

RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH INDIA



The Academy of Finland's objective is to promote high-quality scientific research through long-term research funding. The Academy is an organisation for research and science policy expertise, and it aims to strengthen the position of science and scientific research. The Academy is active in international science policy and a competent partner in funding co-operation. The Academy works to facilitate the opportunities of Finnish researchers for international research collaboration and to promote science internationally.

India is one of the key partner countries with which the Academy of Finland has well-established research funding cooperation. The Academy has agreements on funding cooperation with three Indian funding organisations: the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), the Department of Science and Technology (DST), and Tooltech Ltd. In order to cover all fields of science, the Academy is also interested in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

The Academy of Finland has a number of different funding opportunities to support Finnish-Indian research collaboration. The Academy's calls for applications are open annually in September and April.

Joint research projects

The aim of Finnish-Indian project cooperation is to support long-term, systematic research collaboration

and the creation and strengthening of collaboration networks between Finland and India. The themes selected for joint project calls are mutually agreed by the Academy and the Indian funding organisation (DBT or DST), and the themes vary for each call. The selected themes shall be researcher-driven and topical and should benefit both countries.

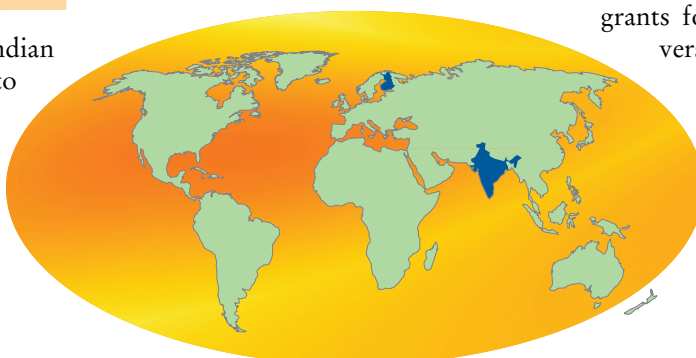
The funding decisions are made jointly by the Academy of Finland and the Indian funding organisation. The Academy's funding covers the costs of Finnish researchers, while Indian researchers receive their funding from their own funding organisation. The funding for joint projects is normally granted for three years.

Researcher mobility

Finnish researchers can apply for mobility grants for research at Indian universities and research institutes in all research fields excluding the social sciences and humanities. The funding period varies from seven days to twelve months.

Finnish researchers can apply for research grants for inviting Indian researchers of bioinformatics and related biosciences to carry out research in Finland.

Indian researchers can apply for mobility grants for research at Finnish universities and research institutes from the DBT and the DST.





FiDiPro

Within the framework of the Finland Distinguished Professor (FiDiPro) programme, Finnish universities and research institutes can hire foreign (e.g. Indian), professor-level top researchers or Finnish professor-level highly merited researchers who have worked abroad for extended periods to conduct and promote research in Finland for 2–5 years. The funding is applied for by a Finnish university or research institute, which will also contribute toward the FiDiPro professor's salary and research costs.

Academy projects

Research grants that can be applied for to conduct research projects in all scientific fields are the key funding opportunity of the Academy. The funding is granted to Finnish research teams for 3–4 years and it may include funds for travel, grants for researcher training or research abroad or for hiring a foreign researcher.

Postdoctoral Researchers

The purpose of the three-year research grants for Postdoctoral Researchers is to advance the professional competence and independence of young researchers who have recently earned their doctorate. The duties of Postdoctoral Researchers include research according to a set plan. The Academy encourages researchers to international mobility that will support their research, for example, so that they work abroad for a fixed period. The applicant for Postdoctoral Researcher's funding may also be a foreign researcher who already works in Finland or who will come to work within the Finnish scientific community.

More information on research funding:

www.aka.fi/en-gb/A/For-researchers/How-to-apply/Calls-for-applications
www.dbtindia.nic.in
www.dst.gov.in

More information on the Academy's international activities:

www.aka.fi/en-gb/A/Academy-of-Finland/International

The Academy of Finland is an expert organisation in research funding. Its operations cover all scientific disciplines. The Academy sets the climate for cutting-edge research, researcher training, internationalisation and the application of research results. The Academy provides funding for research carried out mainly at universities and research institutes. Each year the Academy allocates funding worth over 300 million euros. Finnish R&D expenditure as a proportion of GDP stands at

3.9 per cent. The Academy operates within the administrative sector of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and receives its funds from the state budget. More information on the Academy's operations and research funding is available at www.aka.fi/eng. For information and assistance for foreign researchers in Finland, please visit the EURAXESS Finland portal at www.euraxess.fi. More information on Finnish science and technology is also provided at www.research.fi.

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