

Call for Applications

The Åland Peace Fellowship 2021

Be the first! The Åland Islands Peace Institute is happy to announce that the first Åland Peace Fellowship is now open for application! The Institute invites early career as well as established researchers in the fields of law, peace research, political science, international affairs or related disciplines to apply for the Åland Peace Fellowship 2021. Please submit your applications no later than 15 January 2021.

As the Åland Peace Fellow you will be invited to the Kastelholm Peace Talks, which will take place on Åland end of March 2021 and for a subsequent research stay of up to two months at the Åland Islands Peace Institute. The fellowship shall be announced at a festive occasion in conjunction to the Kastelholm Peace Talks.

A Peace Fellowship comprises the following benefits:

- A return ticket (economy) from your place of residence to Mariehamn
- A monthly stipend of 1300 euro
- Working space and access to our small but specialized library
- Accommodation in Mariehamn in a single room apartment or guesthouse, alternatively assistance in finding appropriate accommodation
- The possibility to present your work at a public seminar
- The possibility to conduct research accessing key sources on the Åland Islands
- The possibility to publish your work as part of our online open-access report series “Report from the Åland Islands Peace Institute” or the Journal on Autonomy and Security Studies jass.ax which is now accessible through doaj.org
- A collegial and generous atmosphere and the possibility to discuss your research and ideas with the Institute’s staff and networks
- For early career researchers, the possibility to attend a coming E-course “Territorial Autonomy as a Tool for Diversity Management – Lessons from the Åland Example” free of registration fee

The Åland Islands Peace Institute was founded in 1992. It is an independent foundation situated in Mariehamn (Åland). At the Institute we work both practically and with research on peace and conflict issues in a broadly defined manner and from the vantage point of the special status that Åland enjoys under international law. Issues of autonomy, minorities and regional security are among the core areas of work at the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

In 2014 the Peace Institute launched the “Kastelholm Peace Talks” under the protection of President Tarja Halonen. The Kastelholm Peace Talks are discussions about peace, hosted annually at Kastelholm Castle in Sund/Åland. In 2021 the Kastelholm Peace Talks form part of the centenary since the endorsement of the Åland solution (Åland100).

An Åland Peace Fellow is expected to work on a theme relevant to the Institute’s areas of priority and Research Plan. A key selection criterion is overlapping research interests and the potential for a mutually beneficial research visit. The ability to combine research and practical societal engagement for peace is considered an asset. We welcome applications from all parts of the world, in particular from regions with experiences of minorities, autonomy arrangements or debates, multilevel governance or conflict. Applicants from a minority or indigenous background and islands are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants must have concluded studies at master level, as a minimum.

Your application is to include:

1. a letter of motivation, including full contact details and explaining how a stay in the Åland Islands and the Peace Institute could contribute to your work (max 1.000 words),
2. a short outline (max 2.000 words) of the work you intend to undertake as a fellow at the Institute,
3. a brief CV (max 2 pages)
4. and at least one recent writing sample of relevance to the theme outlined under points 1 and 2 above (e.g. an article, book chapter or published report)

A good command of either English or Swedish/Scandinavian is a prerequisite for being able to fully benefit from the fellowship.

Applications shall be assessed by the research advisors of the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

Please submit your free form application by 15 January 2021 to the Institute’s Director Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark at sia@peace.ax or by post to Ålands fredsinstitut, Hamngatan 4, FIN-22100 Mariehamn, The Åland Islands, Finland (we should have received your application by the date of the deadline).

Find out more about the Åland Islands Peace Institute here: www.peace.ax

COST Action RECAST Training School 2021

The research network RECAST (Reappraising Intellectual Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe) has opened Call for Applications for the Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences 2021 with a focus on Democratic Constitutionalism and Rights.

Scheduled for 10–12 February 2021, the RECAST Training School will be hosted by the Institute of Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Moldovan Academy of Sciences in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova.

The RECAST network is financed through the COST-program (Cooperation in Science and Technology) and researchers from 30 European countries belong to the network. The Director of the Peace Institute, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, acts as the Vice Chairperson of the network.

For further information about the Training School and Call for Applications see <https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126044/training-school-2021-edition>

Deadline 18th of December 2020