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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 1–2 months at the Institute during the academic year 2020–2021. 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 2500 euros.

The call for scholarship applications will be open from 15 March until 3 May 2020.

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: minimum one, maximum two months between September 2020 and June 2021.
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: € 2500 per month.

APPLICATIONS

Applications in English should be sent to ruralia-instituutti@helsinki.fi by **3 May 2020** 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 executive board 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 by 16 June 2020. Applications received after the deadline will not be evaluated. An applicant may receive the scholarship only once.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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