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## Some rules

1. First the presentation – then questions
  - The presentation takes 10 to 15 minutes and we have a plenty of time for questions

Because

2. The webinar will recorded and be online until 30 September
3. You can write questions during the presentation on Q&A



# Mobility

## MOBILITY – OUR AIM

Researchers need a wide range of experience from working in different research environments to be able to increase their **independence**

By working in different kinds of research groups or in other research-related positions, researchers can

- **further strengthen their personal networks** and improve their chances of securing research positions or other expert tasks
- **acquire new methodological skills**
- **adopt new means of communicating with people with different backgrounds**

We encourage international researcher mobility

- International mobility is of particular importance to early-career researchers in improving the quality of their research and supporting their career development

# CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

1. Doctoral degree certificate is issued 30 Sep 2016–30 Sep 2020 (post doc) or 30 Sep 2011–30 Sep 2017 (Academy Research Fellow)
  - Exception: up to eight years (post doc) or 13 years (Academy Research Fellow) if you have obtained the degree simultaneously with medical specialist training
  - Exception: maternity, paternity, parental or childcare leave, military service or nonmilitary service, or long-term illness can be considered as for special reasons
  
2. Mobility requirement is fulfilled
  - You change the research environment or you have at least 6 months mobility after completing your doctoral degree.
  - In the September 2020 call, we will take into account that the COVID-19 pandemic may have interrupted or cancelled a mobility period
  - Read instructions: [www.aka.fi/liikkuvuus\\_at\\_tuto\\_en](http://www.aka.fi/liikkuvuus_at_tuto_en)
  
3. You apply funding to a Finnish Institute
  - The site of research of an Academy Research Fellow and a Postdoctoral Researcher is an organisation based in Finland through which the funding is paid. However, during the funding period they can work for periods of varying lengths at a foreign university, for instance.

## MOBILITY REQUIREMENT 1/3

- Academy Research Fellow and Postdoctoral Researcher
- The international and national cooperation proposed in the application and the related mobility of researchers are part of the scientific review of the application. Mobility aspects are also taken into account when funding decisions are made. **Familiarise yourself with [the policies of the research council](#) to which you will submit your application.**
- **Describe your international and national mobility** in the online application on the tab 'Mobility'. The mobility description has three parts: 1) Mobility requirement, 2) Other previous mobility and 3) Planned mobility.

## MOBILITY REQUIREMENT 2/3

- Academy Research Fellow and Postdoctoral Researcher
- If the application concerns **the same research environment** where the applicant worked while completing their doctoral degree, they must give an account of **at least six months** of research experience from another foreign or Finnish research environment since PhD completion. The experience must have been gained **before the call deadline** expires. The work may have been performed over several periods. However, the two longest periods must equal at least six months.
- The mobility requirement is met if you apply for funding for a research post to a research environment **other** than the one in which you worked while completing your doctoral thesis.

## MOBILITY REQUIREMENT 3/3

### **What is a research environment?**

Here, 'research environment' refers to the local research community or group in which the researcher works. The research environment is often located within a single site of research (usually a university or research institute), but it may also extend to several organisations. There may be several different research environments at one and the same site of research.

If an applicant changes research environments within the same site, we require **a distinct change of work environment**, so that it justifiably promotes the Academy's objectives for mobility. Applicants must provide a concrete justification for the change of work environment and for meeting the Academy's objectives on the online application form.

