



30th American Voices Seminar

October 6-7, 2023
University of Turku, Main Building (Henrikinkatu 2)

Itinerary for Finnish Fulbrighters (as of Sept 28, 2023)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa
Joukahaisenkatu 6
20520 Turku

Your one-night accommodation (Oct 7), in a single room, is covered and booked by the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

Sokos Hotel Kupittaa is located in the Kupittaa area of Turku, a 2-minute walk from the Kupittaa train station and a 20-minute bus ride from the Turku railway station. 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. If you are staying additional nights at your own expense, please make sure you pay any out-of-pocket costs. 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 luggage storage at the hotel.

DRESS CODE

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Fulbright Finland Foundation will be posting on social media during the seminar and using the hashtag **#AmVoices2023**. Feel free to pitch in with your posts and photos on social media!

GROUP PHOTO

We will take a group photo of all the grantees during the weekend. The exact time will be announced during the seminar.

WIFI

The University of Turku offers a campus-wide Wi-Fi connection for visitors. Please refer to instructions on how to access the connection at:

<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/wireless-networks-username-and-it-support/wireless-networks>

ARRIVAL

NOTE! Important information about railway line interruption in Turku

Those of you who travel to Turku by train, please note that there is track work between the Turku central railway station and the Turku Kupittaa station. Our hotel is located right next to the **Turku Kupittaa station**.

If you travel to Turku from/via Helsinki (e.g. those living in Lappeenranta), please search for connections to Turku Kupittaa.

Karoliina Kokko will be at Turku Main Railway Station on Friday at **10:50**, so if you arrive then, you can take a taxi with her to the hotel. **Let Heidi know at the latest on Tuesday, October 3 if you want to join the taxi ride by sending her an email to Heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi (cc. Maija and Karoliina). We need to know the exact number of people, so we'll order enough taxis.**

When purchasing your travel ticket, please make sure that you have enough time to stop by the hotel to store your luggage before the lunch/program starts on Friday. We recommend you purchase your travel ticket for a train/bus that will arrive in Turku at 11:00 at the latest.

Please note that unfortunately we cannot reimburse taxi or public transportation expenses (with the exception of the taxi with Karoliina from the railway station to Kupittaa).

LUNCH & MEETING YOUR FELLOW GRANTEES

There will be lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (Henrikinkatu 2) from 11:00-12.20, which is covered by the organizers. Please join the lunch promptly at 11:00 or at 11:30 at the very latest. Fulbright Finland Foundation staff will be waiting at Kårkafe Aurum with a Fulbright Finland Foundation sign at 11:00. You will receive a lunch coupon at the venue. Saara will reserve a table for the Finnish graduate students so we can eat together.

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.

See the map (page 5 or <https://bit.ly/3Rsonrm>) for the locations.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th

11:00-12:20 Lunch at Restaurant Kårkafe Aurum (approx. 1 km walk from the hotel)

Students, make sure you have your student card with you!

12:30-13:35 Preparing for your Fulbright Year, Room Käpy, University of Turku's Main Building

For the Finnish Graduate Grantees only. We will walk to the Main Building together from lunch.

13:35-13:45 Introducing the Finnish graduate students to the U.S. Fulbrighters

Each of you will shortly introduce yourself to the U.S. grantees before the start of the presentations.

14:00-17:25 American Voices Seminar presentations, Tauno Nurmela Hall, University of Turku

The audience is mostly university-level students and faculty from the Turku area with an interest in American studies topics. The audience is expecting informative presentations about different aspects of American culture.

17:30 Walk (approx. 1,3 km) to Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf through some of the Turku sights.

18:00 Dinner at Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf

The group will walk together from the university to the restaurant. A buffet menu has been reserved for you. The dinner is hosted by the organizers for the grantees. Please note that water is included, but **other drinks and extras are each person's own responsibility.**

20:00 Optional Event: Alumni Happy Hour – Panimoravintola Koulu

Welcome to the "Alumni Happy Hour" to meet and greet with Foundation Alumni (drinks self-paid)!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th

On Saturday morning, 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.

