



32nd American Voices Seminar

October 10-11, 2025

University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

Itinerary for Finnish Graduate Grantees

(as of Oct 6, 2025)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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If at any point during the seminar you have any questions, please contact Saara.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Scandic Julia

Eerikinkatu 4

20100 Turku

HOTEL

Your one-night accommodation (Oct 10, unless otherwise agreed), in a single room, is covered and booked by the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

Scandic Hotel Julia is located at the center of Turku, a 20-minute walk from the Turku Railway Station (Logomo). Check-in starts at 15:00, but luggage can be left at the hotel when you arrive in Turku. Check-in at the hotel can be made after Friday's program has ended. Please note that on the day of your departure, you should remove your luggage from your room by 12:00 noon. You may leave your luggage in the hotel's storage room until the time of departure.

DRESS CODE

The dress code is business casual. We will be walking as a group between locations, so it is recommended that you bring comfortable shoes.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHOTOS

The Foundation will be posting on social media during the seminar and using the hashtag **#AmVoices2025**. Feel free to pitch in with your posts and photos on social media!

We will take a group photo of all the grantees on Friday before the dinner. You will receive a link to the photos after the seminar in the follow-up email.

ARRIVAL

Those of you who will be traveling to Turku by train, please note that there are two train stops in Turku. To get near the city center, choose Turku (City Centre, Logomo).

When purchasing your travel tickets, please make sure that you have enough time to stop by the hotel to store your luggage before the program starts on Friday. We recommend you purchase your travel ticket for a train/bus that will arrive in Turku at 9:45 at the latest.

Please note that unfortunately we cannot reimburse taxi or public transportation expenses.

NOTES

Please note that you will not be able to visit your hotel room during the day's program, so please prepare accordingly.

If you have questions about your arrival in Turku, please let us know.

PROGRAM: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:00-11:10** **Introductions and Preparing for University Selection and Application**
Room Oterma, University of Turku's Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)
For Finnish Graduate Grantees only
- 11:20-12:20** **Lunch with the Foundation CEO**
Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (next to the University Main Building)
You will receive a lunch coupon at the venue.
We will walk to and from lunch together.
- 12:30-13:30** **Planning Your Role as an Ambassador**
Room Käpy, University of Turku's Main Building
For Finnish Graduate Grantees only
- 13:35-13:45** **Meeting the Current U.S. Fulbrighters in Finland**
Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building
Each of you will shortly introduce yourself to the U.S. grantees before the start of the presentations.
- 13:45-14:00** Break
- 14:00-15:15** **American Voices Seminar Presentations**
Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building
The audience is mostly university-level students and faculty from the Turku area with an interest in American studies. The audience is expecting informative presentations about different aspects of American culture.
- You can see the seminar program here: www.fulbright.fi/about-us/events/american-voices-seminar
- 15:15-15:45** Refreshment break
- 15:45-16:25** **American Voices Seminar Presentations**
- 16:25-16:40** Break
- 16:40-17:30** **American Voices Seminar Presentations and Closing Words**
After the closing words, we will walk as a group (approx. 1,3 km) to Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf. A group photo will be taken outside when we leave the university.
- 18:00** **Dinner at Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf**
Itäinen Rantakatu 13, 20801 Turku
A buffet menu has been reserved for you. The dinner is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and accompanying family members of the U.S. grantees. Please note that special drinks and extras are at your own cost.

PROGRAM: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

On Saturday, please be prepared to check out of your room in the morning. You can still store your luggage at the hotel for the day. However, depending on your departure schedule, please note that there will not be time for you to fetch your luggage before lunch.

7:00-9:45 **Breakfast at the hotel according to your own schedule**

9:45 **Walk to the Main Building, University of Turku**

Walking independently or as a group. Saara and Karoliina will already be at the Main Building waiting for you.

10:15-10:55 **American Voices Seminar Presentations**

Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building

10:55-11:30 Refreshment break

11:30-13:00 **American Voices Seminar Presentations and Closing Words**

After the closing words, we will walk as a group to the lunch restaurant (a 5-minute walk).

13:15-14:15 **Lunch at Restaurant Assarin Ullakko**

Rehtorinpellonkatu 4a, 20500 Turku

The lunch buffet is hosted by the organizers for the grantees and U.S. grantees' family members; special drinks and extras are each person's own responsibility.

Members of the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association Board will join the lunch.

Departures from the lunch will be at everyone's own time.

14:15-15:00 **Optional program: walking Tour of Turku by the ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association on the way to the museum** (approx. 1,1 km)

Guides: Mila Seppälä and Pekka Kolehmainen, Members of the Association Board

15:00-16:30 **Optional program: visit and guided tour at the museum Aboa Vetus – Ars Nova**

Join a guided tour at ABOA VETUS – ARS NOVA uncovering history of life from medieval Turku as well as the contemporary art exhibition. The guided tour is sponsored by the Foundation, and the entrance fee is self-paid (14 € without the Museum Card).

AFTER THE SEMINAR

Please send your reimbursement claim, **including original travel tickets and receipts as well as your bank account information**, to the Fulbright Finland Foundation by October 27 (Please note that no reimbursement claims are accepted after this date!). Send your claim via SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reimbursements>

The books for the event are closed immediately after the reimbursement deadline, so please ensure that all questions are handled by that date. Please note that you are required to participate in **the whole American Voices seminar program, in order to be reimbursed**. If you have any questions about the reimbursements, please contact Heidi at heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi.