



33rd American Voices Seminar

October 8-10, 2026

University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

Tentative

Itinerary for Finnish Graduate Grantees

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Scandic Julia

Eerikinkatu 4

20100 Turku

HOTEL

Your two-night accommodation (Oct 8-10), 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 #AmVoices2026. 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 Thursday/Friday.

If you will arrive on Friday, we recommend you purchase your travel ticket for a train/bus that will arrive in Turku at 9:45 in the morning 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.

The majority of the program below is together with the U.S. grantees, with a couple of sessions specific to Finnish Graduate Grantees only. This provides many opportunities to network with U.S. grantees and alumni representing a variety of fields and institutions. We recommend you take full advantage of all of these opportunities.

Events with optional participation are marked separately in the program.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

This programming is optional but provides an excellent opportunity to meet and network with U.S. grantees and Foundation alumni.

Arrivals

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| 13:30-16:00 | Museum Visit and Guided Tour at Forum Marinum Maritime Centre
Guided tour sponsored by Ed Sivak, Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Council Member and Fulbright Finland alum (2015-17).
Entrance tickets are covered for all grantees. |
| 16:00 | Check-in starts at hotel |
| 17:00-19:00 | No-host get-together at Ravintola Koulu together with U.S. grantees and local alumni |

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00-11:00 **Introductions and Preparing for University Selection and Application**
(For Finnish Graduate Grantees only)
Room TBD

11:00-11:15 **Meeting the Current U.S. Fulbrighters in Finland**

Please prepare a 2-minute elevator pitch with the following questions as a guide:
What do you want to do in the U.S.? Why does it matter? What background do you have that supports this? What aspirations do you have in your field for now and in the future? What issues do you hope to change or solve?

This information also helps the American grantees in the audience to know who you are and what you are looking for so they can offer suggestions and advice.

11:30-12:30 **Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafé Aurum**

Your lunch will be paid for by Fulbright Finland. Table reserved for Finnish Grantees only.

12:40-13:20 **Planning Your Role as an Ambassador**
(For Finnish Graduate Grantees only)
Room TBD

13:20-13:30 Break

13:30-17:35 **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.

You can find the [seminar program](#) here soon.

18:00 **Dinner at [Restaurant Gunnar](#)**
Your dinner will be paid for by Fulbright Finland.
There is 25-minute walk to the restaurant from the University of Turku.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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.

Breakfast at the hotel on to your own schedule

9:45 **Walk to the Main Building, University of Turku**
Walking independently or as a group. Mia and Karoliina will already be at the Main Building waiting for you.

10:15 **American Voices Seminar Presentations**
Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku's Main Building

Programming after the seminar is optional.

13:15 **Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum**
Your lunch is paid for by Fulbright Finland.

14:15-16:30 Program by [ASLA-Fulbright Alumni Association](#)

14:15-15:00 **Guided walking tour with stories and information about the City of Turku**

Tour will start at the University of Turku and end at the Museum of Aboa Vetus – Ars Nova

15:00-16:00 **Visit and guided tour at Museum of Archaeology and Contemporary Art**
[Aboa Vetus - Ars Nova](#)

Entrance **by Museum Card or at your own cost**. The guided tour is covered by the organizers.

16:15 **Afters' at [5piste5](#)**

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 **DATE TBD** (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.