

## RESEARCH FUNDING AND EXPERTISE

The Academy of Finland promotes scientific research and its practical application, advances international scientific cooperation, provides expertise in science policy issues and awards funding for research and other science promotion.

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## ACADEMY OF FINLAND STRATEGIC VISION AND INTENT

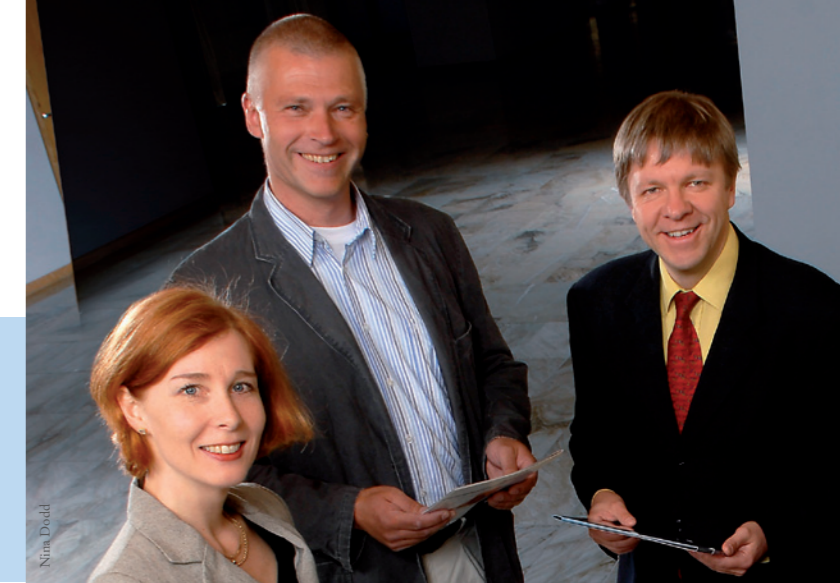
*The Academy of Finland is the country's leading source of funding for scientific research, and an active and major force in the Finnish research and innovation system, with a strong voice in influencing international science policy. The Academy is committed to maintaining these roles in the future.*



### *Strengthening the position of scientific research in the Finnish research and innovation system*

*The Academy of Finland is committed to*

- strengthening welfare, education, culture and economic competitiveness
- enhancing the contribution of high-level scientific research to development aimed at new innovations, and putting to the best possible use, both in public decision-making and in business and industry, the results and expertise from the research it has funded.



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The Academy of Finland has three strategic objectives. These objectives have to do with funding research excellence, strengthening the position of scientific research, and promoting international engagement.

### *Enhancing the quality and impact of research*

*The Academy of Finland promotes*

- research that is both of high international quality and ethically sound
- the establishment of internationally attractive research environments
- the discovery of new scientific breakthroughs
- research that seeks new multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary subjects and approaches.

### How the Academy will achieve this means

*The Academy will reach its objectives by*

- providing consistent and fixed-term funding for world-class innovative research that has a strong capacity for renewal
- allocating funding to key areas of research strength and fostering the diversity of science
- supporting
  - new scientific breakthroughs and innovations via all its funding instruments
  - an internationally competitive research community that has sufficient critical mass, as well as the key areas of strength for Finnish research, the needs of the innovation system, and Strategic Centres for Science, Technology and Innovation
- developing its Centre of Excellence policy
- ensuring that the most promising and talented researchers have access to funding
- advancing researchers' career progress, improving research facilities and ensuring that the research community has an appropriate and balanced structure
- contributing actively to the drafting and implementation of national research infrastructure policy
- focusing long-term research funding and a world-class research input on innovation development.

### How the Academy will achieve this means

*The Academy will reach its objectives by*

- stepping up its role in debating and influencing science policy
- promoting
  - the practical application in decision-making and in business and industry of the results from research it has funded
  - the visibility of science and its results
  - science education
  - open access to scientific datasets and publications
- participating in new science policy discussion forums.

The Academy of Finland is committed to working ever more closely with key partners in order to achieve its science and innovation policy objectives. These partners include universities, ministries, research institutes, domestic and foreign research funding agencies, Strategic Centres for Science, Technology and Innovation, and business and industry. The Academy selects its partner countries with a view to achieving the greatest possible benefit to Finnish science from its international activities.

### *Strengthening the international position and impact of Finnish science*

*The Academy of Finland*

- emphasises the role of scientific research in resolving the grand challenges facing humankind
- contributes actively to the building of the European Research Area in key areas of research strength
- provides opportunities for Finnish researchers to collaborate with international colleagues with a view to enhancing the quality and impact of research.

### How the Academy will achieve this means

*The Academy will reach its objectives by*

- contributing actively to building the European Research Area
- funding
  - research that addresses the grand challenges facing humankind
  - research infrastructures
- supporting the international mobility and networking of researchers
- making funding decisions that reflect the potential and ability of researchers to create and develop high-level international research teams and environments
- contributing actively to the drafting and implementation of European research infrastructure policy.