Kone - Fudan Nordic Centre scholarships for research periods at the Fudan Nordic Centre in Shanghai are open for applications. All researchers and academic staff of the Nordic Centre's Finnish member universities are eligible for this scholarship meant for a 4-6 months research period in China during the academic year 2017-2018. The Nordic Centre at Fudan University, Shanghai will offer the grantees office space and some support services. The scholarship programme is coordinated by the University of Turku and funded by the Kone Foundation. The application deadline is April 6, 2017 at 4 pm, Finnish time.

Doctoral candidates, post-doctoral researchers and teachers in the fields of the humanities, social sciences or environmental sciences, and affiliated with the Finnish member universities, are eligible for this scholarship. Research in the fields of education, psychology, theology, law and business is only eligible in case of a wider multidisciplinary context. The amount of the scholarship is 2360 euros/month for doctoral candidates or 2700 euros/month for post docs and advanced researchers. The travel arrangements for the flights to and from Shanghai will be made by the travel services at the University of Turku, and the flight costs will be paid directly from the project according to its regulations. The grantees will pay visa and other travel costs. The monthly scholarships will be paid by the Kone Foundation. Please see also the section *Conditions for receiving the scholarship* below.

The scholarships are intended for longer research periods in China, and the Nordic Centre at Fudan University functions as a base for the grantees. The scholarship programme is intended to support and expand China-related research conducted in the Finnish member universities. The aim is to stimulate researchers to expand their research focus towards research connected with China and to make longer research periods in China possible for them. In addition to the individual research work, one of the aims of the project is also to encourage researchers to develop and contribute to the research intentions of the member universities with Fudan University and to help to create new networks and long-term academic contacts. The research carried out under this programme can be either focused on China or based for example on a comparative method, in which the knowledge of Chinese is not necessary. In both cases, however, the key criterion of selection will be cooperation with Chinese scholars. The Nordic Centre can help to make contacts with the relevant academics at Fudan University. When possible and relevant, the grantees who are doctoral candidates can attend courses or other educational events offered by the Nordic Centre.

Applying

Free-form pplications must contain the following information and attachments:

1. Personal and contact information of the applicant
2. Affiliation to ta member university: applicant's home university, unit or possible graduate school where she / he is working at the moment and during the research period. Information about applicants affiliation to the member university (e.g. Phd-student, post doc with salary or post doc with a scholarship).
3. The length of the research period (4-6 months). Please note that shorter than 4 months periods will not be possible. Also, please suggest the planned period of research visit in the Nordic Centre (to be confirmed with the Centre later).
4. Other possible funding connected to the visit: other grants or grants applied for, salary (if any).

Attachments:
1. CV with a list of publications
2. Research plan including a description of the planned co-operation with Fudan University and possibly with other Chinese partners relevant to this research; the relevance of the research for the applicant's own research and possibly home university.
3. Doctoral candidates must also include their research plan for the doctoral thesis and explain the current phase of their research in general as well as the part of research to be carried out in China. Doctoral candidates must also include recommendation by the supervisor.
4. Post doc applicants working with a scholarship (not salaried) in a member university please attach the project leader´s letter of confirmation of the affiliation to the member university.
5. Any other recommendations are voluntary.

Sending the application:

Applications and attachments addressed to Kone - Fudan Nordic Centre Committee with a title APPLICATION should be sent by e-mail to konefudan@utu.fi by the April 6 at 4 pm Finnish time at the latest.

For further information given by the candidate's home university (choose your own university):

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More information about the Nordic Centre and Fudan University

The role of the Nordic Centre is to help grantees with practical issues at the Nordic Centre and when settling in Shanghai. The Centre can also help to make contacts between the grantees and relevant academics at Fudan University.

Margus Jorem, Programme Manager of the Nordic Centre at Fudan University: magnus@nordiccentre.net. Only enquiries concerning the Nordic Centre and Fudan University http://www.nordiccentre.net/ . There you can also find the Handbook for visiting scholars (under *Research*)

Please see also: Fudan University : http://www.fudan.edu.cn/en/

Conditions for receiving the scholarship:

Salary, other scholarships, taxation and sanctuary payments

The grantees of this scholarship must take care of all legal obligations and consequences concerning e. g. taxation, sanctuary insurance and retirement plan fees. Please note that the grantees who are under the Finnish social security system when working abroad with a grant are by law required to pay their pension insurance premium and other insurance fees from the monthly scholarship themselves. Normally these fees are paid by the employer if the person receives salary. The Social

Insurance Institution MELA provides pension, accident and group life insurance coverage for those under Finnish social security system and receiving scholarships. Statutory insurance payments are approximately 12 - 15% of the monthly grant. The grantees under Finnish social security system must contact MELA and arrange their pension coverage. The grantees not belonging to the Finnish social security system should, if employed, contact the personnel services of their home universities and discuss their situation with relevant authorities. They should find the suitable insurance to cover them during their stay in China. Please note that the Nordic Centre or Fudan University does not have an insurance for visiting researchers. It might be important to contact also Kela and taxation offices. Further information on MELA insurance and payments: http://www.mela.fi/en/grant-and-scholarship-recipients. The insured at working age are covered by sickness allowance and by the MATA occupational accident insurance, which is automatically included in the MYEL pension insurance. The occupational accident insurance can also be complemented with leisure-time accident insurance.

In the essence, the monthly scholarship is meant to cover all expenses in China including the accommodation costs. Therefore, in general those scholarship receivers who are employed should normally be on leave from their salary work. The grantees holding also another scholarship need to follow the rules of both financing parties. However, especially post-doc researchers and senior researchers may in some cases discuss with their employer on whether they could also be paid part of their salary. The purpose would be then to compensate a possible reduction of the income level during the research period in China. In general, the grantees could obtain 25 % of their salary at the maximum, and the research conducted in China should be related to the researcher's general research profile. Especially if the paid salary is higher than 25 %, it can reduce the amount of the payable grant. Also, another scholarship may have an effect to the amount of this grant. It is recommended that another income (partial salary or another scholarship) is mentioned already in the application. In case this is not possible or known at that point, the contact person at the University of Turku needs to be informed of any such arrangements prior to the payment of the actual grant. The Kone Foundation will make the final decision on the amount of the payable grant in such occasions.

Affiliation to the home university
Applicants and receivers of this scholarship should be affiliated with a Finnish member university either as an employee or grant receiver working at the member university or as pension payments, with the personnel services or other relevant authorities in their home universities.

Following the rules of Kone Foundation in this project
The project follows the rules and instructions given by Kone Foundation: (http://www.koneensaatio.fi/en/tuemme/forgrantrecipients/) for all its grantees. The following sections are the most important for an individual grantee: Social security; Taxation; Deferral of payment; Grant cancellation; Mentioning Kone Foundation; Open access.

After the research period at the Nordic Centre, the grantee is expected to write a report to the project committee and to the Kone Foundation.

The Nordic Centre at Fudan University, Shanghai is a joint-venture between Fudan University and member universities in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. One of its main tasks is to act as a platform for initiating and developing research and educational programmes. The Finnish member universities at the moment are Hanken School of Economics, the University of Eastern Finland, the University of Helsinki, the University of Lapland, the University of Tampere and the University of Turku.