some special schools, such as private international schools, may charge tuition.

In universities, non-EU students pay tuition fees in English-taught Bachelor's or Master's degree programs.

Helpful links:

<https://www.infofinland.fi/en/living-in-finland/education> ^[1]

Candidate Profile

Academics, all levels including early career

Activity Type

Research

Teaching

Teaching/Research

Application Deadline

Closed

Award Activity

The award is meant for conducting research and/or lecturing in any field represented in the seven faculties and five independent units at the [University of Turku](#) [3]. In addition to the award that is open for all fields represented at the University of Turku, there is an additional grant available for INVEST Research Flagship in the academic year 2022-23. INVEST Research Flagship has research groups in Sociology, Psychology and Child Psychiatry. INVEST aims at providing a new model for the welfare states that is more equal, better targeted to problem groups, more anticipatory as well as economically and socially sustainable.

Faculties at UTU:

- [Education](#) [4]
- [Humanities](#) [5]
- [Law](#) [6]
- [Medicine](#) [7]
- [Science](#) [8]
- [Social Sciences](#) [9]
- [Technology](#) [10]
- [Turku School of Economics](#) [11]

In addition, research activities and learning take place at independent units, e.g. at the [Turku Center for Biotechnology](#) [12] and [Turku PET \(Positron Emission Tomography\) Center](#) [13] – both acknowledged worldwide for their quality research. Moreover, Faculty of Humanities hosts the national [John Morton Center](#) [14].

The award can be awarded for any field represented at the University of Turku.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the host department, faculty or research program to work together in designing the activities.

The Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award is jointly funded by the University of Turku and the Fulbright Finland Foundation (the Finnish Fulbright commission).

Award Length

Three to twelve months

Award Dates

Awards begin in August or September 2022, January 2023, or as separately agreed upon with the host institution and the Fulbright Finland Foundation. The academic year runs from September through mid-May (fall semester: September to mid-December; spring semester: January to mid-May). There is generally no teaching from June to August.

Locations

[The University of Turku](#) [3] (UTU) is an international research university and an active academic community of nearly 24,000 students and employees from over 100 countries. As one of the leading universities in Finland, the University of Turku offers study and research opportunities in seven faculties and five independent units in three campuses Turku, Pori and Rauma; expertise ranging from humanities to natural sciences. The University's aim and ambition is to provide students with innovative problem-solving skills and a high-standard, multidisciplinary education based on the latest high-quality research.

Research at UTU is profiled through the following thematic collaborations:

- Biodiversity and sustainability
- Future technologies and digital society
- Cultural memory and social change
- Children, young people and learning
- Health, diagnostics and drug development
- Sea and maritime studies

The Turku Campus of the University of Turku is located close to the city center and the Aura river nearby the other higher education institutions, Turku Science Park companies, and the Turku University Hospital. The campus area extends from Turku Cathedral all the way to the Kupittaa railway station. All the important services for students, personnel, and visitors alike are found close to the campus. Getting around everywhere is handy either by walking, cycling, or by the Föli city buses.

The joint goal of the higher education institutions of Turku and the City of Turku is to be Finland's best student city! Active student life, easy and well-functioning public transport, and affordable housing are Turku's great assets. As many as 99% of the city's students of higher education institutions recommend Turku as a student city to their friends. The University of Turku is the most international university in Finland (THE Rankings 2016). Thanks to the outstanding services, compact campus and active academic community, international scholars and students feel at home from the very beginning of their stay.

The University of Turku is among the TOP 1 % of universities worldwide (QS University World Ranking 2018). The University's research is diverse and international. The aim is to apply an interdisciplinary approach to research in order to increase its quality and societal effectiveness. The University is part of the international academic community and also participates actively in the development of its region.

Located only 150 kilometers west of the capital city of Helsinki, Turku is very well-connected, including daily ferry and air connections to Stockholm, Sweden. Therefore, it serves as an excellent base for exploring Finland and the other Nordic countries. Turku itself also offers a variety of both cultural and sport activities and events as well as opportunities to relax on nature trails or by the seaside.

