Application review form

Strategic Research Programme Call: Full application Review questions for societal relevance and impact

Name of reviewer: Application number:
Name of applicant:
Title of proposed project:

Please provide written feedback to each of the following items and an overall numerical rating.

The numerical evaluation is made with the rating scale below. The written feedback should reflect the grade given using the wording in the description of grade requirements. The final rating is made with a rating scale ranging from 6 (extremely significant) to 1 (poor).

Grade	Description of grade requirements
6 extremely significant	research of crucial relevance to users, i.e., such novelty or timeliness and promise that an extremely significant contribution to policy or practice is likely; demonstrates exceptional novelty and innovation to address a solution to an important problem or a critical barrier
5 very significant	research of very high relevance to users, i.e., such novelty or timeliness and promise that a very significant contribution to policy or practice is likely; high potential to address a solution to an important problem or a critical barrier
4 significant	research of high relevance to users, i.e., such novelty or timeliness and promise that a significant contribution to policy or practice is likely
3 moderate	research of relevance to users, i.e. such novelty or timeliness and promise that a moderate contribution to policy or practice is likely
2 limited	research that will add to understanding but that might not be of sufficient relevance or urgency to influence policy or practice
1 poor	research is not considered relevant; proposal is in need of substantial modification or improvement

1 Project's relevance to the programme

1.1 Societal relevance of the project and match with the programme

How does the project contribute to achieving the objectives of the programme? Are the objectives and/or the implementation of the research societally important?

2 Project's interaction with society

2.1 Reaching stakeholders and networks, obtaining support to decision-making

Is the implementation of research activities and results good and efficient? Are the effects and scope of the intended interaction relevant and realistic from a societal perspective? Are co-creation, co-design or participative methods used well in the different phases of the project?

3 Competence and expertise

3.1 Competence and expertise of the consortium, including external collaboration

What are the merits and expertise of the consortium (incl. multidisciplinary expertise and external collaboration) in conducting socially relevant research that enables impact on society? Is the management and coordination of the consortium appropriate and high-quality? Does the consortium have appropriate competence to implement the interaction plans?

4 Responsible science

Has the applicant considered the aspects of responsible science in the application?

The Academy of Finland is committed to promoting research integrity, responsible conduct of research and the principles and practices of equality and non-discrimination and open science. See 'Instructions for reviewing' for further information.

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4.1. Ethics

At the level of society's values and normative structures, does the proposed project enhance the freedom and capabilities of individuals? Does it contribute to their sense and real possibilities of belonging to a community? Does it help in creating a society, where it is possible for people to act in a morally sustainable way?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4.2. Promotion of equality and non-discrimination within society at large

Would you think that the proposed project promotes equality between genders and/or non-discrimination within society at large? More broadly, would you think that the proposed project enhances inclusive society, giving voice to also to those who are vulnerable or otherwise structurally in a weaker or subordinate position?
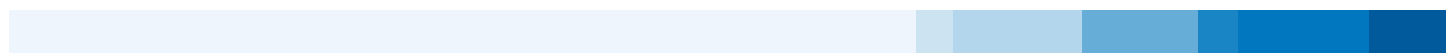
☐ Yes

☐ No

4.3. Open science

Does the proposed project promote the use of knowledge in policymaking and society at large in such a way that enhances the trustworthiness of science in the eyes of the general public?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4.4. Sustainable development

Viewing the objectives of the programme in the broader context of the objectives of sustainable development (such as reduction of poverty, protection of the planet and improving the lives and prospects of everyone), would you think that the proposed project helps in achieving balanced policies between the different major social challenges, concerns and problems.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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4.5. Summary responsible science

Please provide below the main strengths and weaknesses of responsible science aspects considered in the application.

5 Overall assessment

5.1. List of main strengths and weaknesses of the project; additional comments and recommendations

Please list major strengths and weaknesses of the application as well as provide any additional comments. It is important to comment on both the strengths and the weaknesses of the application.

6 Overall grading   Rating (1–6)