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Visiting Fellows programme

Background and goal	In addition to paid employees and trainees, the Migration Insti- tute of Finland has a long-standing tradition of working with vis- iting researchers under the titles of Network Researcher and Mi- gration Fellow. The position has been applied for through a sep- arate form and several network researchers have been active in their relationship with the Institute. Their research and other ar- ticles have been published at the Migration Institute of Finland and some of them have actively participated in the activities of the Institute. Others, however, have remained distant.
	By renewing our Visiting Fellows programme, we want to raise the profile of the Visiting Fellows and make these relationships temporary.
	If successful, the Visiting Fellows programme can strengthen the Institute's profile and help establish long-term cooperation be- tween various actors.
Description	The Migration Institute of Finland receives applications for Visit- ing Fellows from Finland and abroad. The status of a Visiting Fel- low is a good way of networking with the Migration Institute of Finland's staff, utilising the Institute's data and contributing to the development of Finnish research in the field.
	Persons working in other universities, research institutes or simi- lar institutions and doctoral candidates and also independent ap- plicants whose work or studies fall within the Institute's field of operations may be admitted as Visiting Fellows.
	The Institute may provide financial support for the work of Visit- ing Fellows, for example with regard to the acquisition of mate- rial. The applications are processed case-specifically and aid is granted against actual costs and their documentation (e.g. re- ceipts). Any financial support must be agreed in advance with the Research Director.
	A Visiting Fellow may work either at the Institute's premises or elsewhere, and the scope of cooperation may vary from some weeks to years.

Title in different languages Sweden: gästforskare

English: Visiting Fellow

Visiting Fellow (working elsewhere)

If you are conducting research and studies related to a field of operation of the Migration Institute of Finland, you can apply for the status of Visiting Fellow, even if you work full-time elsewhere. For example, for researchers studying Finnish expatriates, the Migration Institute of Finland provides an excellent way of maintaining contact with the research community in the field.

With our Visiting Fellows working elsewhere, we want to establish long-term relationships through our common research interests. Thus, the status of Visiting Fellow can be a continuation of an existing research cooperation or can be achieved through new cooperation.

We will endeavour to support, as far as possible, the regular participation of Visiting Fellows working elsewhere in our activities, for example through video connection or on-site visits.

Visiting Fellows working elsewhere will not be issued an Institute e-mail address.

Visiting Fellow (office at the Migration Institute of Finland)

Visiting Fellows working at the Migration Institute of Finland will become part of our work community. We offer them a workspace with standard office services, including printing and posting. In addition, Visiting Fellows working at the Institute will be given Institute e-mail addresses and the access rights to our information network.

We hope that Visiting Fellows will present their work at the Institute and participate in our activities in other ways as well. Visiting Fellows are expected to attend our regular researcher seminar.

Visits to the Institute vary in length. We enable researcher visits lasting a week as well as doctoral projects for scholarships lasting several years.

Publications prepared during the visit must make a reference to the Migration Institute of Finland and the publications will also be reported as part of the activities of the Institute.

Visiting Fellows are not insured on behalf of the Migration Institute of Finland or covered by its occupational health care. The researchers will take care of necessary insurance policies themselves.

The overhead contribution of scholarship researchers will be invoiced by the Migration Institute of Finland from the grant recipient or financier in accordance with the financing decision.

Other visitor (working at the Migration Institute of Finland)

It is also possible to visit the Migration Institute of Finland in a role other than a researcher. Over the course of years, we have had many international students and other visitors. For other visitors, the practices are, where applicable, the same as for researchers visiting the Migration Institute of Finland.

Application

The selection of Visiting Fellows emphasises the quality and significance of cooperation from the point of view of the Migration Institute of Finland. The Visiting Fellow status will be granted for a maximum period of one year at a time, but may be extended beyond this period as agreed.

Applications are received by the Research Director of the Migration Institute of Finland and the approval decision is made by the Executive Team of the Migration Institute of Finland. We try to make decisions regarding this matter within one month.

Before submitting you application, we recommend that you contact the Institute's Research Director. A free-form justification is sufficient for any subsequent application, and will be sent by email to the Research Director. If necessary, we will ask you for further clarifications regarding the matter. Otherwise, the decision-making process will be as described above.

All researchers at the Institute commit to observing responsible conduct of research as defined by the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity (LINK: https://tenk.fi/en/research-misconduct/responsible-conduct-research-rcr).

The Visiting Fellow is not employed by the Migration Institute of Finland.

A separate agreement will be signed between Visiting Fellows and the Migration Institute of Finland.