

# ask & apply

We start at 13.00



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# 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

A detailed technical line drawing of an engine block, showing various internal components like pistons, valves, and the crankshaft. The drawing is rendered in a light green color on a dark green background.

**Poll: Which will  
you apply?**

# Important dates

	Postdocs	Fellows
First doctoral certificate dated, earliest	30.9.2017	22.9.2012
First doctoral certificate dated, latest	22.9.2021	30.9.2018
Funding period	1.9.2022–31.8.2025	1.9.2022–31.8.2027
Call deadline	22.9.2021, 16:15	

## 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  
=  
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:

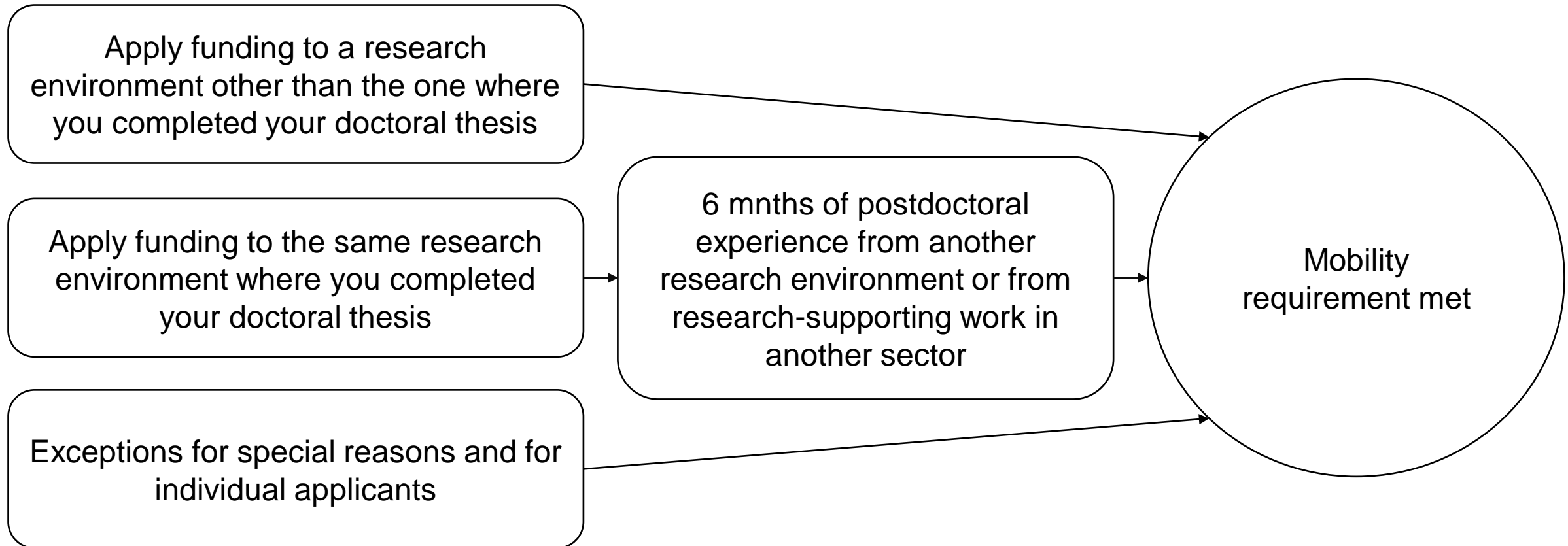
- Publish with different people?
- Implement new theoretical approaches, methodologies, etc.?

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



# 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](mailto: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

## Use following classification:

	Research council, if needed
ARF (Academy Research Fellow)	BHE (Biosciences, Health and Environment)
Postdoc (Postdoctoral researcher)	CS (Culture and Society)
Mobility	NSE (Natural Sciences and Engineering)
Other	

An example:

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

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