We start at 13.00
What’s new in the September 2021 call?

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Before we start

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

2. The webinar 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

Next webinars in June:
• Research posts and researcher mobility **Tue 15 June at 13–14**

Webinars in August–September:
• Tips for a good application, structure of research plan **Tue 24 Aug at 13–14**
• How applications are reviewed **Tue 26 Aug at 13–14**
• How funding decisions are made, ask our research councils **Thu 9 Sep at 13–14**
• Ask Me Anything – our science advisers answer your questions **Fri 10 Sep at 13–14**
New opening and closing dates

- The call opens on **Wed 11 Aug 2021**
  - Funding for sport science research projects from Ministry of Education, Science and Culture opens on Wed 25 Aug

- **Deadline in two stages**
  - **For researchers** (career funding): Postdoctoral Researches, Academy Research Fellows, Clinical Researchers, International Researcher Mobility – **Wed 22 Sep**
  - **For research projects**: Academy Projects, Funding for Sport Science Research Projects from Ministry of Education, Science and Culture – **Wed 29 Sep**
Research plan

- **No longer possible** to submit plan as **PDF attachment**
- Word template available to help you write the plan
  - Headings with smaller font
- New editor
  - Wysiwyg
  - No more separate boxes to be filled in
  - The headings have a fixed position on screen
  - Page count can be followed constantly (no need to check the PDF)
Responsible researcher assessment

• In grant application
  • Up to 10 of the most important publications for the project + up to 10 other key outputs
  • Describe and justify why the publications or other key outputs have been chosen
  • Consortium PI lists all publications and other key outputs
  • Journal impact factors and JUFO classifications prohibited

• Panel review guidelines and review report updated
  • Researcher’s merits assessed through a wide range of outputs and different research career paths
  • Journal-based metrics will not be used in the review
  • Use of other metrics must be done acknowledging their pitfalls

• More information on website
  • www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/responsible-science/responsible-researcher-evaluation/
Immediate open access to scientific publications

- Academy’s strategy + commitments to national and international OA initiatives
- As of calls opened after 1 Jan 2021, scientific peer-reviewed publications should be made **immediately open access** in one of these ways:
  - OA journals (PlanS-compliant)
  - Openly available in a repository
  - Journals with transformative agreement (up to 2024) – check compliance with [www.journalcheckertool.org](http://www.journalcheckertool.org) or the journal’s own OA policy
- The **costs** of open access to scientific publications are included **in the overheads** of the research organisations
- More information on website
Letter of collaboration

• Combined invitation letter and letter of commitment
  • Free-form letter from key national and international collaborators
  • Describe the purpose and objectives of the cooperation with regard to the project; added value of the cooperation; practical implementation of the cooperation (incl. research visits)
  • The collaboration can take many forms: research visits, use of digital materials, other research cooperation
• Do not attach letters of support or recommendation!
Progress report replaces interim reporting

• The interim report procedure piloted in the September 2020 call was considered too heavy by the applicants

→ Short progress report of ongoing funding required (max. 1,500 characters per project)
  • Online services includes a tab with a list of projects that have not yet been reported
  • For organisational funding (infrastructures, Profi, flagships), the progress report is not required even if the applicant is the PI of the project
  • Describe the progress and relation with the applied funding
Mobility requirement for Postdoctoral Researchers and Academy Research Fellows

• Researchers need a wide range of experience from working in different research and work environments to be able to increase their independence. **A distinct change of work environment is required.**

• **Mobility requirement remains in effect**, but Covid-19-related challenges are taken into account

• Questions about mobility requirement handled by a ‘mobility team’
  • Webinar about the mobility requirement on June 15
  • Contact the mobility team at [mobility@aka.fi](mailto:mobility@aka.fi)
Eligibility of Postdoctoral Researcher and Academy Research Fellow applicants

• Doctorate degree
  • Academy Research Fellows: 22 Sep 2012–30 Sep 2018
  • Postdoctoral Researchers: 30 Sep 2017–22 Sep 2021
Academy Projects

- **Checklist for Academy Project applicants on our website**
- PI for ongoing Academy Project will not be granted Academy Project Funding. However, a PI for a consortium subproject may be, for well-justified reasons.

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### Researcher mobility funding
– based on Academy’s bilateral agreements with foreign funding agencies

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