# MOBILITY REQUIREMENT IS FULLFILLED IF



- \* At least six months of research experience from another foreign or Finnish research environment since PhD completion. The experience must have been gained before the call deadline expires (30 Sept 2020). The work may have been performed over several periods. However, the two longest periods must equal at least six months.
- \* Read more: [http://www.aka.fi/liikkuvuus\\_at\\_tuto\\_en](http://www.aka.fi/liikkuvuus_at_tuto_en)

# MOBILITY REQUIREMENT - EXCEPTIONS

- For exceptional reasons, exceptions to the mobility requirement may be made for individual applicants. In these exceptional situations, applicants must get in touch with the contact person at the Academy before submitting the application. The contact persons are named in the call text.
- In the September 2020 call, we will take into account that the COVID-19 pandemic may have interrupted or cancelled a mobility period. If you have been unable to meet the mobility requirement due to COVID-19 (e.g. the foreign organisation has not been able to commit to acting as host), you must describe the reasons and be able to provide proof.
- **Provide the reasons described above in the application under ‘Mobility’. After the call deadline, please provide relevant certificates (e.g. airline tickets or invitation) in the application’s additional information.**
- **Read more: A-Z index ([Mobility: Academy Research Fellow and Postdoctoral Researcher](#))**

# MOBILITY – PREVIOUS AND PLANNED

## **2. Other previous mobility (if relevant)**

Enter information on your visits and workplaces in connection with your postdoctoral research. We will use this information to assess your experience as a researcher.

## **3. Planned mobility (linked to project implementation)**

The site of research of an Academy Research Fellow and a Postdoctoral Researcher is an organisation based in Finland through which the funding is paid.

- During the funding period they can work for periods of varying lengths at a foreign university, for instance.
- Briefly describe your planned visits and workplaces during the project and how these mobility periods will benefit your research.
- Planned mobility is considered in reviewing the research plan but not in determining eligibility.

# MOBILITY AID (LIKKUVUUSTUKI)

## Mobility aid in research projects

- The Academy grants mobility aid to cover a researcher's costs of working abroad. The aid can also cover travel costs of the researcher's family.
- The mobility aid is applied for as **research costs** related to the implementation of the research plan.
- **The aid is applied for in accordance with the practices of the site of research.**
- In the online services, fill in the aid applied for on the tab 'Funding for the project' under 'Travel costs'. The mobility aid must be justified. Read more about the mobility aid in the [funding terms and conditions](#).

# Calculation of grants to foreign researchers working in Finland

Funding for international researcher mobility based on bilateral agreements (Mobility to Finland). [More details](#)

## Short-term visits

- Grants with compensation for accommodation €80–185/day (incl. personal grant €39 and maximum compensation for accommodation €147)

## Visits longer than one month, including compensation for accommodation

- Master's degree or equivalent 1600-1800€ / month
- PhD or equivalent 1800-2500 € / month
- Professor 2500-4100 € / month

Travel costs are entered under Travel costs

## MOBILITY - New mobility guidelines and collaboration rules

- Researchers' mobility aid will depend on the rules of their own background organisation.
- Invitations for research visits can now address both international visits and also mobility between domestic institutions and sectors.
- The opportunity to upload letters of commitment in which applicants can describe aspects of digital mobility, such as the use of data and resources during their project.
- We will also make allowances for the barriers created by the COVID-19 pandemic in respect of Academy Research Fellows and Postdoctoral Researchers.
- The mobility requirement can be waived, if the pandemic has prevented or impeded mobility.
- Applicants are advised to read [the call text](#) and the [mobility policy](#) set out in the A–Z index of application guidelines.

## MOBILITY – THE FUTURE

- The Academy of Finland has launched **a project to survey mobility** specifically from the perspective of Academy-funded research posts.
- With a view to the future, it is now time to analyse changes affecting the Academy Research Fellow and Postdoctoral Researcher funding schemes, especially how the trends in international mobility will affect the schemes.
- The aim is for the funding provided by the Academy to serve both the scientific community and society at large as effectively as possible while responding to changes in research and the operating environment.

## Have I change the research environment?

- Questions you can ask yourself:
  - Who are my current collaborators?
  - Do I still have close collaboration with my thesis supervisor?
  - With whom am I writing my next publication?
- Or have I have changed my research environment, or do I have at least 6 months mobility altogether after completing my doctoral degree?

Thank you!



Time for Questions and Answers



**Thank you!**