

Decision making

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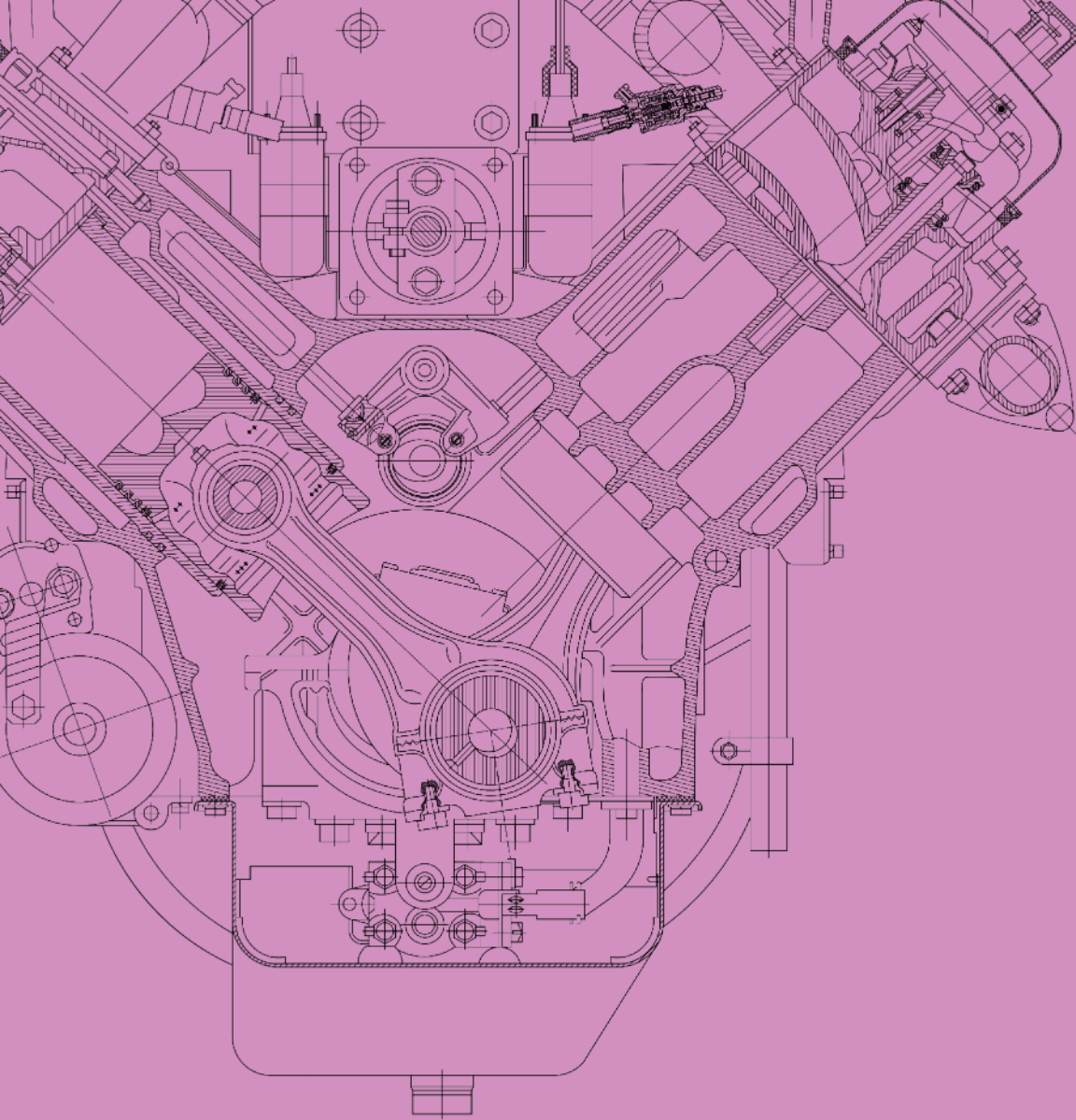
We start at 13.00



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## Before we start

1. First the presentation (10 mins) – then panel discussion (50 mins)
2. The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available online for two weeks
3. You can write questions during the panel discussion on Q&A: the meeting hosts will select some of them to be asked from the panel members in the end of the panel given there is time left. This time we do not take oral questions from the audience.



