

## Kone - Fudan Nordic Centre Scholarships for Research Periods in Shanghai

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 2018 - 2019. 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 March 28, 4 pm Finnish time.

Doctoral candidates, post-doctoral & advanced 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 2400 euros/month for doctoral candidates or 2800 euros/month for post docs and advanced researchers. The monthly scholarships will be paid directly by the Kone Foundation. In addition the project will pay a travel grant of up to 800 euros for travels between Finland and China and back to Finland. For those employed by the University of Turku UTU a travel allowance of maximum 800 euros is paid. The grantees will need to pay visa and other travel costs. 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 Finnish member universities with Fudan University and 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. It is recommended that applicants first familiarize themselves with *the Handbook for Visiting Scholars* already when planning their research period: <http://www.nordiccentre.net/research/#/scholars/>

### Applying & Dead-line

The call is available here: <http://www.asianet.fi/kone-fudan/>

The application is available here: <https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/04D90649870A7CB7>

The dead-line is March 28, 4 pm Finnish time.

The following attachments should be included in the application via Webropol:

1. CV with a list of publications
2. Research plan for the research period with a description of the planned co-operation with Fudan University and/or possibly with other Chinese partners relevant to this research; the relevance of the research for the applicant's own research and possibly for the Finnish home university.
3. Doctoral candidates: short research plan for the whole doctoral thesis.
4. Doctoral candidates: recommendation by the supervisor.

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4. Post doc applicants working with a scholarship in a member university please attach the project leader's letter of confirmation of the affiliation to the member university during the planned research period or some other document explaining your affiliation to the home university during the planned visit to Fudan Nordic Centre.
5. Any other recommendations are voluntary.

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. The researcher's own initiative is also important.

Margus Jorem, Programme Manager of the Nordic Centre at Fudan University: [magnus@nordiccentre.net](mailto: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/) : <http://www.fudan.edu.cn/en/>

Conditions for receiving the scholarship:

*Salary, other scholarships, taxation and statutory payments*

The grantees of this scholarship must take care of all legal obligations and consequences concerning e. g. taxation, statutory insurance and retirement plan fees as well as personal insurances. 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. Further information on MELA insurance and payments: <http://www.mela.fi/en/grant-and-scholarship-recipient> and in Finnish: <https://www.mela.fi/fi/apurahansaajat>. We will inform MELA of individuals who have received funding. It is, however, the responsibility of the grant recipient belonging to the Finnish social security system to contact MELA themselves in order to arrange their coverage. The grantees not belonging to the Finnish social security system should secure suitable insurance coverage during their stay in China. In addition to contacting MELA It is also important to contact also Kela and taxation offices when arranging the period abroad.

In the essence, the monthly scholarship is meant to cover most of 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 during the research period in Shanghai. The aim is also that the grant receiver will return to the member university after the research period and benefit the research community with new contacts and networks.

#### *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.

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*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.*