



Academy Programme for Sport Science and Physical Activity 2026

| Applicant | Org. | Project | Funding period | Funding |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------|
| Heinonen, Ilkka | University of Turku | Physical activity and exercise in the prevention and treatment of cancer | 1.9.2026 - 31.8.2029 | 446 376 € |
| Kivelä, Riikka | University of Jyväskylä | Decoding Exercise Benefits: Exercise Therapy and Biomarker Discovery for Obesity and Cardiometabolic Disease | 1.9.2026 - 31.8.2029 | 449 894 € |
| Pekkola, Elias | Tampere University | Good Governance in Sport: Game-Changing Narratives of Value Creation and Destruction | 1.9.2026 - 31.8.2029 | 655 222 € |
| Aine, Antti | University of Turku | | | |
| Salmikangas, Anna-Katriina | University of Jyväskylä | | | |
| Roos, Eva | Folkhälsan | Everyday Environments and Physical Activity Inequalities among Adolescents in Finland: A Mixed-Methods Study with Focus on Rural and Swedish-Speaking Communities | 1.9.2026 - 31.8.2029 | 450 019 € |
| Saarinen, Milla | Åbo Akademi University | Rethinking Sustainable Youth Athlete Development through Machine Learning in the Nordic Model of Athlete Education | 1.9.2026 - 31.8.2029 | 448 489 € |