

Research Sabbaticals abroad

Application round spring 2026



Hanken invites applications for Research Sabbaticals abroad. The goal is to continuously support the internationalisation and development of Hanken faculty. The grants are funded by the Hanken Support Foundation. **Application deadline is 31.3.2026.**

Conditions

The aim of the research sabbatical is to give the applicant the possibility to focus on research, which should result in a published research outcome according to the attached research plan. The research sabbatical is primarily intended for research and personal development at a recognized foreign university and should offer a stimulating research environment, inspiration and an opportunity for renewal and personal development.

Apart from scientific relevance, the following factors are taken into account:

- Time elapsed since the previous research sabbatical
- Publication activity
- Commissions of trust and administrative assignments at Hanken that have recently taken time from possibility to conduct research
- Applications for external funding for the research sabbatical

The research sabbatical implies a focus on research. However, the applicant may serve as a visiting professor (including limited teaching) at a leading foreign university during the time of the sabbatical.

The Grant

The grant is not paid out directly to the applicant but to the department as compensation of costs for a maximum of 5 months. The department would receive part of the grant to cover the costs of substituting the applicant. The applicant is then expected to apply for external funding from other sources to cover the direct costs associated with the sabbatical (travel, accommodation, insurance, family costs etc.). If the applicant fails to secure these funds from other sources the grant will cover these costs as well. Compensation costs for 2026:

- Costs for substituting the applicant 2000€ per month.
- Direct costs associated with the sabbatical (travel, accommodation, insurance, family costs etc.) maximum 3000€ per month.

The researcher receives her/his regular monthly salary during the sabbatical. It is the responsibility of the Head of Subject to distribute the funds.

Who can apply?

The funds are intended primarily to enable research sabbaticals abroad for assistant professors, associate professors, and professors, secondly to faculty members on the teaching track at Hanken.

How to apply?

When applying for a longer research sabbatical, you need to apply as an organization (Hanken):

- Go to <https://stiftelsenshh.rimbert.fi/> and log in by clicking on “Hanken log-in”.
- Create a profile as an organization (Hanken's business ID is 0245907-7).
- Choose “Create a new application” and then “Research sabbatical (researchers) 2025”.

The following must be included in the application:

- CV
- List of publications
- Research plan
- Letter of motivation
- Confirmation from the Head of Department of support for the research sabbatical
- Timetable
- Estimate of costs (including applications for external funding for the sabbatical)
- Invitation from the host university

Before submitting, please discuss your plans with your Head of Department/Head of Subject.

Decision

The research sabbatical should be recommended by the Head of department/Head of Subject. The decision to grant funding is made by the Rector, the Dean of Research and the Hanken Support Foundation’s ombudsman.

Please be in contact with the HR department at Hanken to inform them of your research sabbatical in case you receive a positive funding decision.

Reporting

After the research sabbatical has ended the researcher should submit a report on activities. The report should describe the setting for the research sabbatical, the focus of the research, the research outcome, and other points of interest. The Hanken Support Foundation aims to use the report when reporting the use of the funds, and for communication purposes. Please note that the final payment to the department is only paid once the report is submitted.

Questions?

More information is given by the Scholarship Liaison Officer, stipendieombud@hanken.fi, 040-3521235. Information can also be found here <https://www.hanken.fi/en/research/research-funding/hanken-support-foundation-grants/calls-applications>.

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