

DECISION MAKING

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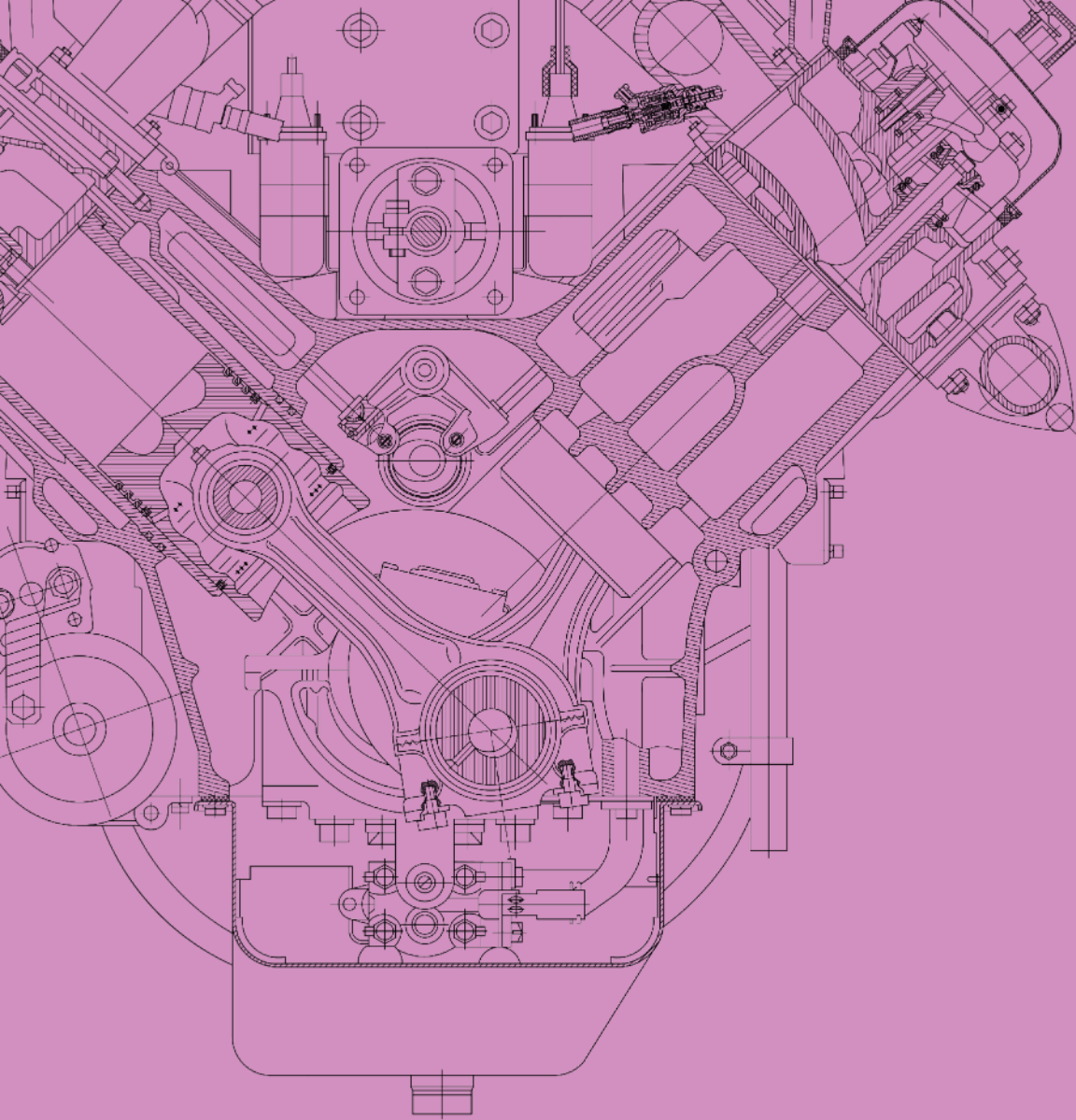
We start at 13.00



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Before we start

1. Begin with a presentation followed by the panel discussion.
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 (No oral questions from the audience this time).



