



## RURALIA VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

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The University of Helsinki, Ruralia Institute Visiting Scholars Programme is a new opportunity for experienced scholars in the field of multidisciplinary rural research to visit Ruralia Institute for a period of one to three months, supported with a monthly grant of 2300 € during the academic year 2015–2016.

Ruralia Institute has two units; one is located in Seinäjoki, Western Finland, and the other in Mikkeli, Eastern Finland, [www.helsinki.fi/ruralia/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/ruralia/index_eng.htm). The applicant of the Scholarship is free to choose either the Seinäjoki or Mikkeli unit as her host according to her research interests. Both units belong to the university consortiums of their home towns

- Seinäjoki [www.ucs.fi/index.php/english](http://www.ucs.fi/index.php/english) and
- Mikkeli [www.muc.fi/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/en.pdf\\_10.pdf](http://www.muc.fi/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/en.pdf_10.pdf).

Ruralia Visiting Scholars can conduct research, give a presentation on his/her current research, participate in seminars at the institute, interact and network with the researchers of Ruralia and plan joint research and/or development projects.

The call for Ruralia Visiting Scholars Programme will be open from 20 April until 29 May 2015. The selection of Visiting Scholars is concluded by 30 June 2015. The names of the Ruralia Visiting Scholars will be published on the website of the institute by 10 July 2015.

### THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Is applicable for scholars holding a PhD degree in a field relevant to the research profile of Ruralia Institute residing outside of Finland.
2. The duration of the Scholarship is one to three months.
3. The research stay has to be made between September 2015 and June 2016.
4. During the research stay, Visiting Scholars take part in the activities of the research community of the Ruralia Institute.
5. Visiting Scholars are expected to give a presentation about their research in the Ruralia Institute and if possible to participate the publishing activities and seminars of the Ruralia Institute.
6. Grant of € 2300 per month is given to Scholars to cover the expenses of the stay in Seinäjoki or Mikkeli.
7. Visiting Scholars are provided office facilities including a computer, as well as the use of general services of the University of Helsinki, such as the e-libraries.

### APPLICATIONS

Are to be sent electronically via email by 29 May, 2015 for the period of September 2015 – June 2016  
The application must be written in English.

## **SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION**

Please send the following material by e-mail to [ruralia-instituutti\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:ruralia-instituutti(at)helsinki.fi)

1. A Motivation letter describing how the Scholarship would advance the career of the Applicant and the research agenda of the Ruralia Institute.
2. A research and activity plan maximum length two pages with Times New Roman 12pt.

The plan consists of the following parts:

- The background and the objectives of the research
  - A work plan describing which part of the research will be conducted during your stay in the Ruralia Institute including specific information on the type of work to be done such as collecting research material, writing publication manuscript or using archives.
  - Bibliography
3. The applicant's CV, maximum length four pages
  4. A list of publications

All the required application documents have to be submitted by 29 May 2015.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Ruralia Visiting Scholars will be selected by 30 June 2015. The names of the Scholars will be published on the website of the Ruralia Institute by 10 July 2015. The applications are evaluated by the executive group of Ruralia Institute. Successful applicants will be personally informed of their selection.

## **PRACTICALITIES**

As the Scholarship is a grant not a salary, it is tax free income in Finland. Consequently, Scholars are not the personnel of the University of Helsinki and do not have any staff benefits, such as insurance or occupational health care. Scholars are expected to arrange their own health and medical insurance and prove that their insurances are valid at the beginning of the term of their Scholarship.

Useful links to sites giving information on living in Seinäjoki and Mikkeli, and in Finland can be found from the following links:

[www.seinajoki.fi/en/](http://www.seinajoki.fi/en/)  
[www.visitmikkeli.fi/](http://www.visitmikkeli.fi/)  
[www.expats-finland.com/](http://www.expats-finland.com/)

Find out more about Ruralia Institute at [www.helsinki.fi/ruralia/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/ruralia/index_eng.htm) and about the University of Helsinki at [www.helsinki.fi/university/index.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/university/index.html)

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information on the Ruralia Institute Visiting Scholarship, please contact [eeva.uusitalo\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:eeva.uusitalo(at)helsinki.fi) +358 44 336 6910