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We start at 13.00



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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:

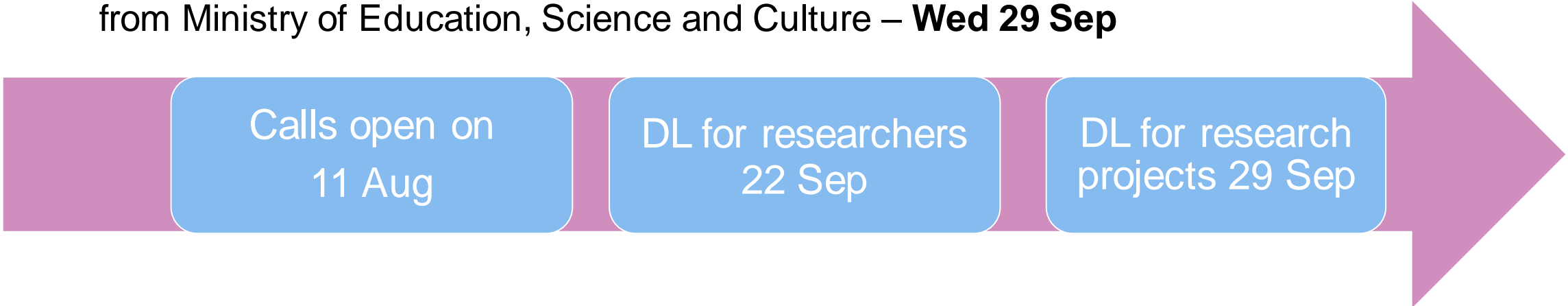
- Research posts and researcher mobility **Tue 15 June at 13–14**

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**

A horizontal timeline graphic consisting of a purple arrow pointing to the right. Inside the arrow are three blue rounded rectangular boxes containing text about call opening and deadlines.

Calls open on
11 Aug

DL for researchers
22 Sep

DL for research
projects 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 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
 - www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/responsible-science/open-science/

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

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.

Applicant in September call	Applicant's ongoing Academy funding	
	Academy Project PI*	Consortium subproject
Academy Project PI*	Not granted	Granted for well-justified reasons
Consortium subproject	Not granted	Granted for well-justified reasons

* Individual project or consortium project

Researcher mobility funding

– based on Academy's bilateral agreements with foreign funding agencies

Four mobility calls

1. Mobility grant to Japan, Taiwan or Russia
2. Mobility invitation from Taiwan or Russia to Finland
3. Funding for mobility seminar with Japan or China
4. Funding for mobility cooperation with India, China or Germany

Structured research plan

- **Max. 5 pages** (+ references)
- Consider these perspectives:
 - reasons for the application?
 - international interaction of Finnish researchers and internationalisation of research environments?
 - quality, impact and innovativeness of research?
- Instructions available
- Review forms available

India has changed

- Mobility call with DBT (Indian Department of Biotechnology)
- Cooperation in biology research
- Eligibility rule: both collaborating parties (Finnish and Indian) submit joint application to their respective funding agency (i.e. the same "counterpart model" as with China and Germany)

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