



Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Scholars Programme Aleksanteri Visiting Fellowships 2014–2015

THE FELLOWSHIP

- Is intended for scholars who hold a PhD degree in a field relevant to the Aleksanteri Institute's [research agenda](#) and whose place of residence is outside of Finland.
- Is intended for a period of 1–3 months between 1 August 2014 and 30 June 2015.
- Involves a research stay at the Aleksanteri Institute, during which visiting fellows are expected to be present at the Aleksanteri Institute and to participate actively in AI's academic activities.
- Provides the opportunity to conduct research and interact with the Russian and Eastern European studies community in Finland.
- Grant-holders are expected to contribute to the advancement of Eurasian studies in general and to the research agenda of the Aleksanteri Institute in particular.
- Grant-holders will present their research at a seminar organised by the Aleksanteri Institute and, preferably, also contribute to the Institute's publications and other seminars.
- Visiting scholars are required to have excellent command of written and oral English.
- Carries a monthly grant of €2,700 to cover all expenses related to the stay in Helsinki (including accommodation, travel, visas, etc.)
- Provides visiting fellows with office space and IT facilities, as well as use of the Institute's in-house library and other University of Helsinki libraries, including e-libraries and the Slavonic Library.

APPLICATIONS

- Submissions must be made by 24 February, 2014 (23:59 GMT +2) for the period of 1 August 2014–30 June 2015.
- Consist of an electronic application form and materials that are to be submitted as attachment to the electronic form.
- Must be written in English.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Complete an electronic application form, which can be found at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/47499/lomake.html>

Attach the following material to the electronic application form as a single PDF file:

1. A letter of introduction that (a) states the purpose of the research stay, (b) describes how the Fellowship would profit the research of the applicant, and (c) describes how the applicant would contribute to the research agenda of the Aleksanteri Institute.
2. A research plan of no more than 2,500 words that should consist of the following parts:
 - Background and objectives of the proposed research project

- Research methods and material
 - Work plan for the proposed visit that specifies which part of the research is intended to be completed during the research visit (such as analysing data, collecting material, using library or archival sources). The work plan should also include information about the end results and the form of publishing (such as articles, book manuscripts).
 - Relevant bibliography
3. The applicant's CV; maximum of four pages
 4. A list of relevant publications by the applicant

Please note that all materials must be submitted by 24 February 2014 (23:59 GMT+2). Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline cannot be considered for selection.

Please note that if, subsequent to an applicant being selected as a fellow, the research plan presented in the application changes *considerably*, a new research plan must be approved before the applicant may take up the Fellowship appointment.

Aleksanteri Visiting Fellows Alumni

We wish to continue working with previous Aleksanteri Visiting Fellows who have established research contacts with colleagues in Finland. A part of the total 25-30 monthly fellowships will be allocated for Aleksanteri Visiting Fellows Alumni.

Notification of Applicants and Evaluation of Applications

The selection of the fellows will be concluded in April 2014 and the names of the Visiting Fellows will be published on the Aleksanteri Institute's website. Feedback on the applications will not be provided and only successful applicants will be personally notified of the result.

Practical Matters

Please note that the Fellowship is a grant, not a salary, and is therefore not subject to Finnish taxation. Accordingly, fellows are not staff members of the University of Helsinki and are therefore not entitled to University of Helsinki staff benefits, such as insurance and occupational health care. Because fellows are not covered by the University's insurance policy, they are expected to make arrangements for their own health and medical insurance and to provide proof of a valid insurance policy when beginning their Fellowship term. The Aleksanteri Institute will assist successful applicants with practical arrangements of the study visit and in finding accommodation. However, the Institute cannot guarantee that it will be able to provide the desired accommodation.

Useful links to sites giving information on living in Helsinki and in Finland can be found here:

<http://www.helsinki.fi/intstaff/>

Find out more about the University of Helsinki at <http://www.helsinki.fi/university/index.html>

Further Information

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