



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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**BY SPEED POST**

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The Registrar

Sub: Finnish Government's Scholarships for Indian Nationals to Finland in the academic year 2009-2010.

Sir,

The Finnish Government has offered 10 Scholarships for Post-Graduate studies research & teaching at a higher education Institution or public research Institute in Finland.

To be eligible, the applicant must -

- Intend to pursue postgraduate studies as a visiting student, participate in a research project or teach at a higher education institution or public research in Finland; priority will be given to doctoral studies.
- Have established contact with the Finnish receiving institution before applying
- Have a letter of invitation from the academic supervisor in Finland, the invitation should also include a timetable.
- Have earned at least a Master-level degree before applying.
- Not have spent more than one year already at a Finnish higher education institution immediately before the intended scholarship period in Finland.
- Be able to give proof of sufficient skills in speaking and writing the language needed in study/research.

The duration of scholarship is 3 months to 9 months. The academic year in Finland lasts from September to May. The autumn terms begins in September and end by 20 December. The spring term starts in January and ends in May.

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To and fro international air-fare and internal travel in India will be provided by University Grants Commission to the selected scholars.

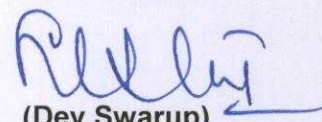
A copy of the application form is enclosed. The following documents are required to be attached with the application:-

- Completed & signed application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Copies of latest diplomas
- Study/ research plan (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Invitation from the academic supervisor in Finland
- Language certificate (Finnish, Swedish, English).

You are requested to display the above offer prominently and brought to the notice of all concerned departments of the University and its affiliated colleges. Nomination of suitable candidates in the prescribed proforma along with the required documents with recommendation of the head of the concerned departments University/Colleges and head of the university/Institute may be forwarded to University Grants Commission office on or before **30<sup>th</sup> November, 2008**. The applications should be addressed to **The Section Officer (IC-II), University Grants Commission, Room no.505, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002**. The application form can be downloaded from **CIMO's web service at <http://finland.cimo.fi>** and **UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)**.

Encl : As above

Yours faithfully,



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## The Finnish Government Scholarship Pool • Academic year 2009-2010

The Finnish Government offers scholarships for postgraduate studies, research and teaching at a higher education institution or public research institute in Finland. Nationals of the following countries, with which Finland has bilateral scholarship agreements, may apply:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.

The scholarship authorities in each cooperating country are invited to present applications for up to 10 candidates for the Finnish Government Scholarship Pool. The deadline for the nomination of scholarship candidates by the national authorities in each cooperating country is 1 February 2009.

CIMO will inform of the results by June 2009.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- intend to pursue postgraduate studies as a visiting student, participate in a research project or teach at a higher education institution or public research institute in Finland; priority will be given to doctoral studies
- have established contact with the Finnish receiving institution before applying
- have a letter of invitation from the academic supervisor in Finland; the invitation should also include a timetable
- have earned at least a Master-level degree before applying
- not have spent more than one year already at a Finnish higher education institution immediately before the intended scholarship period in Finland
- be able to give proof of sufficient skills in speaking and writing the language needed in study/ research
- be a national of one of the eligible countries listed above

### Application procedure

The application form can be downloaded from CIMO's web service at <http://finland.cimo.fi>.

Documents required for application:

- completed and signed application form
- curriculum vitae
- copies of latest diplomas
- two letters of recommendation
- study/research plan (1-2 pages)
- invitation from the academic supervisor in Finland
- language certificate (Finnish, Swedish or English)

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Applications must include the form, duly completed and signed, and all the required documents. They must be submitted to the relevant authorities in the applicant's home country. The list of relevant contact authorities in the cooperating countries can be found at CIMO's web service.

The authorities in the applicant's home country will forward up to 10 complete applications to CIMO via the Finnish embassy in the country in question.

#### Duration

Scholarships can be granted for periods of three (3) to nine (9) months. The academic year in Finland lasts from September to May. The autumn term begins in September and ends by 20 December. The spring term starts in January and ends in May.

#### The scholarship includes:

- a monthly allowance of EUR 1200. The allowance is sufficient for one person only.

#### Travel expenses

Expenses due to travel, international or in Finland, are not covered by CIMO.

#### Insurance

Scholarship recipients are recommended to make arrangements for sufficient insurance coverage for their stay in Finland.



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# Finnish Government Scholarship Pool

## Application form

Academic year 2009 - 2010

Please type or use block letters

### 1. Personal information (see Required documents 1)

Family name(s)	First name(s)
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/> male	Citizenship
Place of birth	Date of birth

### Contact information (valid at least until next August)

Street address	
City	Postal code
Country	E-mail
Telephone	Fax

### Person to contact in case of emergency

Name	Address
Telephone	E-mail

Have you lived in Finland before? If yes, please specify when was it and what was the purpose

### 2. Educational background (see Required documents 2 and 3)

#### University education

Name and location of institution	Degree	from	to

Main field of study

**3. Information on studies/research/teaching in Finland for which you apply a scholarship** (see Required documents 4 and 5)

Host institution in Finland

Host department in Finland

Subject area

Purpose of study/research/teaching (please enclose a plan)

Supervisor in Finland (please enclose an Invitation letter)

**4. Scholarship**

Length of stay for which you apply the scholarship  
months

For which period (please note that the academic year in Finland begins in September and ends in May)

From / 200 to / 200

Have you applied for any other scholarship for the same purpose? If yes, please specify

Have you ever been awarded a scholarship from CIMO or any other Finnish source? If yes, please specify

**5. Language proficiency** (see Required documents 6)

**6. Additional information**

**Signature**

Place and date

Signature

**Required documents**

1. Curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Copies of latest diplomas
3. Two letters of recommendation from academic supervisors
4. Study/research/teaching plan (1-2 pages)
5. Invitation from the academic supervisor in Finland
6. Language certificate (Finnish, Swedish or English)

**The completed application form and the required documents must be submitted to the relevant authority in the applicant's home country.** See <http://finland.cimo.fi> for contact details.