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## Special call for research on Covid-19 – Instructions for Reporting

In May 2020 the Academy of Finland selected 44 projects for funding in the special call for research on Covid-19 ([press release](#)). The funding period of the projects funded in this call is ending on 31 December 2021, but some projects have been granted an extension of the funding period for up to 12 months. The funding decisions in this call differ from the Academy's standard decisions, as the funding has been directed to the site of research and each decision contains the funding for all subprojects that have received funding within the organisation. For this reason, the reporting procedure will be customised.

The final report is submitted in the Academy's online service by the person responsible for the organisation's funding decision. Each individual project is asked to write a scientific report according to the template outlined below. The organisation will add the individual reports to the final report in the online service as attachments.

The deadline for reporting is 1.6.2022 for projects ending in 2021 and 1.6.2023 for projects ending in 2022. Please contact the person responsible for reporting on behalf of your organisation well in advance before the deadline.

### Scientific report:

All projects funded in the call are based on ongoing Academy-funded research that was directly related to or could be directed towards the Covid-19 epidemic and the mitigation and/or prevention of its effects. The aim of the Academy is to communicate the importance of financing scientific research on a broad thematic basis and thus building strong scientific premises for combating and mitigating the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and other crises in society with research-based solutions. For this purpose, we are now collecting information from the funded projects to prepare an overview that highlights the breadth and depth of the Covid-19 research funded in this call.

Each researcher is upon the termination of the funding period kindly requested to prepare a short description of your Covid-19 project. The format is free, but please follow the outline below. You are welcome to include pictures or diagrams in the report. You can use the presentation you prepared for the overview that we published in the spring 2021 as a starting point.

**Please do not include any information in your presentation that is not public.**

- Please write your report in English.
- The text, including possible pictures and tables, should not exceed four A4-pages.
- The report concerns the project that the researcher has described in the original funding application and research plan, and for which the Academy of Finland has granted funding in the special call for research on Covid-19, not the original project that the Covid-19 extension was based on.



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**Please include the following items in your report:**

**1. Title** of the Covid-19 project, **Name of the PI** and their **affiliation**

**2. Keywords.**

Give a few central key words describing your project

**3. Background.**

Describe shortly the main results of the research you performed previous to the Covid-19 pandemic that served as the scientific basis for the Covid-19 related expansion of the project. Please include the decision number of the original project.

**4. Results and scientific impact.**

Describe shortly the progress and **most important results** made so far in the research related to the Covid-19 pandemic and the **scientific impact** of these results. Important **research collaborations and infrastructures** may also be described.

- **Publications.** Report publications that have been produced from the research within the project
- **Degrees.** Enter details on degrees completed within and in connection with the project.
- **Continuation of research.** Indicate whether research into the same topic, research question or problem will continue after this project has ended.

**5. Impact beyond academia.**

Describe the potential **societal impact** that your research may have related to the pandemic and the prevention and/or mitigation of its negative consequences. Name the most important **collaborators or stakeholders** for your societal impact. Also describe the aims and means of the collaboration with stakeholders and how these are implemented. You can for example address the following sub-questions:

- A short description of the interest in the research results, the possibilities for utilization and application of the research results outside the scientific community.
- You may for example discuss your own estimation of the expected societal impact of the research results in a short- and/or long-time perspective. You may also describe what actions you have taken to promote the societal impact, for example the aims, approaches, methods, materials, and schedule. Other than scientific impact may manifest itself in different forms depending on the research field and the individual project. Science may for example structure our world views and produce civilisation, wealth, and wellbeing, or support decision-making or improve professional practice.
- More information is found on the [Academy's website](#).

**6. Popular description of the project and its results (1000 characters).**

Write a nontechnical description of the project's goals, implementation, key results and conclusions in English **and** in Finnish or Swedish. The nontechnical description will be posted on the Academy's website as it stands, and the Academy may use it in its communications.

We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have regarding the reporting procedure.

Best wishes,

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