

Frequently Asked Questions

Can a CoE director be involved in many applications?

- No, the CoE director needs to focus in his/her own.

Can a PI (team leader) participate in two or more applications?

- Yes, now in plan of intent phase.

Can a CoE director be one of the team leaders as well?

- Yes, the CoE director is also one of the team leaders.

For what time period is the budget done?

- In the application form the budget is filled in for 5 years (2018-2022),
- In the plan of intent will be estimated a total budget for 8 years (2018-2025).

What is meant by external funders?

- In the total budget (in the plan of intent) you have to describe all the funders including Academy, Universities, ministries, EU etc.

Can you apply funding for CoE director's or team leaders' salaries?

- Based on [Academy's normal rules](#).

Can a CoE group be based in another country?

- Via normal international research collaboration. CoE funding is given to Finnish organisations.

Is it beneficial to have researcher from abroad? Is it beneficial to choose a CoE director from abroad?

- It is purely up to the researchers to decide how many groups are involved and if there are researchers from abroad (international collaboration). CoE funding is given to Finnish organisations.

What are the deadlines of applications?

- The deadline for the plan of intent is 27 April 2016. Based on the evaluation of the plan of intents, selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals for the second stage of evaluation. The deadline for the full proposals is 18 January 2017.

8 years is a relatively long term for? collaboration: Can CoE groups be added or cut off along the way of the project (evolution of CoE) if appropriate?

- Yes, they can.

Can Academy of Finland require merger of proposals during evaluation?

- No, we have not done that.

Will the CoE PIs be allowed (or not) to apply for other Academy of Finland funding?

- The CoE director and team leaders can NOT apply Academy Projects for the first 3 years of the CoE (2018-2020). All the other funding schemes are possible to apply!