

Visiting Fellowships, Political Science

The research project STRONG – Implementing Democratic Innovations invites international scholars to apply for a Visiting Fellowship Program. Applicants should be engaged in cutting-edge empirical or theoretical work in the fields of *democratic innovations, deliberative democracy, public opinion or political behavior*, hold a suitable PhD degree and an ongoing position at a university or research institution.

Visiting Fellows will be hosted by Samforsk, the Social Science Research Institute www.samforsk.abo.fi at Åbo Akademi University. Visiting Fellowships are intended to foster research and writing suitable for publication in a journal. The writing must be done in collaboration with one or several scholars at Samforsk. Visiting scholars are expected to be in residence at Åbo Akademi for the fellowship period and participate fully in the academic life of the Institute, engaging with both researchers and faculty members. The present call covers the period 1 November 2026 – 31 October 2027 and is open to applicants at different stages of their scientific career. The length of the visit should be between one and six months.

The institute specializes in research on democratic innovations (especially deliberative democracy), public opinion and political behavior. Its researchers are well connected in the international political science community. The Institute is located at both campuses of the University, in Åbo (Turku) and Vasa (Vaasa).

STRONG will provide the Visiting Fellows with workspace and a monthly scholarship of 2000 euros to cover expenses during the stay. Accepted Fellows should organize and pay for their own travel. **To apply**, please send the following documentation to Ms. Eva Aspnäs, by e-mail eva.aspnas@abo.fi

- A covering letter stating why, when and for how long you wish to visit, and which of the two campuses you wish to be located at
- An outline (no more than two pages) of the research you propose to conduct during the visit
- A brief curriculum vitae (no more than two pages)
- Possible letter(s) of reference

no later than September 30, 2026. For more information, please contact the Director of STRONG, Professor Kimmo Grönlund, kimmo.gronlund@abo.fi

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