**Poll:**  
**Which funding  
form will you  
apply?**

# Decision making - research councils' floor

Professor Kirsimarja Blomqvist (Culture and Society)

Professor Jussi Kukkonen (Biosciences, Health and the Environment)

Professor Reko Leino (Natural Sciences and Engineering)

Science Advisers Jussi Varkemaa and Vesa Yli-Pelkonen

# Research Councils of the Academy of Finland

- The Research Councils act according to [the strategy and values of the Academy of Finland](#)
  - **The Academy funds high-quality, high-impact and innovative research**
  - The single most important criterion for the Academy's research funding is the high quality of research
  - The Academy of Finland offers competitive peer-reviewed research funding and actively contributes its science policy expertise to advance the quality and impact of scientific research, support the renewal of science and develop research environments in Finland

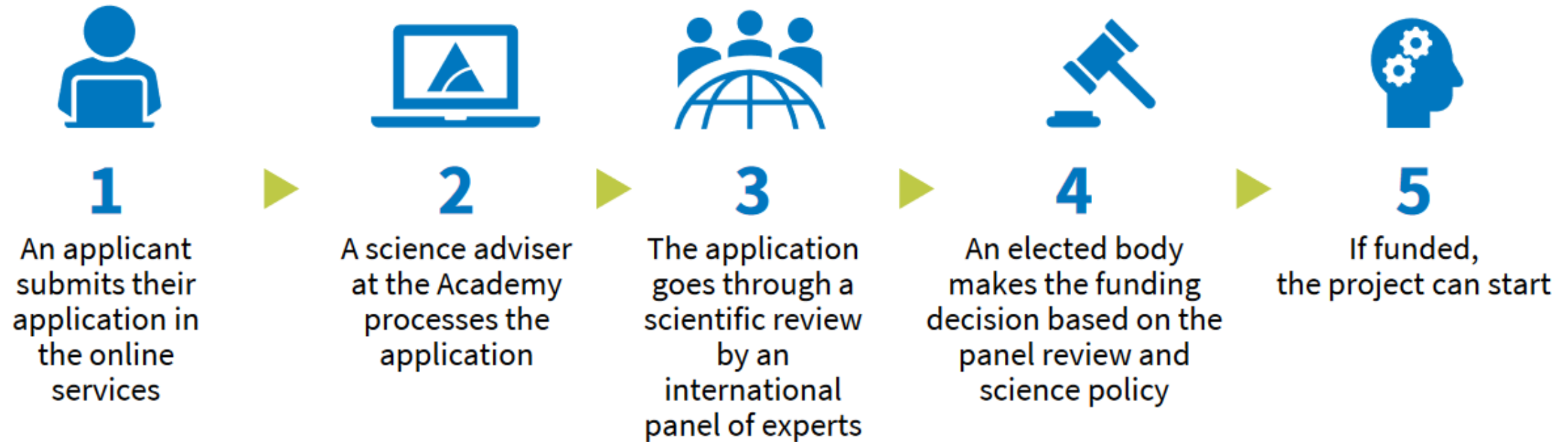
# Research Councils of the Academy of Finland

- Research Council for Biosciences, Health and the Environment
- Research Council for Culture and Society
- Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering
- Grant funding for:
  - scientific research
  - the development and utilisation of research framework conditions
- Decide on the funding for international research infrastructures
- Monitor the impact and effectiveness of research funding
- Promote research together with other Academy bodies

# Research Councils of the Academy of Finland

- The Finnish Government appoints the chair and members for each research council for a three-year term, currently Jan 2019–Dec 2021
- The Research Councils represent extensive and excellent scientific expertise
- The members represent research and science in a broad sense; they are not representatives of a single discipline, university or research institute
- Suitable members can be proposed to the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture by universities, research institutes, R&D stakeholders and organisations, learned societies, academies, and representatives of the research community

# How we process an application



- The Research Councils make the funding decisions based on the results of the peer review, taking their [science policies and criteria](#) into account
- Additionally, the preparation considers the document that presents the Academy of Finland's criteria for research funding decisions and other policies that guide the Academy's activities

