



Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellows Programme Visiting Fellowships 2018–2019 – Call for proposals

The Aleksanteri Institute welcomes applications for its visiting fellowships for the academic year 2018-2019. The Aleksanteri Institute is the Finnish Centre for Russian and Eastern European studies, affiliated with the Faculty of Arts at the University of Helsinki.

THE FELLOWSHIP

- Is intended for scholars who carry out research in a field relevant to the Aleksanteri Institute's multidisciplinary [research profile](#) on Russia and Eastern Europe, and whose place of residence is outside Finland. Applicants can be at any career stage but must hold a PhD degree. The degree must be granted by February 13, 2018.
- Carries a monthly grant of 3300 € to cover all expenses related to the stay in Helsinki (e.g. accommodation, travel, insurance, visa).
- Is intended for a period of one to three months between 1 August 2018 and 15 July 2019. The last possible starting date for the fellowship is 1 June 2019.
- Involves a research stay at the Aleksanteri Institute, during which Visiting Fellows are expected to be present at the Aleksanteri Institute and to participate in its academic activities.
- Provides an excellent opportunity to conduct research and benefit from interaction with the Russian and Eastern European studies community in Finland. Each Visiting Fellow has two hosts facilitating integration into the local academic scene.
- Visiting Fellows are expected to contribute to the advancement of Russian and Eastern European studies in general and to the research agenda of the Aleksanteri Institute in particular.
- Visiting Fellows will present their research at the Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellows Research Seminar series and can make presentations elsewhere at the University of Helsinki and at other Finnish universities and research centres.
- 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.
- Grant-holders are required to have an excellent command of English.

APPLICATIONS

- Submission must be made by **13 February 2018** (by 23:59 UTC +2:00) for the period of 1 August 2018 – 15 July 2019.
- Consist of an electronic application form and materials submitted as an attachment to the electronic form (in a single PDF document).
- Must be written in English.
- Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline cannot be considered for selection.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Complete an [electronic application form](#), which is open from 8 January until Tuesday, 13 February 2018 23:59 Finnish time (UTC +2:00).

Upload 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 benefit the research of the applicant, and (c) describes how the applicant would contribute to the Aleksanteri Institute's research agenda.

2. A research plan of no more than 2500 words that consists of the following sections:
 - Background and objectives of the research you are working on at the time of the proposed visit.
 - Research methods and material
 - Work plan for the proposed visit that specifies which part of the research you intend to carry out during the research visit. This should also include information on the specific type of work you are planning to do (for example, working on an article or a book manuscript, analysing data, collecting material, using library or archival sources).
 - Bibliography
3. The applicant's CV – a maximum of four pages
4. A list of relevant publications by the applicant

Notification of applicants and evaluation of applications

The selection of the Visiting Fellows will be concluded by 6 April 2018 and the names of the Aleksanteri Visiting Fellows will be published on the Institute's website. In 2018-2019, we expect to invite 12-15 Visiting Fellows, most of them for two- or three-month fellowships. All applicants will be personally notified of the result, but we are not able to provide feedback on individual applications. The applications will be evaluated by three experts. While the main selection criteria are academic excellence and the potential for a mutually beneficial research visit, these criteria are combined with our aim to invite a diverse cohort of fellows in terms of research topics, disciplines, and countries of study. Each year, we receive a large number of excellent applications that we cannot fund, and we encourage resubmissions.

Accommodation

The Aleksanteri Institute will assist Visiting Fellows with practical arrangements and will make reservations for accommodation in the Unihome's [Töölö Towers](#) location, with 178 studios and apartments of 14 different sizes, fit for single occupants as well as for families. The Töölö Towers offer university's visitors furnished accommodation in a nice, centrally located neighbourhood. It is within walking distance of the Aleksanteri Institute and within easy reach by public transportation. Monthly rents for studios and apartments for single occupancy range from c. 850 € to c. 1400 €. The rent includes breakfast, weekly cleaning and Wi-Fi.

Other practical matters

The fellowship is a grant, not a salary, and is not subject to Finnish taxation. Because Visiting Fellows are not staff members of the University of Helsinki, they are not covered by the university's insurance or occupational health care. Fellows are therefore expected to arrange for their own medical and travel insurance and to provide proof of a valid insurance policy when beginning their fellowship term. Visiting Fellows can use the wide array of university sport services at the staff members' price, at all the six [UniSport](#) locations, two of which are on the City Centre campus close to the Aleksanteri Institute and one near the accommodation in the Töölö Towers.

Aleksanteri Visiting Fellow Alumni

We wish to continue working with our previous Visiting Fellows who want to further develop research cooperation with colleagues in Finland, and we welcome resubmissions to the Visiting Fellows Programme by its alumni. The Aleksanteri Institute also encourages the development of research cooperation by providing support for Visiting Fellow Alumni for short visits to Helsinki to conduct joint work with the Institute's resident researchers.

Further information

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