

The Faculty of Arts (helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-arts) of the University of Helsinki is Finland's oldest institution for teaching and research in the humanities and the largest in terms of the structure and range of disciplines. It is also a significant international community fostering research, education and cultural interaction.

The Faculty of Arts invites applications for the position of

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR / PROFESSOR IN ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

The successful applicant may be appointed to a permanent professorship or a fixed-term associate/assistant professorship (tenure track system), depending on his or her qualifications and career stage.

The focus of Islamic studies is on the history of Islam, the religion itself and Islamic cultures and societies from the 7th century to the present. The appointee can be acquainted with either the historical or current forms of Islam. The geographical focus is on the Middle East (the MENA region). Familiarity with other regions central to Islam, the global manifestations of Islam or classical Arabic are considered an asset. The successful candidate is particularly expected to have a creative perspective on the development of the field.

The professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies will work within the overall context of African and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Helsinki.

An appointee to the position of assistant/associate professor within the tenure track system shall hold a doctoral degree, have the ability to conduct independent scholarly work and have the teaching skills necessary for the position. In addition, applicants for assistant professorships shall demonstrate their capability and motivation as regards an academic career through publications and other means.

An appointee to a full professorship shall hold a doctoral degree and possess top-level scholarly qualifications and experience in the supervision of scientific research, along with the ability to provide top-level research-based teaching as well as to supervise theses and dissertations. In addition, the appointee shall present documentation of international cooperation in the field of research that he or she represents. Holders of professorships shall also have the skills necessary to serve as academic leaders.

When assessing the qualifications of each applicant, attention will be paid to both scholarly and teaching qualifications. Scholarly qualifications include scientific publications and other research results of scientific value, success in obtaining external research funding, international research experience as well as international elected positions. When considering the teaching qualifications of each applicant, attention will be focused on teaching experience and pedagogical training, the ability to produce learning material, other teaching merits and, if necessary, a demonstration of teaching skills as well as participation in doctoral education. The applicant's leadership and interaction skills as well as activity in the academic community will also be taken into account.

To successfully attend to the duties of the position, the appointee must have good Arabic and English skills. If the appointee is not proficient in Finnish or Swedish, he/she is expected to acquire moderate proficiency within a reasonable time after the appointment. Support for language studies is offered.

The salary for the position will be based on levels 8–10 (professor) and 7 (assistant/associate professor) of the requirement scheme for teaching and research positions in the salary system of Finnish universities. In addition, a salary component based on personal performance will be paid. Annual gross salary for a full professor varies between 64,000 and 96,000 euros, and for an assistant/associate between 50,000 and 68,500 euros, depending on the appointee's qualifications and experience.

Applicants are requested to enclose with their applications a single PDF file that includes the following documents in English:

- 1) A curriculum vitae
- 2) A report (max. 5 pages) on pedagogical expertise
- 3) A report (max. 5 pages) on the applicant's research activities (including activities in scientific communities, the acquisition of research funding and international scholarly work)
- 4) A report (max. 2 pages) on how the applicant intends to develop his or her research and focus his or her activities, if appointed
- 5) A numbered list of publications.

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Applicants are kindly asked to prepare for the situation in which, after the closing of the application period, the Faculty may request them to submit up to 10 publications of their choice to be sent to the assessors.

Please submit your application through the University of Helsinki Recruitment System via the link below. Applicants who are employees of the University of Helsinki are requested to leave their application via the SAP HR portal saphr.it.helsinki.fi/irj/portal.

Further information may be obtained from Jussi Pakkasvirta, Head of Department of Cultures, [jussi.pakkasvirta\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:jussi.pakkasvirta(at)helsinki.fi).

For information on the University of Helsinki as an employer and a description of the tenure track system please see helsinki.fi/en/university/working-at-the-university.

In case you need support with the recruitment system, please contact [recruitment\(at\)helsinki.fi](mailto:recruitment(at)helsinki.fi).

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