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

Decision making - research councils' view

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Professor Leena Ukkonen (Natural Sciences and Engineering)

Professor Tarja Väyrynen (Culture and Society)

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Research Councils of the Academy of Finland

- Research Councils act according to [the strategy and values of the Academy of Finland](#) decided by the Board of Academy.
- **The Academy funds high-quality, high-impact and innovative research.**
- The Academy also utilises its science policy expertise to advance the quality and impact of scientific research, support the renewal of science and develop research environments in Finland.
- Academy's science policy objectives are described in the document that presents the Academy of Finland's criteria for research funding decisions (see Academy's page "How decisions are made").

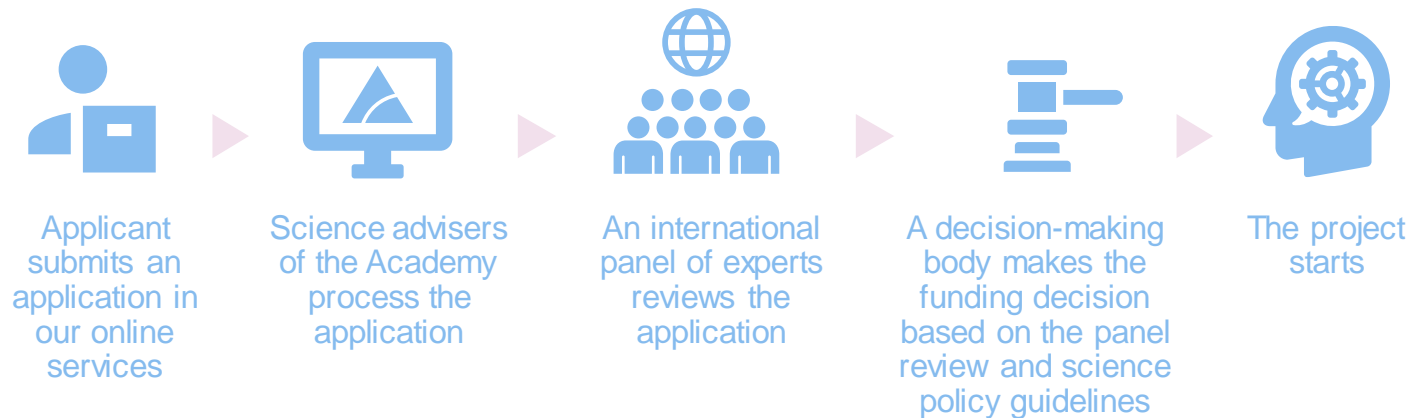
Research Councils of the Academy of Finland

- 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 co-operation.
- 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 2022–Dec 2024.
- 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.
- Councils' members are proposed to the Ministry of Education 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 decision-makers (= councils' members) are members of the Finnish scientific community. Academy officials do not make any funding decisions.
- Political decision-makers do not participate in the Academy's review process or decision-making.