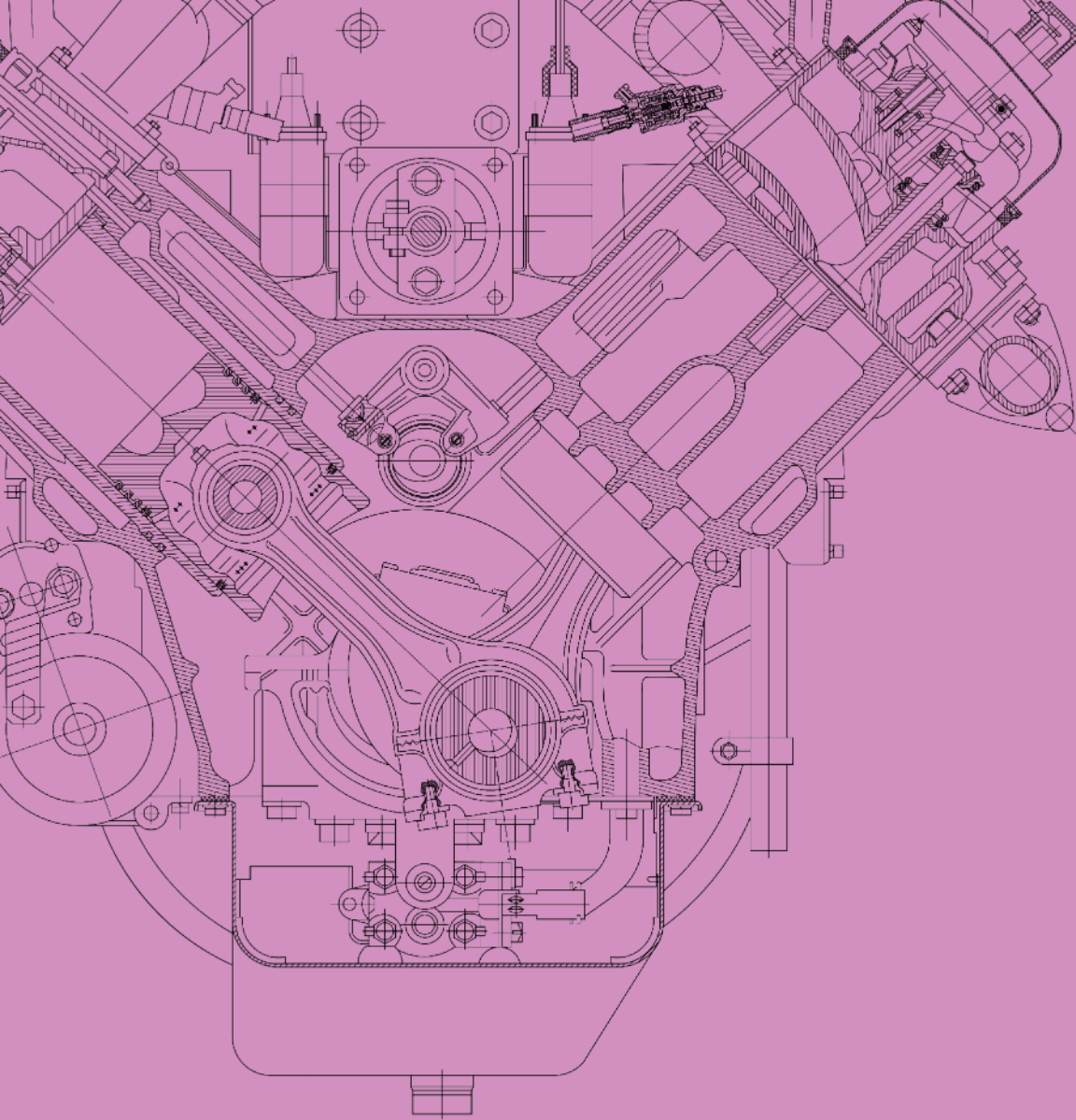


# How the Research Councils make decisions

- After the review: research councils go through the review reports and applications
- Decision preparation in the preparatory meetings of the research councils is based on the review reports and panel rankings
- The decisions on applications for Academy Project, Academy Research Fellow, Postdoctoral Researcher and Clinical Researcher funding are made in two stages:
  - 1st stage: applications rated 1–4 in the review will receive a negative decision at the discretion of the research council concerned. The decision notification is emailed to the applicant immediately after the decision is made
  - 5-6 rated applications will be processed at the second stage where the funding decisions may be either positive or negative
- The decisions are made after a presentation in the decision meetings

## Additional considerations

- Available funding per research council and per funding instrument is one of the limiting factors
- Throughout the process, in case of conflict of interest: the Academy of Finland's regulations on disqualification apply to the research council members, the staff of the Administration Office, and reviewers



