

Application for travel funding to study abroad 2020

Personal information

My name is Linda Finska and I am a PhD Research Fellow at the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea and the Faculty of Law at the Arctic University of Norway/UiT. My contract period for the PhD project is 1.5.2017 – 30.4.2021, and I am currently a third-year-PhD student. The working title of my dissertation is “Global Legal Response to Protect the Oceans from Plastic Pollution”, and it deals with public international law, circular economy and marine plastic pollution.

The purpose for studying abroad

I have chosen the Sasawaka Global Ocean Institute at the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, (Sweden) as the host institution I would like to visit. WMU has a group of researchers from law and other social sciences, who are working on marine plastic pollution issues. Particularly Dr. Aleke Stöfen-O’Brien, who is one of the leading experts in the field of international and European regulation of marine plastic pollution, has brought a high level of expertise on this topic to the WMU. To the best of my knowledge, such a hub of social scientists working on marine plastic pollution is very rare even on a global scale. Therefore, it would be an extremely fruitful environment to work in and engage in discussions.

I would like to spend three months in Malmö. I have so far finished the first draft of the dissertation manuscript and the purpose is to work on the second draft of my dissertation and do further research in Malmö. More specifically this means further working on and rewriting the core legal themes of my dissertation in each of the three main parts. I would also have a chance to contribute to WMU’s Marine Debris and Sargassum project.

Budget and financing

I am applying funding for a period of three months (April-June 2020). I would be travelling to Malmö with my dog. I realize that the dog does not count as family in this application process, but I kindly ask you to consider that travelling with her incurs costs for me, which I hope will be taken into account. As the only caretaker of the dog, it is not possible for me to travel without her for such an extended period.

The expenses that I will have in moving to Sweden for three months, which I would not have in Norway, are the following:

- **Rental/Airbnb-apartment, 3 months: 18 000 NOK**

A law in Sweden requires that a dog cannot be left alone for more than six hours. To benefit from the environment at the WMU and to be able to work normal hours, I need to take the dog to daycare.

- **Dog daycare, 3 months: 9000 NOK (Citydoggis, near WMU)**

To travel to Sweden with a dog, it needs the echinococcus medicine.

- **Vet: 1000 NOK**

Rental car, as we cannot fly with the dog. Monthly-rental car is the most viable option, as short-term rentals are relatively more expensive and returning a short-term rental car to another city and country twice incurs extra costs, and might not even be possible to between Tromsø and Malmö.

- **Monthly-rental car, 3 months: Approximately 21 000 NOK**
- **Petrol/Diesel, 4400km: Approximately 4000 NOK**
- **Accommodation during the drives: 4000 NOK**
- **Parking: Approximately 3000 NOK**

Total sum of approximate costs, 3 months: 60 000 NOK

[Supervisor's recommendation](#)

Please find attached a recommendation from my main supervisor, Professor Ingvild Ulrikke Jakobsen.

[Invitation from the host institution](#)

Please find attached an invitation from the Sasawaka Global Ocean Institute at the World Maritime University.

Anbefaling utenlandsopphold Linda Finska

Linda Finska planlegger et utenlandsopphold ved World Maritime University ved Malmø i 2020. Dette er en forskningsinstitusjon som driver bred og relevant forskning innenfor havrett på et internasjonalt nivå. De har de senere år også utviklet forskningsprosjekter innenfor forurensning av plast. Dette arbeidet vil være svært relevant for Linda. Oppholdet vil også gi henne muligheter til å knytte gode kontakter og utvikle hennes faglige nettverk.

Vi har hatt faglig samarbeid over flere år med flere av de ansatte ved institusjonen og jeg er overbevist om at Linda vil ha et faglig utviklende opphold her, som vil bidra positivt til hennes arbeid med avhandlingen.

Linda har gjennomført midtveisevalueringen og opplæringsdelen på PhD, og der godt i rute med avhandlingen. Det passer derfor perfekt med et utenlandsopphold på dette stadiet av hennes PhD-periode.

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Ingvild

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Malmö, 16 January 2020

Dear Ms. Finska,

Re: Invitation as Visiting Researcher at World Maritime University, Sweden

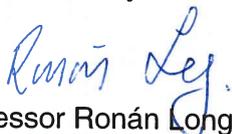
Based on your request and our discussions, I am pleased to invite you to spend a fixed period of time at WMU as a visiting researcher from April to June 2020.

During the time at WMU, you will be carrying out research work on plastics in the marine environment, circular economy options and international law. We equally invite you to contribute with your knowledge to our Marine Debris and Sargassum Project.

It has been agreed that you will be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with your visit. Kindly note that WMU does not provide any financial support on any item including accommodation, transport, food and insurance. You will be hosted by the WMU Sasakawa-Global Ocean Institute during the time of the stay.

We look forward to welcoming you to the WMU as well as Malmö. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Aleke Stöfen-O'Brien, at email aso@wmu.se, with copy to goisecretariat@wmu.se

Yours sincerely,



Professor Ronán Long
Director of WMU Sasakawa-Global Ocean Institute
World Maritime University

