

# Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Scholars Programme

## Aleksanteri Visiting Fellowships

### THE FELLOWSHIP

- Is intended for scholars who hold a PhD degree in a relevant field and whose place of residence is outside of Finland
- Is for a period of two to four months between August 2010 and June 2011
- Involves a research stay at the Aleksanteri Institute, during which Visiting Fellows are expected to be present at the Aleksanteri Institute and participate actively in its research community
- Offers an opportunity to carry out research and benefit from interaction with the Russian and Eastern European studies community in Finland
- Holders must contribute to the advancement of Russian and Eastern European studies in general, and to the research agenda of the Aleksanteri Institute in particular
- Holders should make at least one presentation on their research and, preferably, also contribute to the Institute's publications and seminars
- Carries a monthly grant of €2300 to cover all expenses related to the stay in Helsinki (such as accommodation, travel, insurance, visas, etc.)
- Provides Visiting Fellows with office space and the use of a computer, as well as use of the Institute's in-house library and other University of Helsinki libraries, including e-libraries and the Slavonic Library

### APPLICATIONS

- Are to be sent by 5 March, 2010 for the period of August 2010–June 2011
- Consist of two parts:
  1. An electronic application form
  2. Materials that are to be submitted electronically via e-mail
- Must be written in English

### HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

First, fill in and submit an electronic application form at  
<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/18925/lomake.html>

Second, send the following material by e-mail to [aleksanteri-fellows\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:aleksanteri-fellows(at)helsinki.fi):

1. A letter of introduction that states the purpose of the research stay and describes how the Fellowship would contribute both to the Applicant's own research and to the research agenda of the Aleksanteri Institute
2. A research proposal of no more than 2500 words that describes the ongoing research and specifies which part of it is intended to be carried out during the research visit. The proposal should also outline how the research is relevant to the work being done at the Aleksanteri Institute.
3. The applicant's CV
4. A list of relevant publications



Please check that all the required application documents are submitted, including both the electronic form and the materials sent via e-mail. Both parts must be sent no later than 5 March 2010. Applications with missing documents cannot be considered for selection.

Please note that if an applicant is selected as a Visiting Fellow and the research plan presented in the application changes *considerably*, a new research plan must be approved before taking up the Fellowship appointment.

#### *Notification of Applicants*

Only successful applicants will be notified. The selection of Fellows will be concluded by 7 April 2010 and the names of the Aleksanteri Visiting Fellows will be published on the Institute's website.

#### *Practical Matters*

Please note that the Fellowship is a grant, not a salary, and is therefore not subject to Finnish taxation. Accordingly, Fellows are not staff members of the University of Helsinki and, consequently, are not entitled to University of Helsinki staff benefits, such as insurance and occupational health care. Because Fellows are not covered by the University's insurance policy, they are expected to make arrangements for their own health and medical insurance and to provide proof of a valid insurance policy when beginning their Fellowship term.

The Aleksanteri Institute will make reasonable efforts to assist successful applicants with practical arrangements and in finding accommodation. The Institute cannot, however, guarantee the desired accommodation.

Useful links to sites giving information on living in Helsinki and in Finland can be found here:  
<http://www.helsinki.fi/intstaff/> > Living in Finland

Find out more about the University of Helsinki at <http://www.helsinki.fi/university/index.html>

#### *Further Information*

For more information on the Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellowships, please contact [aleksanteri-fellows\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:aleksanteri-fellows(at)helsinki.fi) or Head of International Affairs Anna Korhonen, tel. +358 9 191 23652, or Planning Officer Eeva Korteniemi, tel. +358 9 191 23645.