# 1st call for applications

**25th EDUFI WINTER SCHOOL**

***“Global challenges and novel solutions”***

**March 2023**

The Finnish National Agency for Education EDUFI invites applications from Russian and Ukrainian postgraduate students for participation in the 25th Winter School organized in March 2023 at [(Link to) Tvärminne Zoological Station](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/research-stations/tvarminne-zoological-station) of the University of Helsinki.

The goal of the Winter School is to enhance the mobility of young researchers and postgraduate students between Finland and the participating countries and to increase the cooperation between the universities. Before applying for participation in the 25th Winter School, the applicants are expected to contact at least one scientist/research group leader at Finnish universities to discuss a possible future project with them.

Expression of interest by the Finnish host will be considered a major advantage during the selection process.

Those Winter School participants who will be invited to Finland after the Winter School by Finnish research teams will have **an option for a scholarship** from the EDUFI Fellowship programme. The Winter School provides an opportunity for the invited participants to come to work or study in Finland for 3 to 12 months. In 2020, the monthly amount of scholarship was 1500 euros. The scholarship period should begin approx. within two years after the Winter School.

The 25th EDUFI Winter School is multidisciplinary - not for a particular, narrow field of science, but rather for a scientific topic. ***This time, the school focuses on major global challenges of mankind and their possible solutions by the latest technological advancements. These include challenges of false information in science, society and biological systems; harm and benefit of viruses; brain dysfunction in the old age and materialistic challenges and innovative solutions.***

Applications from fields such as **information technology, social sciences, psychology, linguistics, biosciences and biomedicine, physiology, chemistry, pharmacy, physics and materials sciences** are welcome.

The school tends to stimulate active participation and discussion. The untraditional working method has been specially developed for the Winter School and it aims at enhancing the strength of participants’ own personal expertise, problem-solving capabilities, scientific presentation skills and creative mind.

# Tentative themes of the days:

*Disinformation day*

*Virus day*

*Brain strain day*

*Materials matter day*

More detailed information about the scientific programme as well as teachers will be published in September.

# Application requirements

Applications for participation are welcome from postgraduate students who are citizens of Russia or Ukraine. Applications are not accepted from those who have participated in one of the previous Winter Schools.

# Application and required annexes

The application form will be published in September. Annexes:

1. Copies of latest degree certificates and scores certificates (supplements to the diploma) and their translations
2. Description of your current research work (1-2 pages) including introduction, aims of study, experimental design and current status
3. Letter of recommendation from a supervisor or a senior colleague who is well acquainted with your work
4. Complete list of publications in the peer-reviewed English language scientific journals (if any)
5. Motivation letter which includes a description of your future research interest in Finland (1 page)
6. Evidence of contacting at least one scientist/research group leader from Finnish Universities for instance in a form of e-mail correspondence from a potential Finnish host
7. One recent photograph of the applicant

# List of Finnish Universities and associated research institutes

BIOSCIENCES & MEDICINE

[Link to Biomedicum Helsinki](http://www.biomedicum.fi/index.php?page=105&amp;lang=2)

[Link to Helsinki Institute of Life Science](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/helsinki-institute-of-life-science/research)

[Link to Department of Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering, Aalto University](https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-neuroscience-and-biomedical-engineering) [Link to A.I. Virtanen Institute for Molecular Sciences, University of Eastern Finland](http://www.uef.fi/en/web/aivi) [Link to Biocenter Oulu](https://www.oulu.fi/biocenter/)

[Link to University of Oulu Medical School](https://www.oulu.fi/medicine/research)

[Link to Biocity Turku](https://biocityturku.fi/research-programmes/)

[Link to Drug development and diagnostics](http://drugdevelopment.fi/)

[Link to Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology, Tampere University](https://www.tuni.fi/en/about-us/faculty-medicine-and-health-technology)

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

[Link to Faculty of Medicine/Psychology, University of Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-medicine/psychology) [Link](https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences/psychology) to [Faculty of Social Sciences](https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences), University of Turku

[Link to Psychology, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/study-subject/psychology/)

[Link to Research in the Faculty of Education and Psychology, University of Jyväskylä](https://www.jyu.fi/edupsy/en/research) [Link to Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University](https://www.tuni.fi/en/about-us/faculty-social-sciences)