**Poll:  
To which  
research council  
will you submit  
your application?**

Now: Panel discussion

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# Ask & Apply webinars

## Webinars in June:

1. Information for first-time applicants Tuesday 8 June at 13-14
2. What's new? **Friday 11 June at 13-14**
3. Research posts and researcher mobility **Tuesday 15 June at 13-14**

## Webinars in August-September:

1. Tips for a good application, the structure of the research plan **Tuesday 24 August at 13-14**
2. How applications are reviewed **Thursday 26 August at 13-14**
3. **How funding decisions are made, ask our research councils Thursday 9 September at 13-14**
4. **AMA Ask Me Anything – our science advisers answer your questions Friday 10 September at 13-14**

## Contact us!

- Questions about mobility requirement: **mobility@aka.fi**
- Other questions: get in touch with the call's contact person named in the call text

OR

- [Questions and feedback](#)

# Research Council for Biosciences, Health and the Environment: **research fields**

- biochemistry and biophysics
- biomedicine
- ecology and evolutionary biology
- pharmacy
- public health, environmental health and occupational health sciences
- clinical medicine, dental science & veterinary medicine, agricultural, forest & food sciences
- genetics
- nutritional, sport and nursing sciences
- cell biology, molecular biology and microbiology
- environmental sciences
- systems biology and bioinformatics related to the above fields
- other research into biosciences, health & the environment, incl. multidisciplinary research

# Research Council for Biosciences, Health and the Environment: **members Jan 2019 – Dec 2021**

- **Chair:** Professor **Ursula Schwab**, University of Eastern Finland
- Research Professor **Juha Hiedanpää**, Natural Resources Institute Finland
- Professor **Esa Korpi**, University of Helsinki
- Research Professor **Kristiina Kruus**, Aalto University
- Professor **Jussi Kukkonen**, University of Eastern Finland
- Professor **Heli Peltola**, University of Eastern Finland
- Professor **Timo Peltomäki**, Tampere University
- Research Professor **Markus Perola**, National Institute for Health & Welfare
- Professor **Mika Rämet**, University of Oulu
- Research Director, Prof. **Tiina Sarjakoski**, National Land Survey of Finland
- Professor **Maritta Välimäki**, University of Turku



# Research Council for Culture and Society:

## research fields

- philosophy
- history and archaeology
- educational sciences
- linguistics
- law
- psychology
- social sciences
- art research
- economics
- theology
- political sciences
- communication sciences
- sociological environmental research and human geography
- other research into the humanities & social sciences, including multidisciplinary research

# Research Council for Culture and Society: members

## Jan 2019 – Dec 2021

- **Chair:** Professor **Sami Pihlström**, University of Helsinki
- Professor **Päivi Atjonen**, University of Eastern Finland
- Professor **Kirsimarja Blomqvist**, LUT University
- Professor **Juha Hämäläinen**, University of Eastern Finland
- Professor **Patrik Jern**, Åbo Akademi
- Professor **Petri Karonen**, University of Jyväskylä
- Professor **Erkki Karvonen**, University of Oulu
- Professor **Petri Kuoppamäki**, Aalto University
- Professor **Tuire Kuusi**, University of the Arts Helsinki
- Professor **Päivi Lappalainen**, University of Turku
- University Lecturer **Kia Lindroos**, University of Jyväskylä

# Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering: **research fields**

- energy technology
- physics
- geosciences and physical geography
- chemistry
- mechanical engineering and manufacturing technology
- medical engineering
- mathematics and statistics
- materials science and engineering
- process and chemical engineering
- construction and municipal engineering, architecture
- electrical engineering & electronics (incl. communications & automation engineering)
- computer sciences, information technology
- astronomy
- biotechnology, bioinformatics & environmental technology related to the above fields
- other research into the natural sciences & engineering, incl. multidisciplinary research

# Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering: **members Jan 2019 – Dec 2021**

- **Chair:** Professor **Reko Leino**, Åbo Akademi
- Professor **Seppo Hassi**, University of Vaasa
- Professor **Tanja Kallio**, Aalto University
- Professor **Jorma Keskinen**, Tampere University
- Professor **Heidi Kuusniemi**, University of Vaasa
- Professor **Raine Mäntysalo**, Aalto University
- Visiting Specialist **Leena Paavilainen**, Natural Resources Institute Finland
- Professor **Petriina Paturi**, University of Turku
- Professor **Petri Pellikka**, University of Helsinki
- Professor **Minnamari Vippola**, Tampere University
- Professor **Antti Ylä-Jääski**, Aalto University