

## Report of suspected violation of terms for use of funding

This form is used to report suspected violations of the terms for the use of funding in projects funded by the Research Council of Finland. The report can be submitted by a person working in the project, a representative of the site of research, or anyone else who has become aware of the matter. If the report leads to further measures, the RCF will hear the parties concerned as part of the investigation process. This hearing includes submitting the original report to the parties concerned.

Fill in the form and send it to the RCF's Registrar's Office ([kirjaamo@aka.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@aka.fi)). If necessary, you can use a secure email address.

Please note that this form is not intended for reports that fall within the scope of the Whistleblower Act (Act on the Protection of Persons Reporting Infringements of European Union and National Law (1171/2022)) or that concern violations of research integrity. For more information on which matters are covered by the Whistleblower Act, visit this page: [Whistleblower protection at the Research Council of Finland](#). For more information on reporting suspected violations of research integrity and the related inquiry process, visit the [website](#) of the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity.

### Reporting party's claim

Under section 15 of the Act on Discretionary Government Grants (678/2001), the RCF, as a government grant authority, is obligated to investigate any suspected violations of its terms for the use of funding.

The RCF's statutory means in cases concerning the violation of the terms for the use of funding include suspending the payment of discretionary government grants (section 19 of the Act on Discretionary Government Grants) and recovery (sections 21 and 22 of the Act).

Please note that the RCF is an external funding source for the project, and we do not have the authority to intervene in the recipient organisation's internal affairs, unless the matter involves a violation of the law or the terms for the use of funding. Such internal affairs include, for instance, matters related to salaries and other personnel issues, the terms of employment, the organisation of work, travel, and procurement.



<b>1. Details of person submitting report</b>	Name
	Organisation
	Email
	Phone

<b>2. Details of project</b>  Please note that the processing of the matter will require some form of identifying data	Decision number
	Project title
	Funding period
	Principal investigator
	Funding scheme

## Report

Describe the suspected violation that is the subject of your report. If possible, please include a reference to the Standard Terms for Funding (formerly the Funding Terms and Conditions) that applies to the suspected violation. The text field has no character limit.

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