Mid-Career Professional Development

Award Autogenerated Code
10592-FI

Region
Europe and Eurasia

Country
Finland

Award Type
Fulbright Scholar Award

Number of Recipients
Up To 3

Stipend

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

Please note: amounts in USD are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

There are no separate allowances for accompanying dependents in any category.

Housing benefits are not available for scholars in the Mid-Career Professional Development Program, who arrange and pay for their own housing.

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://minedu.fi/en/general-education

Candidate Profile
Professionals

Activity Type
Professional Project
Application Deadline
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Award Activity

The aim of the award is to allow professionals in various fields to take a sabbatical leave of four to five months from normal work duties to pursue further education or training that would enhance their professional development and the field at large. The applicants should be at a point in their careers when maximum benefit will ensue from this period of professional enrichment. **The focus of the award cannot be aimed at academic research or lecturing projects.**

The applicant should create a project that may include studies, practical experience in actual operations, visits to organizations in the applicant's professional field, public lectures or other appropriate professional experiences. The applicant's project plan should include a concrete description of the planned activities during the grant period as well as the expected benefits for completing the project for the applicant and his/her professional field.

Please note that the MCPD awards, which are unique to Finland, use the Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar application form. However, the **MCPD award is not meant for academic research.**

Award Length
Four to five months

Award Dates
Awards must begin in August/September 2022 or January 2023, or must be separately agreed upon with the host institution and the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

Locations
Applicants must arrange affiliation and include a letter of invitation from the host institution in Finland. Possible affiliations include government organizations, universities, museums, art institutions, nonprofits and private businesses, among others. See examples of the projects of previous Mid-Career Professional Development program grantees on the Fulbright Finland Foundation website.

Flex Option
No

Discipline Type
Applications are sought in all disciplines

Degree Requirements
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Qualification Information

The award is meant for mid-career professionals with a minimum of seven years of experience. Emphasis is on professional qualifications and expertise. A university degree is not required.

Applicants must arrange affiliation and include a letter of invitation. The invitation should conform to the project and dates of visit and state facilities offered.

Proposals for medical research involving clinical training, patient care or patient contact are not eligible.

Additional Language Requirement
Activities can be conducted in English. Proficiency in another language is not required.

However, should the candidate’s planned project specifically require Finnish, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

Invitation Requirement
A letter of invitation is required.

Additional Comments
Fulbright Finland Foundation encourages potential applicants to visit its website for further information and contact the office directly with any questions:

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Helpful Links

Fulbright Finland Foundation [4]
Information on the Mid-Career Professional Development Program [5] on the Fulbright Finland Foundation website
This is Finland [6] (Finnish culture, politics, history, society etc.)
Visit Finland [7]

Multi-Country/Area Award
No

Award Length Filter
Three to five months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

NOTE: July is traditionally a summer vacation month in Finland and responses to inquiries may be delayed. Applicants are advised to contact the Finnish host institution well ahead of time to solicit an invitation letter for their application.

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Award Year
2022-2023 Awards [8]

Special Award Benefits

The MCPD grantee will receive the full support services provided by the Fulbright Finland Foundation for all Fulbright grantees in Finland.

The Fulbright Finland Foundation in Helsinki also arranges a four-day orientation seminar 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.

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

Career Profile
Artists
Higher Education Administrators and Executives
Professionals

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project

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[8] https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2022-2023-awards