

# **Academy of Finland**

Research Council of Finland



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# What the Academy of Finland does

The Academy of Finland offers a variety of funding opportunities. We grant funding in open competitive calls for scientific research and researcher training and improve framework conditions for research.

## WE PROMOTE

- high-quality and ethically sustainable scientific research
- research impact and scientific renewal
- application of research results and research knowledge

## WE SUPPORT

- international opportunities for research cooperation
- multidisciplinary and novel research approaches

## WE STRENGTHEN

- internationalisation and appeal of research environments
- national and international research infrastructure activities

THE CORE VALUES GUIDING OUR ACTIVITIES  
ARE OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, RELIABILITY,  
EQUALITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION.

# Year 2022 in figures



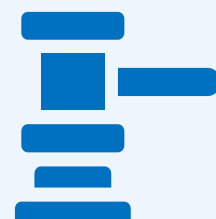
Applications

**3,920**



Review reports

**9,740**



**17%**

of applicants  
were granted  
funding\*



Research funding  
granted

**€468 million**



Funding processing costs  
of total funding allocated

**2.3 %**

Each year, our funding contributes to some  
**3,000** people's work (FTEs)  
at different research organisations.

\* Average for autumn 2021 call, including applications for Academy Project, Academy Research Fellow, Postdoctoral Researcher and Clinical Researcher funding

# Academy of Finland's funding for research



Quality and impact of research

Scientific renewal

Development of research environments

Open calls and fixed-term funding, primarily 4-5 years.

High-level international peer review is our key tool for identifying the best and most promising research projects to fund.

Academy funding accounts for some 25 % of university research funding

## ONGOING IN 2022

<b>10</b>	Finnish Flagships	<b>1070</b>	Academy Projects
<b>13</b>	Academy Programmes	<b>13</b>	Strategic Research Council (SRC) Programmes
<b>23</b>	Finnish Centres of Excellence		

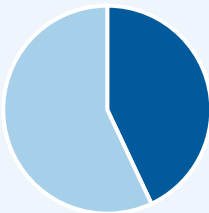
In 2022, the Strategic Research Council (SRC) established with the Academy provided **€56 million** in funding for research.



# Academy funding in 2022 by funding opportunity

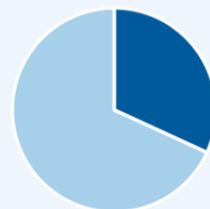
2022 in total  
**€468 million**

The Academy of Finland offers a variety of funding opportunities. There are schemes for both individual researchers, research teams and research organisations. Our funding is aimed at supporting high-quality and responsible research and the development of research environments, such as research infrastructures.



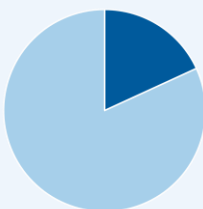
**€199 million**

Funding for research teams



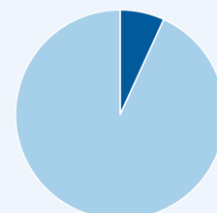
**€149 million**

Funding for research  
environments and clusters



**€85 million**

Funding for researchers



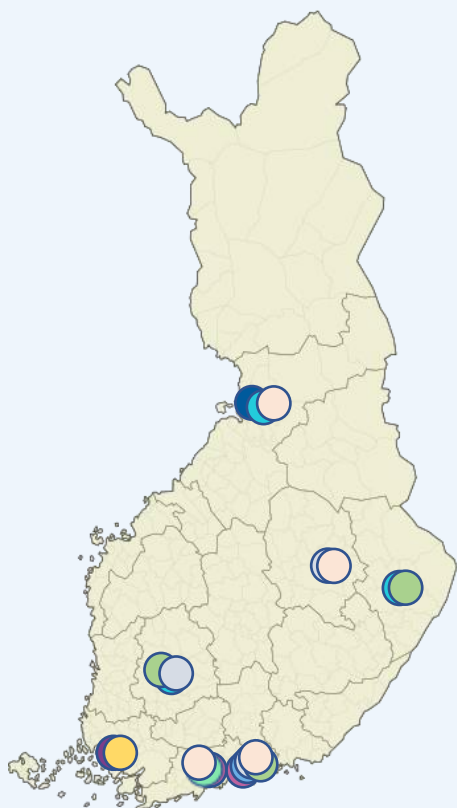
**€32 million**

Other funding

# Finnish Flagship Programme

The Academy of Finland's Flagship Programme is an instrument that supports high-quality research and increases the economic and societal impact emerging from the research. The Finnish Flagships represent an effective mix of close cooperation with business and society, adaptability and a strong commitment from host organisations. International collaboration is an integral part of the Flagships' activities.

## Flagships 2018–2026 & 2020–2024



- **6G** – 6G-Enabled Wireless Smart Society & Ecosystem
- **FCAI** – Finnish Centre for Artificial Intelligence
- **FinnCERES** – Competence Centre for the Materials Bioeconomy
- **iCAN** – Digital Precision Cancer Medicine Platform
- **INVEST** – Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State
- **PREIN** – Photonics Research and Innovation
- **ACCC** – Atmosphere and Climate Competence Center
- **GeneCellNano** – Gene, Cell and Nano Therapy
- **InFLAMES** – Innovation Ecosystem based on the Immune System
- **UNITE** – Forest-Human-Machine Interplay

Flagship status requires a long history of high-quality research and impact.

## AFTER TWO YEARS RUNNING

over **800** new company  
collaboration partners

over **4000** peer-review articles

**764** masters degrees

**200** patents

**227** PhDs

**160** new start ups

**1** AoF euro brings **5 euros** of EU funding

**2400** created jobs

and **2 x** more company funding

# Research infrastructures

The Academy of Finland provides funding for the acquisition, establishment or upgrading and expansion of nationally significant research infrastructures that promote scientific research.

The aim of the research infrastructure funding is to improve the quality, renewal, competitiveness and interdisciplinarity of Finnish research and to increase the appeal of Finnish research environments.

## RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

Instruments, equipment, information networks, databases, materials and services

Serve to facilitate research, promote research collaboration and reinforce research and innovation capacity and know-how.

May be single-sited, distributed or virtual, or a combination of these.

## DIVERSE IMPACT OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

Are used to produce approximately 7,000 scientific articles annually in Finland.

The number of users varies from 100 users to thousands per year.

Approximately 50% of the RIs have significant business cooperation.

Training

## Number of RIs at the Roadmap for Finnish Research Infrastructures 2021–2024

**6** life sciences

**5** social sciences and humanities

**5** data and computing

**6** environmental sciences

**7** physical sciences and engineering



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The Academy of Finland funds high-quality scientific research, provides expertise in science and science policy, and strengthens the position of science and research in society. We work to contribute to the renewal, diversification and increasing internationalisation of Finnish research.

We support and facilitate researcher training and research careers, internationalisation and the utilisation of research results. Our activities cover the full spectrum of scientific disciplines.

In 2022, our funding for research amounts to 468 million euros. We are a government agency within the administrative branch of the Finnish Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

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