

## FINLAND

### Academy of Finland (AKA)

**The following call topics of the joint call are supported by “Funding Institution”:**

1. Call topic 2: **Environment/Climate Change**
  - Environmental impact and risk of raw materials extraction and transportation
  - Extreme climate events and their impact on the environment
2. Call topic 4: **Social Sciences and the Humanities**
  - Understanding Conflict, Identity, and Memory: Past and Present

#### **Who can apply?**

Funding for Academy projects 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) for Academy funding must have the qualifications of a professor or an adjunct professor or be a researcher with a doctorate.

The Academy of Finland will provide funding only insofar as the site of research undertakes to provide the researcher with the necessary basic facilities for research.

Academy funding is allocated to the researcher's host organisation.

Academy funding to organisations outside the national economy (e.g. universities) is classed as discretionary Government transfers. Since these funds are allocated not to individual researchers but to their host organisation instead of the researcher, the host organisation is regarded as the recipient of the transfer in accordance with the Act on Discretionary Government Transfers, and will accordingly be required to assume all related obligations. The decision to grant a discretionary Government transfer is subject to specific conditions, in that the organisation receiving the transfer is permitted to use the transfer in question solely for funding research carried out by the principal investigator named in the application.

Staff to be hired with Academy research funding must have an employment relationship with the site of research or the organisation that has received the funding.

The Academy of Finland will provide funding for research projects only insofar as the institution serving as the site of the research undertakes to provide the project with the necessary basic facilities, which are the same as those available for other research staff at the institution, such as

office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment), and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services.

### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

#### ***I. Eligible costs as direct costs***

- a. Costs of personnel
- b. Costs of durable equipment
- c. Consumables and supplies
- d. Subcontracting
- e. Other costs

*Events*

*Travel*

*Subsistence allowance*

#### ***II. Indirect Costs: Overheads***

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

Calls for Academy research funding and the preparation, drafting and execution of Academy funding decisions are all carried out under the full cost model. This affects the application for research grants, budgeting, the allocation of research grants as well as accounting and reporting. The full cost model does not apply to personal grants.

Academy research funding is by nature a joint venture in which the funds to finance the costs of each project always come from at least two sources. When applying for Academy funding, universities, research institutes and other research organisations commit to contributing a certain percentage of the project costs.

When the full cost model is applied, the Academy's funding contribution comes to a maximum of 70 per cent. The percentage is equally applicable to all project costs, that is, to both direct and indirect costs, including overheads.

The Academy has adopted a payment procedure for all organisations that receive Academy funding. In the use of funds, funding recipients shall follow both relevant legislation and the Academy's separate guidelines. In the use of the funds, the valid general conditions and guidelines shall be adhered to, unless otherwise decided.

Research grants from the Academy can be used only for the purpose for which they have been granted. This is the responsibility of the site of research that has received the funds and the principal investigator of the research project.

Any supplies, equipment and literature acquired with Academy funding will remain in the ownership and possession of the site of research. In the case of research infrastructures, the parties can agree in writing on other procedures and notify the Academy at the application stage. The guidelines for the acquisition procedure at the site of research in question shall be followed.

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.

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, equality plan (PDF) and IPR handbook for researchers.

**All applicants are strongly advised to contact the National Contact Point, and requested to read the general conditions for funding decisions of the Academy of Finland. These conditions will be applied.**

<http://www.aka.fi/en-GB/A/Funding-and-guidance/Use-of-funding/>

Upper funding limits for eligible costs?

Any other information relevant to the joint call

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