How the Research Councils make decisions

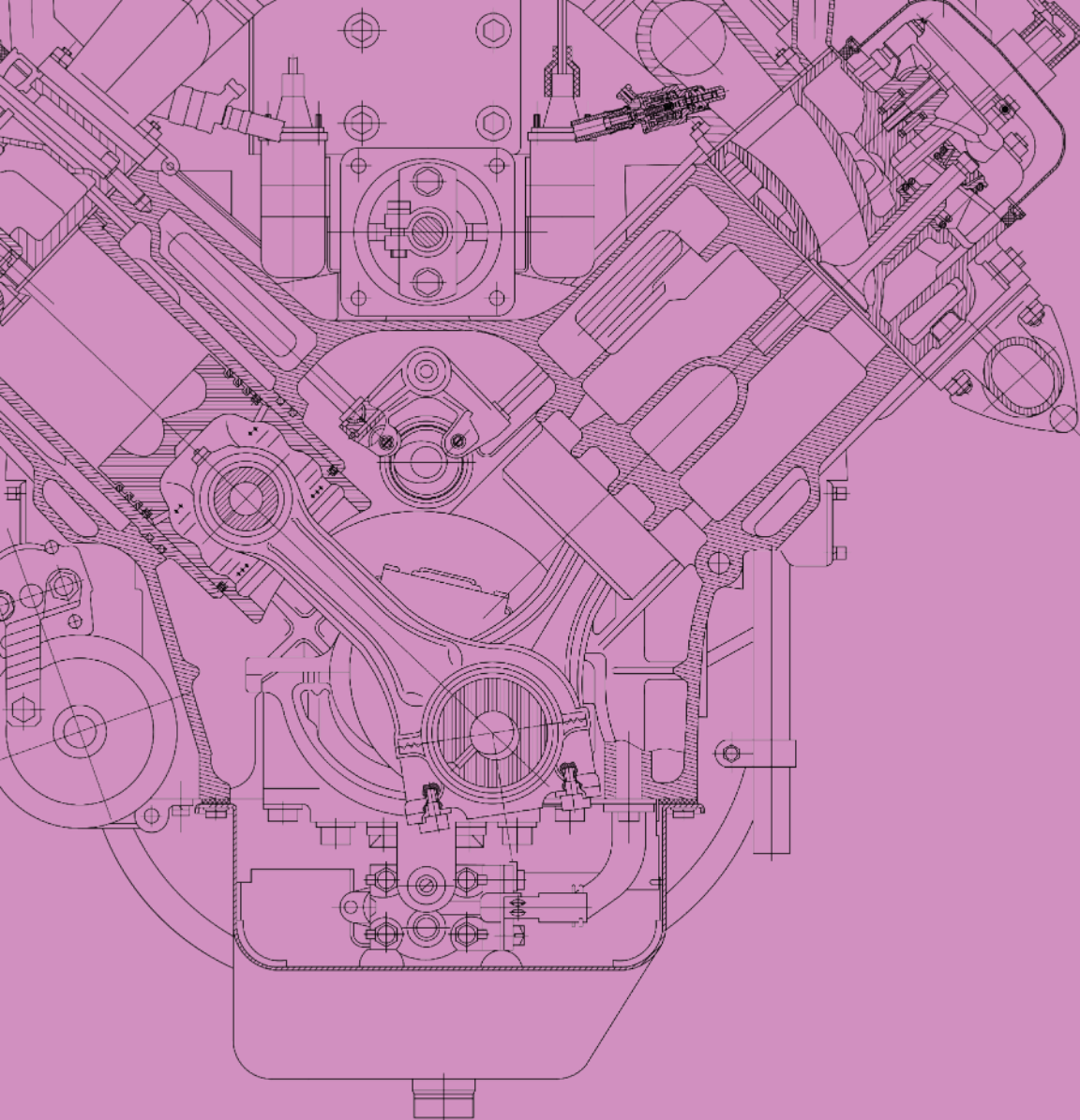
- After the review: Research Councils go through the review reports and applications.
- Decision preparation in the Research Council is based on international peer-review reports, panel ranking, the Research Councils' own science policies and criteria, and the Academy's science policy objectives.
- Each Research Council has their own criteria and policies on funding decision-making. These criteria and policies are published on the research councils' websites before the autumn 2022 calls open.

How the Research Councils make decisions

- The decisions on applications for Academy Project, Academy Research Fellow 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.
 - 2nd stage: 5-6 rated applications are discussed, and final funding decisions are made.
- Justifications for the funding decision are included in the decision notification.

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. New Academy Research Fellowships Monday 13 June at 13-14~~
- ~~2. How to demonstrate your qualifications Tuesday 14 June at 13-14~~
- ~~3. Tips for a good application Thursday 16 June at 13-14~~

Webinars in August-September:

- ~~1. What's new in autumn 2022 call? Thursday 25 August at 13-14~~
- ~~2. How applications are reviewed Wednesday 31 August at 13-14~~
- 3. How funding decisions are made, ask our research councils Wednesday 7 September at 13-14**
- 4. AMA Ask Me Anything – our science advisers answer your questions Wednesday 14 September at 13-14**

Contact us!

- Other questions: get in touch with the call's contact person named in the call text
- OR
- [Questions and feedback](#)