



RURALIA VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute Visiting Scholars Programme offers experienced scholars in the field of rural studies the opportunity to spend 1-2 months during the academic year 2017–2018 with a multi-disciplinary team of researchers while contributing to the knowledge of the Ruralia Institute. It is expected that the collaboration leads to the preparation and execution of joint research projects.

The Ruralia Institute has two units. One is located in Seinäjoki, Western Finland, the other one in Mikkeli, Eastern Finland. The applicant of the Scholarship is free to come to either of these units in accordance with his/her research interests. The Ruralia Institute supports the stay with a scholarship.

The call for scholarship applications will be open from 1 March until 2 May 2017.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Eligibility: Scholars holding a PhD degree in a field relevant to the research profile of the Ruralia Institute residing outside of Finland.
2. Duration: minimum one, maximum two months between September 2017 and June 2018.
3. Conditions: The Visiting Scholar takes part in the activities of the research community of the Ruralia Institute, including in seminars, and is expected to give a presentation on his/her research.
4. Amount of the scholarship: € 2300 per month.
5. Working conditions: the Visiting Scholar is provided with office facilities, including a computer, as the general services of the University of Helsinki, such as the e-libraries.

APPLICATIONS

Applications in English are to be sent to ruralia-instituutti@helsinki.fi by 2 May, 2017 and must comprise:

- a motivation letter, including activity plan, describing the fields of research in Ruralia Institute that are of interest to the applicant and demonstrating how the scholarship will advance the applicant's co-operation with Ruralia Institute (max. 2 pages)
- recent CV (max 4 pages)
- list of ten selected key publications

SELECTION PROCESS

The applications are evaluated by the executive group of the Ruralia Institute who will decide by 31 May 2017. Successful applicants will be personally informed of their selection. The names of the Scholars will be published on the website of the Ruralia Institute by 12 June 2017.

PRACTICALITIES

As the scholarship is a grant and not a salary, it is tax-free income in Finland. Consequently, visiting scholars are not employees of the University of Helsinki and do not have any staff benefits, such as insurance or occupational health care. Visiting Scholars are required to arrange their own health, medical and other insurance and will be required to prove that their insurances are valid throughout their stay as Visiting Scholars.

Useful links to sites giving information on living in Seinäjoki, Mikkeli, and in Finland at:

- www.seinajoki.fi/en
- www.visitmikkeli.fi/en/page/2
- www.expat-finland.com

More about the Ruralia Institute at: www.helsinki.fi/ruralia/index_eng.htm

More about the University of Helsinki at: www.helsinki.fi/university/index.html

Both units of the Ruralia Institute belong to the university consortiums of their home towns.

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