The Academy of Finland’s **key project funding** is aimed at strengthening the quality and impact of research and at promoting active collaboration with end-users and beneficiaries of research results. The funding is targeted at ongoing, high-quality research and at promoting extensive utilisation of the results of that research. The goal is to further improve the quality of research and increase its impact in society. Another goal of the funding scheme is to support international and cross-organisational researcher mobility as well as researchers’ work in organisations that utilise research results. The funding is especially geared towards early-career researchers whose projects have been highly rated in previously organised peer reviews.

**Guiding questions**

1. **Relevance to the call objectives and applicability of results**

   How is the proposed promotion of research utilisation linked to the applicant’s previous or ongoing research project? Do the proposed activities promote research utilisation and interaction with potential end-users and beneficiaries of the research? What is the significance of the project’s potential societal or other impact? What is the significance of new collaborative structures and networks that will be developed within the project?

2. **Quality and feasibility of application**

   Is the research and utilisation plan novel and innovative? How feasible is it? If trials or pilot projects are included, are they appropriate? What are the applicant’s merits regarding the ambition of the proposed research and utilisation plan, taking into account the researcher’s career stage? How does the international and/or cross-sectoral researcher mobility support the aims of the project? How does the research environment support the project, including appropriate utilisation services?

3. **Ethical issues and publicity of the results**

   Are there any ethical issues involved and, if so, how are they taken into account? How is it ensured that the results of the project are made public?

4. **Overall assessment**

   **Main strengths and weaknesses of project, additional comments and suggestions**

   **Strengths:**

   **Weaknesses:**

   **Comments:**