8:30-9:45 Breakfast at the hotel

We will use this time to discuss any questions you may have and to chat about the seminar.

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

10:15-12:40 American Voices Seminar presentations continue, Tauno Nurmela Hall, Main Building, University of Turku

13:15-14:45 Lunch at Restaurant Kellariravintola

The group will walk together to Restaurant Kellariravintola (approx. 1,5 km walk). The lunch buffet is hosted by the organizers for the grantees; drinks (except water) and extras are each person's own responsibility.

15:00 -> Departures at everyone's own time. **The program will end at the latest in time for you to catch the 15:30 train or bus from Turku.** If you leave your luggage at the hotel and your train leaves from the Turku Main Railway Station, please make sure you leave enough time to pick up your luggage from the hotel.

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 22 (Please note that no reimbursement claims are accepted after this date!). Send your claim via SurveyMonkey:

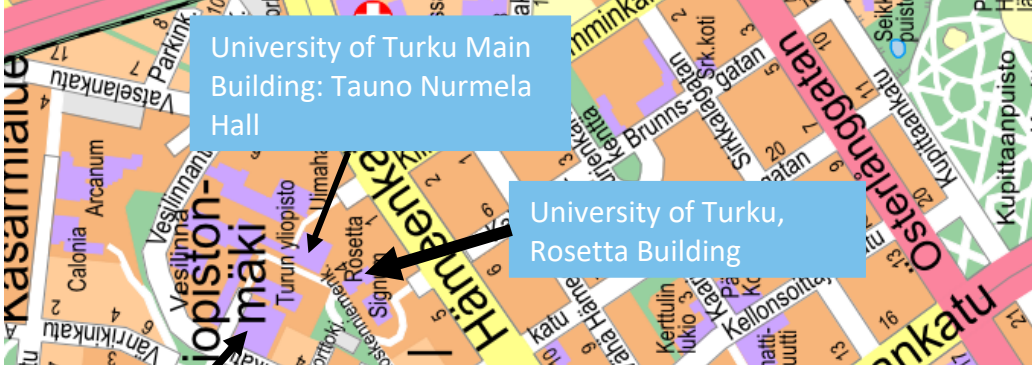
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reimbursements>

Please note that reimbursements are paid immediately after October 22, so please ensure that all questions are handled by that date. If you have any questions about the reimbursements, please contact Heidi at heidi.tiainen@fulbright.fi. More information about reimbursements can be found on the American Voices website.

Thank you for a great weekend – *Kiitos mukavasta viikonlopusta!*



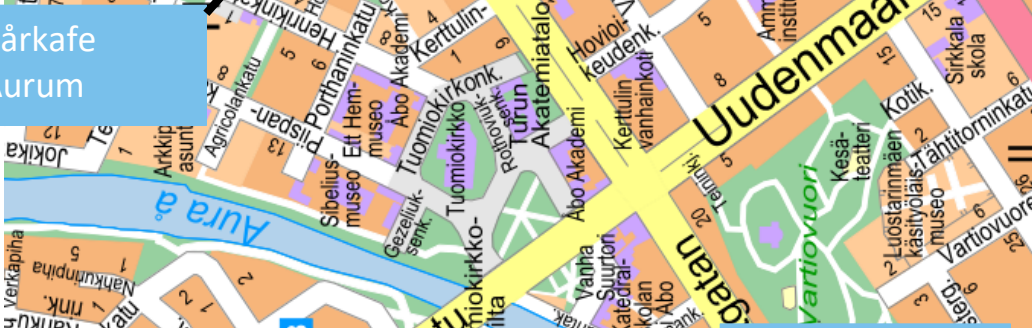
Sokos Hotel Kupittaa & Kupittaa train station



University of Turku Main Building: Tauno Nurmela Hall

University of Turku, Rosetta Building

Kärkafe Aurum



Restaurant Svarte Rudolf

Restaurant Kellariravintola



Turku Main Railway Station

