



University of Oulu Thule Institute, Oulanka Research Station

The University of Oulu is an international research community with 16,000 students and nearly 3,000 employees. The Thule Institute is a multidisciplinary research centre at the University of Oulu that operates in the field of environmental and northern studies and natural resources. The Oulanka Research Station, a unit under the Thule Institute, is situated in the Oulanka National Park in Kuusamo, Finland. Research Station duties include teaching and research as well as coordinating University operations in northeastern Finland. There are six permanent personnel members and several project workers and seasonal employees working at the station. The station offers a modern research and education environment for researchers, teachers and students, as well as for organisers of courses, seminars and conferences. The station is open year round, and it can accommodate up to 95 people. The most important research areas at the multidisciplinary research station are research on ecosystems and biodiversity in terrestrial and aquatic boreal environments, geographic processes, tourism research and environmental monitoring projects (more information on our website <http://www.oulu.fi/oulanka>).

Post of the Research Station Director, Oulanka Research Station / Thule Institute

The task of the Director is to oversee Oulanka Research Station management (scientific management in particular), operational planning, organisation and development and acting as a supervisor for station personnel. The Director's duties also include conducting scientific research related to the environment and/or natural resources. The duties also include supervising student theses and participating in operations related to doctoral programmes.

The Research Station Director also acts as the contact person for University of Oulu regional operations in northeastern Finland. The tasks include planning and conducting, on his/her part, research projects in the field of environmental studies and natural resources, as well as education and development projects in cooperation with research organisations, industries and public entities in the area. The Director is required to teach in the field related to the station operations / in his or her area of specialty.

The Research Station Director's post is at the University of Oulu, Oulanka Research Station in Kuusamo and at the Thule Institute in Oulu. The post requires significant presence (at least half of the working time, i.e., 6 out of 12 months) at the Oulanka Research Station. In addition, the Director has premises appointed by the City of Kuusamo at his/her disposal in the Kuusamo municipality.

Successful management of the post requires a doctoral degree in a field relevant to research station operations, strong scientific competence and proficient English skills. Administrative experience and experience in acquiring research/project funding and supervising student theses are also required. Previous successful multidisciplinary research operations, management experience and skills, knowledge regarding the interest groups and the ability to maintain societal relations are considered particularly beneficial. In addition, the applicant should have good cooperative and organisational skills and the ability to perform independent work responsibly. The post can be changed to Research Professorship depending on the scientific merit of the applicant, and this requires an evaluation of their scientific competence.

The salary is based on the university salary system.

Please attach the following mandatory items to the application:

- 1) A short (max 4 pages) curriculum vitae.
- 2) A list of publications categorised in accordance with the Academy of Finland guidelines.
- 3) A brief summary of research merit, acquired funding and national and international cooperation relevant to the post.
- 4) A short research and development plan regarding Oulanka Research Station operations.
- 5) Teaching merit relevant to the post being filled.

Applications addressed to the Thule Institute should be delivered to the following address: University of Oulu, Registry, P.O. Box 8000, 90014 University of Oulu, or by e-mail to kirjaamo(at)oulu.fi by **January 7th, 2013 at 15:00**. The applications will not be returned.

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