

Kone – Fudan Nordic Centre Scholarships for travel and research cooperation in Shanghai during the academic year 2025 - 2026 (additional call)

Kone – Fudan Nordic Centre Scholarships for Research in Shanghai are open for applications until 10 October 2025. Nordic Centre at Fudan University was established in 1995 through a collaborative effort between 14 Nordic universities and Fudan University. Today the network consists of 22 member institutions in China, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Nordic Centre seeks to be an essential hub for cutting-edge Sino-Nordic research, research-based education and outreach activities. For more information, please refer to <http://www.nordiccentre.net/> and documents there. This scholarship programme is a specific project coordinated by the University of Turku and funded by the Kone Foundation. The funding in this call is only granted for applicants for activities carried out and reported in 2025. There will be a separate call in spring 2026 for longer research periods for the next academic year 2026 - 2027.

Application time ends in 13 October 2025.

In this call you can apply scholarship for the following purposes:

1. Travel grants for shorter visits when the research or activity is connected to the following cooperation:

a) connected to the Fudan University or where the Fudan Nordic Centre is the base for the visit. You can also familiarise yourself with the possibilities incl. funding of the Nordic Centre e.g. for organising an event, research visit etc., and possibly combine these with your visit when relevant: Nordic Centre: <https://www.nordiccentre.net/research>.

The amount of the travel grant is usually 800 – 1200 euros, but the granted sum depends on the planned travel as well as availability of the funds in this category. It is in the essence planned to cover the flight tickets to and from China. The grantee must arrange all the travel arrangements themselves. Staff of the coordinating university (University of Turku) cannot be granted a scholarship, but costs can be paid as part of the travel claim).

2. Research support grants for the additional research costs related to the longer research stay in China at the Fudan Nordic Centre and research period there incl. conferences, (not for living costs, visa cost nor travel cost to and from China). The amount of support grant can be up to 1200 euros.

Considering these grants, please note the following:

- The amount and size of granted scholarships depends on the suitability and quality of the application as well as availability of funded grants in different categories.
- Please note that it is expected that the scholarship grantees will pay their accommodation, visa and other travel costs themselves in case the travel grant is not enough to cover these or if they are not granted the travel grant. Grantee will always arrange these themselves.

The travels or research period at the Nordic Centre in Shanghai must be carried out during the academic year 2025 – 2026. There is a reporting responsibility for the grant receivers. After the research period, the grantee is required to write a report to the project committee and to the Kone Foundation.

The grantees of this scholarship are obligated to take care of all legal obligations and consequences concerning e. g. taxation, possible statutory insurance and retirement plan fees as well as personal insurances.

Applying & dead-line

There is an electronic application forms which should be filled:

Application for Kone - Fudan Nordic Centre travel and research support grants:

<https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/96453E9746B0A2CC>

Application time ends in 13 October 2025.

Be prepared to include the following attachments in the application via the electronic form:

1. CV with a list of publications
2. Plan for the period or plan related to your travel to China (travel grant) with a description of the possibly planned co-operation with Fudan University and/or possibly with other Chinese partners relevant to this research and cooperation; the relevance of the research for the applicant's own research and possibly also for the cooperation of the home university.
3. Budget justifying the amount applied

Criteria for applying

All researchers and academic staff affiliated in one of the Nordic Centre's Finnish member university: University of Turku, University of Helsinki, University of Tampere, University of Eastern Finland and University of Lapland and fulfilling the criteria of this call are eligible for these scholarships. The scholarship programme is intended to support and expand research conducted in the Finnish member universities, therefore the affiliation with the Finnish member university during and after the research period is relevant. The Nordic Centre at Fudan University, Shanghai can function as a base for the grantees.

- Applications are considered from doctoral researchers, post-doctoral researchers and academic staff affiliated with the Finnish member universities and doing research or cooperation in the Kone Foundation's priority fields of the humanities, social sciences or environmental sciences as well as multidisciplinary work that involves the academic fields mentioned above are eligible for this scholarship.
- Moreover, enforcing the Sino-Nordic research cooperation is part of the strategy of the Nordic Centre which encourages new cooperation especially, but not only, in four interdisciplinary focus areas: Sino-Nordic perspectives; Sustainable development; Digitalisation and technology as well as Health and welfare. The multidisciplinary approach together with the Kone Foundations' priority fields, give opportunities for interesting new initiatives linked to these topics as well.