We start at 13.00
Research posts and researcher mobility

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Before we start

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

2. The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available online for two weeks – Q&A and discussion will not be recorded

3. You can write questions during the presentation on Q&A
Ask & Apply webinars

Webinars in August-September:

• Tips for a good application, the structure of the research plan **Tuesday 24 August at 13-14**
• How applications are reviewed **Tuesday 26 August at 13-14**
• How funding decisions are made, ask our research councils **Thursday 9 September at 13-14**
• Ask Me Anything – our science advisers answer your questions **Friday 10 September at 13-14**
Researcher posts
Poll: Which will you apply?
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Exceptions - Career breaks

• Your certificate issue date + the days of your career break > Do you reach the **earliest accepted certificate issue date**?

• **Part-time** leave example: 50% for 1 year counts as 6 months

• Describe under ‘Personal data’ > ‘Degrees’ > ‘Additional information’.
  • Also in CV, under section Career Breaks

• Confidential issues: please get in touch with the call’s contact person named in the call text
What’s recent: Co-funded salaries

• The salaries of researcher posts may also be co-funded, where appropriate in terms of supporting the researcher’s career advancement. [Read more about the co-funding in the funding terms and conditions.](#)

• NEW: If an Postdoctoral Researcher/Academy Research Fellow receives a full professorship or similar post, they do not have to give up their post as Postdoctoral Researcher/Academy Research Fellow.
What’s new: The Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering

• Council invites Postdoctoral Research applications from all fields it represents.
• Council has reserved **six additional posts** to increase the number of Postdoctoral Researchers in the following fields of engineering:
  • energy engineering
  • mechanical engineering and manufacturing technology
  • medical engineering
  • process engineering (incl. chemical engineering and biomass processing technology)
  • electrical engineering and electronics
  • construction and municipal engineering
  • environmental engineering
• **Call text** can be seen on the Academy’s website and we will gladly answer possible further questions.
What to check

• Call texts:
  • Academy Fellows
  • Postdoctoral Researchers
• Academy of Finland’s funding terms and conditions (PDF)
  • Also read the summary describing the latest updates to the terms.
• The policies of the Research Council you are applying for
• A–Z index of application guideline - Academy of Finland (aka.fi)
• Researcher mobility in 2021 - Academy of Finland (aka.fi)
• Results of researcher mobility survey reflected in September 2021 call - Academy of Finland (aka.fi)
Researcher mobility
Three dimensions of mobility

Mobility requirement
• Eligibility criterion

Previous mobility
• Used to assess your experience as a researcher

Planned mobility
• Considered in reviewing the research plan
Mobility requirement - September 2021 call
Mobility requirement

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Changing the research environment
What is a research environment?

• Local research team or research community in which you work.

• Often located within a single site of research (usually a university or research institute), but may also extend to several organisations.

• There may be several different research environments at a single site of research.
Why should researchers change research environments?

• Strengthens your independence as a researcher, personal networks, methodological skills, new means of communicating with people with different backgrounds

• Good for your research career

• From a funder’s perspective: increases the impact of research and promotes scientific renewal
Is this a change of research environment?

Compared to my PhD, will I:

• Publish with different people?
• Implement new theoretical approaches, methodologies, etc.?

How will this change support the aims of mobility?

How do I describe the change in my application?
Justify how you meet the mobility requirement (change of research environment or six months of experience from elsewhere). Provide a brief and concrete justification for the benefit from changing environments (no more than 1,000 characters).
How to meet the mobility requirement

Apply funding to a research environment other than the one where you completed your doctoral thesis

Apply funding to the same research environment where you completed your doctoral thesis

6 mths of postdoctoral experience from another research environment or from research-supporting work in another sector

Exceptions for special reasons and for individual applicants

Mobility requirement met
Exceptions to the mobility requirement

Severe illness (either your own or a close relative’s) that significantly impedes mobility.

- Contact us at mobility@aka.fi

Interruption of mobility period or cancellation of agreed mobility period due to COVID-19.

- Enter the justifications under ‘Mobility’ in the application form. Attach the relevant documents (e.g. invitation and airline tickets) on the tab ‘Appendices’ > ‘Mobility requirement, documents’. Name the attachment as follows: yoursurname_mobility

COVID-19 has prevented you from meeting the mobility requirement of the September 2021 call

- You must describe what you have done since PhD completion in order to meet the requirement of changing research environments. Append to the application (tab ‘Appendices’ > ‘Mobility requirement, documents’) a letter of cooperation received from the other research environment describing the activity. Name the attachment as follows: yoursurname_mobility.
Poll: How do you meet the mobility criterion?
Referring to exceptions?

• If you refer the above mentioned factors as reasons why you do not meet the mobility requirement, you must contact us by email at mobility@aka.fi before you apply.
Planned mobility

• Relevance to your research plan
• Alternative approaches to physical mobility
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
### Q&A

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**An example:**

**Postdoc: NSE:** What does it mean that RC has reserved six additional posts for certain fields?