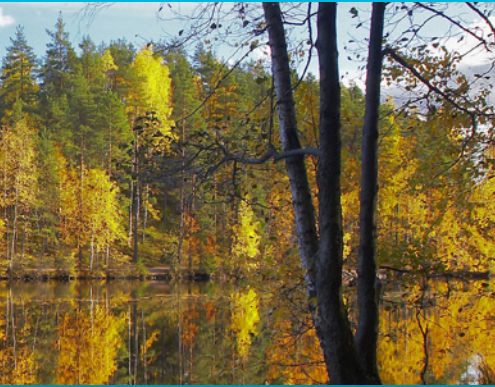


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The Academy of Finland stresses the role of international research collaboration as an integral part of all scientific activities. The Academy provides individual researchers with excellent opportunities for high-quality international research collaboration. The Academy encourages increased mobility both from and to Finland at all stages of the research career. For that purpose the Academy has various funding mechanisms to support the mobility of researchers.



Contractual collaboration between the Academy of Finland and Russian research funding organisations includes the following forms of cooperation:

| | RAS | RFBR | RFH |
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| Joint research projects | • | • | • |
| Joint research programmes | • | • | • |
| Researcher mobility | • | | |
| Transfer of knowledge | • | • | |
| Joint seminars and workshops | • | | • |
| Researcher training | • | | |
| Exchange of evaluation expertise | | • | • |

The Academy's international strategy identifies Russia as one of its main areas of collaboration. Finland and Russia share a long tradition of scientific cooperation. During the past few years this cooperation has increased in several fields. Russia is taking an active part in international research funding cooperation. This can be considered a sign of an active internationalisation of Russian science.

The Academy of Finland engages in close cooperation with three Russian science and research funding organisations:

- Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS)
- Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)
- Russian Foundation for the Humanities (RFH)

The international expert panel that reviewed the Academy of Finland's Russia in Flux Research Programme (2004–2007) stated in its report that the Academy is clearly funding important cutting-edge research on Russia. According to the panel, the programme confirmed that Finland is one of the leaders among EU countries with regard to research on the Russian economy, culture, politics, and environmental concerns. The panel further said that Finland is ahead of many other European countries with regard to funding joint research projects with Russia.

The Academy of Finland strives to maintain a high standard in research on Russia and with Russia. Research funding cooperation already exists in many fields and further cooperation is planned. The aim of joint research funding is to fund top-quality Finnish-Russian projects that generate added value in research that focuses on the environment, well-being, society, and technology.