



Call for Trainees / Visiting Researchers in Autumn 2024!

Welcome to Juvenia!

In Juvenia - Youth Research and Development Centre we combine youth research and youth development. Juvenia is part of the South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences (Xamk) and we have been operating since 2008.

We carry out local, national and international research and development projects in the field of youth. Our activities focus on strengthening young people's inclusion, citizenship and communality, and preventing marginalization. In the youth sector, we promote, among other things, environmental awareness, digitalization and internationalization.

Our core competence is youth-oriented research and development. As a learning environment for co-development, Juvenia brings together young people, stakeholders and Xamk's own students as well as international trainees and researchers.

What we offer for you?

For international exchange, we have two options available:

- 2-6 months practical training in autumn 2024 for Bachelor's or Master's level students. The training is unpaid, but there might be a grant available for exchange students at your home university (ask more about this from your own international coordinator). Juvenia will provide to you a working space, personal guidance from our staff and a unique introduction to Finnish youth work as well as to our youth research and development work.
- If you are a PhD student or working as a researcher in the field of youth, we would be happy to host you as an visiting researcher in Juvenia! Researcher visit is unpaid, so we suggest you to discuss the possible sources of funding with your own home institution. Juvenia will provide you with a working space and an introduction to Finnish youth work and education sector as well as a chance to network with our research and development community.

What are we expecting from you?

Ideally, you are working (or interested in working) with youth or studying a subject related to youth work, such as Social Work, Social Policy, Education Theory etc. We are happy to receive applications from people with various backgrounds.

The most important thing is that you are highly motivated to do an exchange with us in Juvenia. The training tasks will be adjusted according to your specific interests, but some useful competences include:

- Pedagogical skills (with groups or individuals)
- Social skills
- Willingness to work in different kinds of environments (university, schools, youth clubs etc.) and with different kind of people (different age groups, immigrants, NEETs etc.)
- Media skills (writing, video etc.)
- Cultural or artistic skills

How and when to apply?

Write a motivation letter in English (max. length 2 A4 pages) in which you tell about yourself, your background and interests and especially your motivation and the reasons why we should select you as our exchange trainee / visiting researcher.

Please send your letter (PDF format) and a photo of you by email to Mr. Antti Rantaniva by **5.4.2024**, antti.rantaniva@xamk.fi. Please note that applications sent by regular post or after the deadline will not be accepted.

Before the final selection we will choose a number of applicants to be interviewed. After the final selection the trainees must also be nominated by the sending institution by **1.5.2024**. More information: <https://www.xamk.fi/en/education/exchange-application/>

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