

FINLAND

Academy of Finland (AKA)

The following call topic of the joint call is supported by AKA:

1. Call topic: Social Sciences and the Humanities

Who can apply?

Funding is primarily granted to research teams that are composed of researchers who have already earned their doctorate. In principle, a project to be funded shall serve Finnish research and society or international collaboration. The applicant (the principal investigator of a research project) must have the qualifications of a professor or an adjunct professor or be a researcher with a doctorate. Staff hired with the research funding grant must primarily be in an employment relationship to the site of research.

The Academy of Finland will fund a research project only if the site of research undertakes to provide the project with the necessary basic facilities. Though determined based on the nature of the research, they are usually the same as those available to other research staff at the institution: office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment) and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services.

The Academy's funding terms and conditions for funding decisions apply to both the PI and the site of research (recipient of government transfer). The PI bears the primary responsibility for the implementation of the research and for adherence to the funding plan. Academy funding cannot be used for economic activity, which is defined as all activity where goods or services are offered on an open market regardless of whether profits are pursued or generated. When an organisation is also engaged in economic activities, separate accounts must be kept of the funding and costs of and the revenue generated by such activities

Business collaborators in Academy-funded projects: If an Academy-funded project involves cooperation with business companies that are not funded by the Academy, the project must follow special terms and conditions regarding business cooperation. The aim of the terms and conditions is to prevent indirect state aid to business companies. Read more in the Academy's general funding conditions (item 14.1). Where an Academy-funded project involves cooperation with business companies, the terms and conditions of the project, in particular as regards contributions to its costs, the sharing of risks and outcomes, the dissemination of results, and access to and allocation of IPRs, must be concluded in writing before the start of the project.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I. Eligible costs as direct costs

- a. Salaries and fees
- b. Acquisition of individual instruments, software, etc. that are essential to the project
- c. Consumables and supplies
- d. Purchases of services
- e. Other costs

Events

Travel

Subsistence allowance

II. Indirect Costs: Overheads, and indirect employee costs

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the joint call

As a rule, the full cost model is applied in all drafting, issuing and executing of the Academy of Finland's funding decisions. Academy research funding is in essence a form of co-funding in which the funds to finance the costs of a project primarily come from at least two sources. When Academy funding is applied for, universities, research institutes and other research organisations commit to the co-funded activity by contributing their percentage of the costs. Under the full cost model, the Academy of Finland's funding contribution normally covers a maximum of 70% of the total costs of a project. The funding percentage is equally applicable to all project costs, that is, to both direct and indirect costs. Project overheads are indirect costs.

The Academy recommends that Academy-funded social-science research data be delivered to the Finnish Social Science Archive (FSD), based at the University of Tampere.

Funding recipients should also read the Academy's research-ethical guidelines and equality plan.

The general conditions and guidelines are an integral part of the Academy's funding decisions and are sent to the funding recipient and the principal investigator together with the funding decision.

All applicants are obliged to contact the National Contact Point, and requested to read the general conditions for funding decisions of the Academy of Finland prior to submitting their application. These conditions will be applied.

<https://www.aka.fi/en/funding/use-funding/>

https://www.aka.fi/globalassets/10rahoitus/liiteet/rahoitusehdot_2019-2020_en.pdf

Upper funding limits for eligible costs?

A realistic amount of funds to be applied from AKA per one project is **around 100,000 EUR per year**. Project duration is **24 or 36 months**.

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