All Disciplines

Award Autogenerated Code
10608-FI

Region
Europe and Eurasia

Country
Finland

Award Type
Fulbright Scholar Award

Number of Recipients
Up To 6

Stipend
The monthly grant is 2,700 EUR (approx. 3,200 USD), 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 for the scholar and his/her family is expected to be arranged and paid for by the host institution. This information should be confirmed in the letter of invitation. Applicants should communicate their housing needs to the host institution during the application process so that appropriate housing can be arranged for them.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

A one-time travel allowance of 1,800 USD is provided.

For Flex grants: round trip travel will be included for each portion of the grant.

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:


Candidate Profile
Academics, all levels including early career

**Activity Type**
Teaching
Teaching/Research

**Application Deadline**
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

**Award Activity**

The purpose of the award is to offer U.S. scholars the possibility to teach or teach/research in any discipline. The scholar is expected to teach and participate in research work according to the agreement between the candidate and the host.

**Research-only grants are not available.**

For teaching/research awards, applicants should discuss the teaching/research ratio with the host institution before requesting an invitation letter (e.g. lectures, modules or entire courses).

**Award Length**
Four to nine months. Most grants are for four to five months. In compelling situations, a nine month grant will be considered.
For Flex grants, see Flex Option box.

**Award Dates**
Preferably grants begin in August/September 2022, or January 2023, or must be 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).

The Finnish host institution can give details on the term structure and teaching periods.

**Locations**
Candidates are expected to secure an affiliation with a Finnish institution and include a letter of invitation in the application. Assistance in locating possible host institutions and making connections is available from the Fulbright Finland Foundation if needed. You can find a list of Finnish universities and universities of applied sciences online.

Read also our tips for finding a host university in Finland.

**Flex Option**
Yes

**Flex Description**

Flex is designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country. This option allow awards to be conducted over short segments.

Short-term Flex awards for teaching and teaching/research are available during the fall and/or spring semesters in two segments, each a minimum of two months and a maximum of three months, over two consecutive academic years.

Interested applicants should clearly indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.

**Discipline Type**
Applications are sought in all disciplines

**Degree Requirements**
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

**Additional Qualification Information**

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 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
This is Finland (Finnish culture, politics, history, society, etc.)
Finnish Ministry of Education (for links to Finnish university home pages)
Finnish Ministry of Education (for links to Finnish university of applied sciences - polytechnics - home pages)
Finnish Ministry of Education (for links to research centers in Finland)

Multi-Country/Area Award
No

Award Length Filter
Flex
Three to five months
Six to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

Teaching/research applicants should discuss details regarding teaching/research ratio, number and level of courses, modules or lectures taught, etc. with the host institution. The host institution should include this information in detail in the letter of invitation along with the length and dates of the proposed visit.

Housing for the scholar and his/her family is expected to be arranged and paid for by the host institution. This information should be confirmed in the letter of invitation. Potential hosts can refer to these instructions when writing a letter of invitation.

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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Special Award Benefits

Housing for the scholar is expected to be arranged and paid for by the host institution. This information must be confirmed in the letter of invitation.

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
Early Career Academics
Mid-Career Academics
Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses of the applicant’s choosing