#### ****The Foreign Correspondents' Programme in Finland, August 2013****

**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 due to graduate soon, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship to take part in the Foreign Correspondents’ Programme (FCP) in Finland in August 2013.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland now welcomes applications from citizens or residents of the following countries: **Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam.**

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

**Programme**

The programme starts on August 5th and ends on August 30th, 2013. It includes briefings on Finland today; meetings with professionals, politicians and people; and visits to business enterprises, cultural sites and institutions. It also includes a weekend as a guest of a Finnish family, as well as trips to different parts of Finland. You will also have access to working facilities with PCs, internet, telephone, printers and copiers at the International Press Centre at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

**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 residence and 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 22 to 27 years of age and have the ability to adapt to a multinational group of people in a foreign country.

**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 (including your photo ) using the CV template**
3. **An essay which** emphasises the applicant's particular interest in Finland (600-800 words).

Please include in your application copies of published articles, transcripts and other relevant documents that may be helpful in the selection process. **The closing date for applications is March 22nd, 2013.**

**FCP in Internet**:

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland FCP page:

<http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=36545&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>

Video featuring the FCP programme:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=m6LPj0M118I>

FCP in Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Foreign-Correspondents-Programme-in-Finland/288541773496>