

RESEARCH FUNDING AND EXPERTISE

The Academy of Finland is a leading source of funding for cutting-edge scientific research in Finland in all scientific disciplines.

We work to promote scientific research and the application of its results, to further international scientific cooperation and to provide expertise in science policy. Our funding is based on open competition and independent peer review. We provide funding for research mainly at universities and research institutes.

The Academy operates within the administrative branch of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and receives funding through the state budget.

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Information and assistance for foreign researchers in Finland at www.aka.fi/euraxess

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The Academy of Finland provides funding for high-level and innovative research aiming at scientific breakthroughs, serves as a science policy expert and strengthens the position of science and research. The Academy is active in international science policy and a competent partner in funding cooperation. We work to facilitate Finnish researchers' opportunities for international research collaboration and to promote science internationally. Academy funding is also available to Russian researchers working in Finland.

The Academy has well-established research funding co-operation with Russia, collaborating with three Russian science and research organisations: the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) and the Russian Foundation for Humanities (RFH). Our cooperation with Russia covers all fields of science and offers a number of opportunities to

support Finnish-Russian research collaboration: joint research projects and programmes, researcher mobility, joint seminars and workshops, researcher training, and the exchange of evaluation expertise.

JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

Finnish-Russian project cooperation supports long-term, systematic research collaboration and the creation and strengthening of research networks between Finland and Russia. The themes selected for joint project calls are mutually agreed by the Academy and the Russian funding agency (RFBR or RFH).

The funding decisions are made jointly by the Academy and the Russian funding agency. Academy funding covers the costs of the Finnish researchers, while Russian

researchers receive their funding from the respective Russian funding agency. Joint projects are normally funded for three years.

Research programmes offer another funding opportunity for Finnish-Russian joint research projects. Finnish and Russian research teams can submit a joint application to an Academy research programme after the Academy has agreed on funding cooperation with a Russian funding agency within that programme.

RESEARCHER MOBILITY

The Academy encourages Finnish researchers to apply for mobility grants for research at Russian universities and research institutes. Finnish researchers can also apply for grants to invite Russian researchers to carry out research in Finland. All research fields are eligible for funding. The funding period varies from seven days to twelve months.

Russian researchers in turn are encouraged to apply for mobility grants from the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) for research at Finnish universities and research institutes.

FiDiPro

Within the framework of the Finland Distinguished Professor (FiDiPro) programme, Finnish universities and research institutes can hire foreign (e.g. Russian) professor-level top researchers or highly merited expatriate Finnish professor-level researchers to conduct and promote research in Finland for 2–5 years. The funding is applied for by Finnish universities or research institutes, which are expected to contribute financially to the FiDiPro professors' salary and research costs. The FiDiPro programme is managed and funded jointly by the Academy of Finland and Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation.

ACADEMY PROJECTS

Academy Project funding is the key funding opportunity by the Academy for research projects in all scientific fields. The funding is granted primarily to teams composed of researchers who have completed their doctorate.

Depending on the research project, the Academy takes into account the significance and impact of the research in terms of Finnish society and business and industry. In principle, an Academy Project shall serve Finnish research and society or international collaboration.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

The aim of the Academy's three-year funding for research posts as Postdoctoral Researcher is to advance the professional competence and independence of the most promising young researchers who have recently earned their doctorate. The tasks of Postdoctoral Researchers include pursuing a set research plan.

