

# The 19<sup>th</sup> Foreign Correspondents' Programme in Finland in August 2010

Are you interested in the work of a correspondent in a foreign country? Would you like to spend the month of August in Finland learning more about the country, its society and the Finnish way of life?

If you are a newly graduated journalist or a student of journalism/communications soon due to graduate you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship to take part in the 19<sup>th</sup> Foreign Correspondents' Programme (FCP) in Finland to be held in August 2010.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs now welcomes applications from citizens or residents of the following countries: Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Croatia, Egypt, France, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine and United States.

## FCP – Finland Connecting People

The programme provides an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about Finland, the Finnish society and the Finnish way of life. It also offers you the means to enhance your professional skills as well as to expand your network of professional colleagues and international friends.

## Programme

The programme starts on August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The programme includes briefings on Finland today, meetings with professionals, politicians and people, visits to business enterprises, cultural sites and institutions. It includes a weekend as a guest of a Finnish family as well as visits to different parts of Finland.

During the programme you will have an opportunity to cover additional aspects of Finland in which you have a particular interest. You will also have access to working facilities with PCs, Internet, telephone, printers and copiers at the International Press Centre.

## What does it cover?

The scholarship covers the costs of travel to and from Finland, local travel in Helsinki, accommodation in a single room in a student hall of residence as well as the daily programme including meals, events, transportation and lodging. The programme does not cover medical insurance or per diem allowance.

## Requirements

Applicants should possess a good command of written and spoken English, be from 20 to 25 years of age and have the ability to adapt to a multinational group of people.

The application documents should be sent by email only to the Embassy or Consulate General of Finland.

The application documents should include:

1. Application form
2. A curriculum vitae using the CV template
3. An essay which emphasises the applicant's particular interest in Finland (600-800 words).

Note! Be sure to attach a photograph in the CV.

Applicants are recommended to include with their applications copies of published articles, transcripts and other works, which may be helpful in the selection process.

The closing date for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

## Contact information

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