

Development Academy 2023; application instructions

Background

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has organised Development Academy courses since 2010 to give journalists an opportunity to learn about global development matters and about Finland's development policy and development cooperation. So far, eleven courses have been organised.

Development Academy 2023

The Development Academy programme consists of two short seminar days in Helsinki on 11 and 20 January 2023 and a field visit to Kenya that lasts about one week from 20 to 28 January 2023. In addition, one or two journalists will have the opportunity to visit Somalia during the field visit week. The dates will be confirmed in December 2022.

Selection criteria

In the selection process for the course, attention is paid to how the applicants intend to make use of the content of the programme in their journalistic work, what are the reasons that make the Development Academy useful for them, and which themes the applicants intend to focus on especially. From 6 to 8 journalists will be selected for the Development Academy. The selection process will be completed by the end of December 2022. The results will be sent to the successful applicants by email and their names will be posted on the Foreign Ministry's website. The selected journalists must confirm their participation within two weeks of having received the decision. Before confirming their participation, each journalist should ascertain that they have their media house's permission to participate in all the sections of the programme.

Expenses

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will reimburse the travel expenses and, as necessary, accommodation expenses for those arriving from outside the Greater Helsinki area in accordance with the State Travel Regulations. For those living in the Greater Helsinki area, expenses arising in Finland will not be reimbursed. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will arrange the flights and visas for the field visit abroad. In addition, the Ministry will arrange accommodation at the destination. It will also be responsible for other expenses of the joint field visit programme with the exception of meals that are not included in the programme. If your employer will cover the costs of the field visit, please mention this preferably in the application form, but no later than when you confirm your participation in the course. In that case, you must reserve the flights yourself and pay the hotel accommodation at the destination using your credit card.

Insurances

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will take out insurance on all participants of the Development Academy for the duration of the field visit. The insurance will be valid from the departure date to the date of return to Finland.