CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR POSTGRADUATE STATUS IN FINLAND!

Are you a citizen of EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland?

- If your answer is ‘NO’ and you plan to study in Finland for more than 90 days:
  o You will need A RESIDENCE PERMIT.
- If your answer is ‘YES’:
  o You do not need a residence permit or a visa. Information on EU citizens’ registrations is available at www.polisi.fi.

THIS LETTER IS FOR POSTGRADUATES WHO NEED A RESIDENCE PERMIT

What type of residence permit do you need?

If you are coming to Finland for postgraduate studies (licentiate/doctor’s degree) AND you receive financial compensation such as salary, a grant or a scholarship from an official institution in Finland or abroad:
- you need a residence permit based on SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
- For more useful information go to: www.migri.fi/working_in_finland/an_employee_and_work/researcher

If you are coming to Finland for postgraduate studies (licentiate/doctor’s degree) AND you are funding your stay with your own funds:
- you need a residence permit based on STUDYING
- For more useful information go to: www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland

What to do now?

Register for an electronic account at https://e-asiointi.migri.fi. Log on to your account and fill in the application form OLE_TUT (research) or OLE_OPI (studying) depending on which of the above mentioned options apply to you.

- Apply for your residence permit abroad, not in Finland.
- Make sure to fill in your name as it is in your passport, your contact details and the date you plan to arrive in Finland.
- Attach all the appendices listed on the last page of the application form.
- Visit a Finnish embassy/consulate in person for identification and fingerprinting. Your application will not be processed before you’ve visited a Finnish embassy.
- Contact the embassy or consulate in advance to arrange a visit. All Finnish embassies and consulates are listed at www.formin.fi.
  o If there is no Finnish diplomatic mission in your country, contact a Finnish mission in another country to confirm your visit.

Go to www.migri.fi to find out more of the requirements for a residence permit as a student or as a researcher. Also check out www.migri.fi -> FAQ -> residence permits.