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RURALIA VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The University of Helsinki **Ruralia Institute Visiting Scholars Programme** is an opportunity for experienced scholars in the field of rural studies to spend one month at the Institute during the academic year 2025–2026. Visiting Scholars are expected to interact and form networks with the Ruralia Institute’s academic staff, to plan joint research, publications and/or development projects, and to participate actively in the academic life of the Institute.

The Ruralia Institute has two units, one located at Seinäjoki in western Finland and the other at Mikkeli in eastern Finland. Applicants are free to choose either of these units in accordance with their research interests. The stay is supported with a scholarship of 2800 euros.

The call for scholarship applications is open from 1 March until 30 April 2025.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Eligibility: Scholars holding a PhD degree in a field relevant to the research profile of the Ruralia Institute residing outside Finland.
2. Duration: one month between September 2025 and June 2026.
3. Conditions: Visiting Scholars are expected to take part in the academic activities of the Ruralia Institute’s research community and to give presentations in both units on their own research.
4. Amount of the scholarship: € 2800 per month.

APPLICATIONS

Applications in English should be sent as a single PDF file to ruralia-instituutti@helsinki.fi by **30 April 2025** and must comprise:

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

SELECTION PROCESS

The applications are evaluated by the management group of the Ruralia Institute. Key factors in the selection process will be the relevance of the proposed topic to the Institute’s research profile, and the potential for cooperation between the applicant and the Institute’s academic staff. Successful applicants will be informed personally of their selection. Their names are published on the website of the Ruralia Institute in June 2025. Applications received after the deadline will not be evaluated.

Ruralia Researchers <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/ruralia-institute/research/experts>

More about the Ruralia Institute <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/ruralia-institute>

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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