CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RESEARCH POSITION IN FINLAND!

Are you a citizen of EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland?

- If your answer is ‘NO’ and you plan to do research in Finland for more than 90 days, you will need a residence permit.

- If your answer is ‘NO’ and you plan to do research in Finland for a maximum of 90 days, you can conduct your research work without a residence permit. You may however need a visa. Go to www.formin.fi for more information on visas.

- If your answer is ‘YES’, you do not need a residence permit or a visa. Information on EU citizens’ registrations is available at www.politi.fi.

This letter is for researches who need a residence permit.

What to do now?

If you are coming to Finland for scientific research, postgraduate or postdoctoral studies/research for more than 90 days and you receive financial compensation at least 1173 € in a month such as salary, a grant or a scholarship from an official institution in Finland or abroad, you need a residence permit based on scientific research.

Register for an electronic account at https://enterfinland.fi/eServices. Log on to your account and fill in the form for a researcher. Make sure to fill in your name as it is in your passport. Next, attach all the appendices listed on the last page of the application form:

- Valid travel document
- Invitation from the hosting research institution or company detailing your pay, the duration of your research and the details of your duties
- Optional: other clarification of income or hosting agreement with a research institution

For more information go to: www.migri.fi/working_in_finland/an_employee_and_work/researcher

Apply for your residence permit abroad, not in Finland

Visit a Finnish embassy/consulate in person for identification and fingerprinting. Take the originals of your documents with you to the embassy. Your application will not be processed before you’ve visited a Finnish embassy.

- Contact the embassy or consulate in advance to arrange a visit. All Finnish embassies and consulates are listed at www.formin.fi.
- If there is no Finnish diplomatic mission in your country, contact a Finnish mission in another country to confirm your visit.