

FIRI Roadmap Call 2020: Commitment by site of research

In the FIRI roadmap call, the host organisation of the research infrastructure is the applicant and the commitment issuer. For technical reasons, the same person cannot submit the application and issue the commitment of the site of research. The applicant must be the rector/vice rector or director general of the research organisation. The commitment issuer must be a person of corresponding level.

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Alternative course of action (updated 6 Apr 2020).

If the organisation's management cannot be named responsible for the application because of the current exceptional circumstances, the management may authorise a person of their choosing instead. They will then begin filling in the application in the Academy's online services. They will also submit the application. The person responsible for the application may also be the PI of the research infrastructure or another person approved by the host organisation. The people authorised by the person responsible, such as the research infrastructure's deputy PI, may also participate in filling in the application. You can authorise a person on the tab 'Authorisation' in the online services. The person responsible must also authorise a representative of the host organisation to view or edit the application while the call is open. The person who gives the commitment must also in this alternative course of action be a representative of the research organisation's management.

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The research organisation commits to the application in the online services by confirming receipt of the request for commitment. Steps involved:

The applicant fills in the information on the commitment issuer of the site of research at the bottom of the tab 'Site of research' on the application form. The request for commitment will be sent from the Academy to the issuer by email after the application deadline. It is important to make sure that the email address of the commitment issuer is correct and that it is in active use.

The email message sent to the commitment issuer contains a link to the login page of the online services. After logging in, the commitment issuer will find the requests for commitment under 'Commitments'.

After the representative of the site of research has read the online application and the appendices and issued the commitment to the project, the applicant will receive an email notification.

What does a commitment to the roadmap call entail?

National research infrastructures are extensive, strategically significant entities that involve, for instance, plenty of financial responsibilities. The aim of the request for commitment is to ensure that the host organisations have approved the participation of the research infrastructure in the roadmap call and are committed to the application.

The site of research undertakes to

- follow the guidelines of the Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity (“Responsible conduct of research and procedures for handling allegations of misconduct in Finland”)
- ensure that the application submitted to the Academy is drawn up according to and that the research infrastructure described therein complies with ethical regulations and recommendations as well as with legislation on the processing of personal data and other existing legislation
- see to that necessary ethical permits have been obtained
- ensure that the data management plan can be implemented at the site of research, and that the measures comply with good data management practice.

Submitting an application to the roadmap call is an indication that the research organisation prioritises the research infrastructure in question. In autumn 2020, following the review of applications, the research organisation will be asked to draw up a prioritisation list, i.e. a prioritisation between the organisation’s own applications. To make prioritisation easier, the research organisation will have access to the review reports on the best applications based on the review.

The organisations shall submit their prioritisation lists to the Academy of Finland by the end of September 2020. The exact date will be confirmed later. The Finnish Research Infrastructure Committee will consider the prioritisations when it makes the final roadmap selections on 10 December 2020.