The Scholarship Fund of the University of Oulu opens the call for 2015 research grants

The Scholarship Fund of the University of Oulu opens the call for research grants for a total amount of 150,000 euros. The awarded grants are typically between 3000 and 5000 euros. Only researchers who have completed a Master’s degree are eligible for researcher grants. Travel grants are not awarded.

Applications are to be submitted by 30 September 2015 15:00 to the University of Oulu Registry Office.

The grant decisions are made at the end of November and the grants must be used during 2016.

Grants are awarded from the trust funds in the following way:

Yliopiston Apteenin rahasto Fund
Grants are allocated for postgraduate degree students at the end of their studies for full-time study and research.

Oulangan rahasto Fund
Grants are allocated for research done in the Oulanka Biological Station, and relative to Kuusamo.

Tyyni Tani Fund
Grants from the MA Tyyni Tani Fund are allocated for postgraduate students in the faculties of Humanities and Medicine.

Anna Vuorio Fund
Grants are allocated for Humanities, mostly for postgraduate studies in the Finnish language.

Anna Esteri Timola Fund
Grants are allocated for supporting postgraduate studies.

Lecturer Aino Hoikkala Fund
Grants are allocated for postgraduate studies in Finnish or some other language.

Brita Granit Fund
Grants are allocated for research relative to developing contentual dementia patient treatment and rehabilitation.

Tyynne and Runar Forsén Fund
Grants are allocated for research of the history of the economic and cultural life in the Oulu region.
**Raili Korkka Fund**

Grants are allocated for research of the brown bear (Ursus Arctos).

**Maija Liisa Kovala Fund**

Grants are allocated for research of the prostate cancer and Alzheimer’s disease.

The funds of Ida and J.A. Räisen and Tutoris Oy will not allocate grants in 2015.

**University of Oulu Scholarship Foundation selection procedure:**

- Faculties will be heard in reviewing the applications.
- Applicant must be registered at the University of Oulu Graduate School (UniOGS).
- Prerequisite for applying is a doctoral training plan approved by UniOGS for those who have started in 2012 or later.
- For those having started earlier, some other approved plan is required.
- The applicant must state during the application stage how many years the thesis work has been going on.

**Required attachments for the application:**

- Printout from Oodi, to prove that the right to further studies is primary in the register.
- List of previous grants for the preparation of the thesis, and as yet unsettled grant applications.
- One page summary of the research plan.
- Statement by the supervisor of the thesis.
- CV and a list of publications including publications intended to be included in the thesis.

The University of Oulu Scholarship Foundation requires from the applicant a short summary (maximum two pages) on the progress of the research, within one year from the awarding the grant. The summary will be addressed to the Rector of the University and sent to Hilkka Halonen of Financial Services (internal address 8TAL, external address P.O. Box 8000, 90014 University of Oulu).
Applying instructions

The receiver of the grant may not be simultaneously employed by the University of Oulu during the grant period. The grants instructions will be observed for the grant procedures. The instructions and Grant application form are on the University web pages.

Social security of receivers

The receiver of the grant must take care of his/her own insurance cover during the grant period. As the grant does not equal employment, the receiver is not covered by normal employment insurance or occupational health care or other benefits of employment or collective bargaining contracts.

Additional information and contact information for social security are at The Farmers' Social Insurance Institution Mela website www.mela.fi

Taxing of grants

As the judicial position of universities changed at the beginning of 2010 into public corporation, grants awarded by universities are currently classified as private grants. Therefore, stipends, student grants and other grants and awards received from other than the general government or the Nordic Council are taxable income as far as their amount together with the stipends, student grants and other grants, and awards received from the general government or the Nordic Council (after deducting expenses) in the tax year exceeds the annual amount of the artist grant by the state. In 2015 this tax-free amount is 20.070,64 euros.

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