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Applications are sought in all disciplines

Special Features

The University of Turku provides the scholar and his/her family with free housing and working facilities at the University. The scholar will be provided with a monthly grant, round-trip travel, and a supplemental accident and sickness benefit for the grant period.

Additionally, the scholar will receive the full support services provided by the Fulbright Finland Foundation for all Fulbright grantees in Finland.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Additional Qualification Information

During the selection process, some applicants may be invited to a Zoom call in mid-January 2022.

A candidate for The Fulbright – University of Turku Scholar Award must hold a Ph.D. degree (or other terminal degree) and should have several years' teaching and research experience in his/her field. The candidate must be a U.S. citizen. Proposals for medical research involving clinical training, patient care or patient contact are not eligible.

In addition to the general evaluation criteria, candidates in all Fulbright programs are reviewed on the project's contribution to the objectives of the Fulbright Program as well as on the adaptability and suitability of the candidate to act as a Fulbright Ambassador for the U.S. in Finland.

Additional Language Requirement

An international scholar does not need Finnish or Swedish in order to be able to live in Finland. English is widely spoken in academic circles.

All teaching can be conducted in English, and research work usually does not require knowledge of Finnish or Swedish. However, should the candidate's planned research project specifically require Swedish or Finnish, feasibility of conducting research must be demonstrated in the project statement.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional.

Additional Comments

University of Turku:

Applicants are encouraged to contact the host department, faculty or research program to work together in designing the grant activities. Please contact the contact persons at the university in any general questions about the university or if you need assistance in locating a potential host at the university.

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Fulbright Finland Foundation encourages potential applicants to visit its [website](#) ^[15] for further information and contact the office directly with any questions:

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Helpful Links

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[Visit Turku](#) ^[19]
[This is Finland](#) ^[20]

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Award Length Filter

Three to five months

Six to 10 months

More than 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

NOTE: July and August are traditionally summer vacation months in Finland and responses to inquiries may be considerably delayed. Applicants are advised to contact the Finnish host institution well ahead of time if they have any questions about the grant or if they wish to obtain an invitation letter from the host.

It is also recommended to work together with the host to plan the work program relevant for both the grantee and the host. The hosts might receive several enquiries, so it is advisable to make the contact with the host at the earliest stage.

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Award Year

[2022-2023 Awards](#) ^[21]

Special Award Benefits

Fulbright Scholars at UTU are offered a full range of services incl. help and advice for relocation and orientation, Finnish for beginner's courses, staff training, and sports services. UTU also wants to contribute to it's international staff's accompanying family settling-in well in Finland and Turku. Information on Finnish language courses, day care and schools, as well as leisure time activities and networking is available. More information at: <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/for-visitors> ^[22]

The Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki also arranges a four-day [orientation seminar](#) ^[23] for scholars at the end of August, which scholars arriving for the fall semester are expected to attend. An orientation meeting is also arranged for scholars arriving in January. In addition, the Fulbright Finland Foundation organizes seminars and other events throughout the academic year for the Fulbright scholars to deepen their understanding of the Finnish culture.

The grantee will also be eligible, free of charge, to participate in a Fulbright Finland pre-approved summer school in Finland consisting of courses on Finnish language, culture and society, pending availability of suitable programs.

Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient. However, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

Career Profile

Early Career Academics

Mid-Career Academics

Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award can choose to:

- Advise and/or mentor students
- Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project
- Conduct a research project designated by the host institution
- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses of the applicant's choosing

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Links

- [1] <https://www.infofinland.fi/en/living-in-finland/education>
- [2] <https://minedu.fi/en/general-education>
- [3] <https://www.utu.fi/en>
- [4] <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-education>
- [5] <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-humanities>
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- [7] <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-medicine>
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- [14] <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences/john-morton-center>
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