

<p><b>Title / Duration / Visa</b> Architectural Volunteer / 2-4 months</p> <p><b>Felm tutor / Partner tutor:</b> Rev. Aaro Rytönen, Executive Director, Al Amana Centre</p>	<p><b>Partner / Location</b> Al Amana Centre is an interfaith dialogue centre based on almost 130 years of mission history of the Reformed Church in America in the Sultanate of Oman. FELM has been working in collaboration with the mission in the 1980s and now again since 2017. Al Amana Centre builds trust between people of faith in order to work for peace and reconciliation. Al Amana Centre is located in Muscat, the Sultanate of Oman, in Arabian Peninsula.</p>
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<p><b>Objective and duties of Volunteer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support Executive Director in exploring possibilities to develop Al Amana Centre existing property further</li> <li>- Provide understanding how Al Amana Centre physical campus can be in best use for the safe space workshops, retreat and study programs</li> <li>- Work with Al Amana Centre staff to take care of the garden and give advice how the garden should look like</li> <li>- Provide proposals how to set up kitchen facilities, living room and common space as well as office facilities and private bed rooms as part of the Centre.</li> <li>- Communicate, together with Al Amana Executive Director and other relevant parties, about the work of Al Amana Centre</li> </ul>	<p><b>Short description of the tasks</b></p> <p>Al Amana Centre has a campus which has been built in 1950s to serve first as a home for mission doctors. Later on, it has been turned into the office as well as venue which is hosting workshops, study programs and retreats. There is also a garden as well as a separate chapel on the opposite side of the road. Al Amana Centre also wants to provide library facilities for students as well as guest house style accommodation for the groups who attend Al Amana program. The main purpose for the volunteer is to provide expertise and skills for the Al Amana leadership to develop the property so that it can better serve the aims and objectives of the center. This is a unique opportunity to bring ideas to a renewing mission of the unique organization which has a longstanding position in the country.</p>
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**Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:**

- Studies in one of the following: carpentry, landscaping, visual designing, engineering, architecture, or some other relevant area
- Flexibility, readiness and openness to meet people of different cultures and religions
- Quick to learn new things
- Committed to Al Amana Centre values
- Fluent in English language. No other languages required, but Finnish and Arabic would be an asset.

**Benefits and commitments:****Felm country office**

- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer before volunteer period
- Felm will cover in-country expenses related to the volunteer task, such as work-related travel, sim-card and computer if necessary at work, etc.
- Advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Volunteer with visa invitation letter, and cover the costs if Volunteer needs extension of visa
- Providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions, starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- Accommodation (furnished apartment or bedroom with shared kitchen and toilet)
- Introducing the Volunteer to Felm's partners work in the project areas

**Felm Helsinki office**

- Recruiting a suitable Felm Volunteer
- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer
- Orientation session
- Feedback session
- Travel insurance
- Criminal records extract for volunteering if tasks include working with children
- Small reimbursement of expenses

**Felm Volunteer**

- Following the FELM Volunteer agreement and its guidelines

- Following the Code of Conduct and Safety Instructions of LWF and tutor's instructions in destination
- Purchasing his/her own travel tickets from Finland to the country of placement and visa
- Obtaining a health certificate before departure
- Taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, first visa, baggage insurance, not work related travel, food, laundry and other personal expenses)
- Commitment to provide feedback
- Commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland (organizing by Felm)

Lähde liikkeelle –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks.

Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.