[Link to Faculty of Information Technology and Communication Sciences, Tampere University](https://www.tuni.fi/en/about-us/faculty-information-technology-and-communication-sciences) Link to [Faculty of Social Sciences](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-social-sciences) / Research, [University](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-social-sciences/research) of Helsinki

[Link](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts/research) to [Faculty of Arts](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts) / Research, University of [Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts/research)

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

[Link](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-biological-and-environmental-sciences/research) to [Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-biological-and-environmental-sciences) / Research, University of [Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-biological-and-environmental-sciences/research)

[Link to Research at the Department of Biology, University of Turku](https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-science-and-engineering/biology/research)

[Link to Department of Environmental and Biological Sciences, University of Eastern Finland](http://www.uef.fi/en/web/envbio/research-areas) [Link to Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Jyväskylä](https://www.jyu.fi/science/en/bioenv/research)

[Link to Finnish Meteorological Institute](https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/research)

[Link to Institute for Atmospheric and Earth System Research (INARI)](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science/faculty/institute-for-atmospheric-and-earth-system-research-inar) [Link to School of Forest Sciences, University of Eastern Finland](http://www.uef.fi/en/web/forest/research)

[Link to The Sea, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/the-sea/)

PHYSICS

[Link](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science/research) to [Faculty of Science](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science) / Research, University of [Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science/research)

[Link to Research at Department of Physics, University Of Jyväskylä](https://www.jyu.fi/science/en/physics/research) [Link to Research, University of Turku](https://www.utu.fi/en/research)

[Link to Physics – research and researchers, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/physics-research-and-researchers/)

CHEMISTRY

[Link to Chemistry research, University of Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science/faculty/chemistry/chemistry-research)

[Link to Research at the Department of Chemistry, University of Turku](https://www.utu.fi/en/research-at-the-department-of-chemistry) [Link to Chemistry and Advanced Materials, Tampere University](https://www.tuni.fi/en/research/chemistry-and-advanced-materials-cam)

[Link to Nanoscience Center, University of Jyväskylä](https://www.jyu.fi/science/en/nanoscience-center)

[Link to Molecular Process and Material Technology, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/molecular-process-and-material-technology/)

ENGINEERING

[Link to Research & Art, Aalto University](https://www.aalto.fi/en/research-art)

[Link to Helsinki Institute for Information Technology HIIT](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-science/faculty/helsinki-institute-for-information-technology-hiit)

[Link to Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Tampere University](https://www.tuni.fi/en/about-us/faculty-engineering-and-natural-sciences) [Link to Faculty of Science and Engineering, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/faculty-of-science-and-engineering/)

MATHEMATICS & DATA SCIENCES

[Link](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/computer-science/research) to [Computer Science](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/computer-science) / Research, University of [Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/computer-science/research)

[Link to Research of Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of Turku](https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-science-and-engineering/mathematics-and-statistics/research) [Link to Information Technology – research and researchers, Åbo Akademi University](https://www.abo.fi/en/information-technology-research-and-researchers/)

LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY

[Link to TurkuNLP](http://bionlp.utu.fi/) [Link to Oulu CLRC](http://www.ouluclrc.fi/)

[Link to Speech and Cognition Research Group, Tampere University](http://www.cs.tut.fi/sgn/specog/index.html) [Link to Language Technology University](https://blogs.helsinki.fi/language-technology) of Helsinki

[Link to CS Helsinki](https://www.cs.helsinki.fi/group/doremi/)

[Link to Department of Signal Processing and Acoustics, Aalto University](https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-signal-processing-and-acoustics)

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

[Link to Digital Humanities in Aalto](https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-digi-platform/digital-humanities-in-aalto)

[Link to Helsinki Centre for Digital Humanities](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/helsinki-centre-for-digital-humanities)

[Link to Computational Creativity and Data Mining, University Of Helsinki](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/researchgroups/computational-creativity-and-data-mining)

# Application deadline

The deadline for applications will be announced in summer 2022.

**Financial assistance/grants**

No participation fee is charged from the participants. EDUFI covers participant’s accommodation in student halls of residence and meals at course site. EDUFI will also award a travel grant covering partial expense of the participants’ travel between their home town and Helsinki.

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