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(TIAS)



## TIAS

- Turku Institute for Advanced Studies
- Established in 2008 to promote high quality research and enhance the University's research reputation
- Funded by monies from centre of university and faculties of Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Law and Turku School of Economics
- Mixture of postdoctoral (within five years of graduation) and collegium (early to mid-career) researchers
- All researchers funded for three years with salary and 3 000 € annual research expenses
- Researchers located in departments, but meet regularly as a community to discuss work in progress and generic issues
- Annual Report on website  
<https://www.utu.fi/en/research/research-collegia/tias/welcome-by-director>

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## TIAS October 2019

- 15 Collegium researchers
- 15 postdoctoral researchers
- <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/research-collegia/tias/researchers>
- Next Call: spring 2020, for January 2021 start



## TIAS and interdisciplinarity

- Interdisciplinarity at heart of (T)IAS work
- See blog: <https://blogit.utu.fi/collegia/>
- Researchers mix across disciplines and work collaboratively
- Regularly exposed to ideas from beyond their discipline – e.g. at regular TIAS meetings
- Director has interdisciplinary background

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## Events

- TIAS holds regular seminars, symposia, workshops etc open to all:  
<https://www.utu.fi/en/research/research-collegia/tias/events>
- Events designed to be interdisciplinary and so have tackled themes such as: failure, emotions, human interaction, traumatic research and (forthcoming) enlightenment, happiness
- Lecture series in Turku Main Library opens up work to non specialist audiences:  
[www.utu.fi/en/research/research-collegia/tias/events/lecture-series](http://www.utu.fi/en/research/research-collegia/tias/events/lecture-series)

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## Future work

- Learn from today and become a focus within UTU
- Stress interdisciplinarity more in next Call?
- Encourage projects with tangible outcomes – such as publications,
- Closer working with other Finnish collegia
- Closer working with Turku Collegium for Science and Medicine (TCSM)
- Watch this space!

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Thank you

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