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Academy Professors and Academy Research Fellows

**ACADEMY PROFESSORS**
- are top researchers who contribute to the progress of research in their field
- lead their own research team
- provide supervision to junior researchers and teaching associated with the research
- receive funding for up to five years at a time

**ACADEMY RESEARCH FELLOWS**
- have successfully been engaged in scientific research and publishing after earning their doctorate
- are qualified for advanced research tasks or other expert tasks
- carry out independent scientific work
- provide teaching and supervision in their field
- receive funding for five years
Postdoctoral Researchers

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS
- Have recently earned their doctorate, are gaining qualifications as professional researchers
- Carry out their own research plan, supervise thesis writers
- Eligibility: primarily no more than four years since doctorate
- Receive funding for salary and research costs
- Are granted funding for three years
Funding for research
Academy Project funding

• Promotes the quality and diversity of research and its capacity for regeneration by providing funding for scientifically ambitious research

• Granted to leading-edge researchers and research teams for:
  - salaries
  - materials and equipment
  - travel
  - international collaboration

• Granted for four years
Academy Programmes

- Support the regeneration of Finnish science by providing funding for research into specific themes
- The themes are defined, for instance, according to a specific research field, target or method
- Generate scientific and societal impact
- Typical characteristics:
  - science-driven
  - international
  - interactive
  - promote collaboration with stakeholders
Nordic research programmes

Designed to enhance the standard, quality, efficiency and visibility of Nordic research

NordForsk

• is an organisation under the Nordic Council of Ministers with responsibility for funding Nordic research cooperation (incl. research infrastructures) and for providing expert advice and launching initiatives on Nordic science policy.
• NordForsk members include national research funding agencies in the Nordic countries.
• The funding comes from NordForsk members, the Nordic Council of Ministers and NordForsk.
• The Academy is a funding partner in the following NordForsk programmes, e.g.:
  o Nordic eScience Globalisation Initiative (NeGI)
  o Education for Tomorrow
Strategic research

- research that has great societal relevance and impact
- high scientific quality
- solution-oriented
- dialogue between researchers and end-users and beneficiaries

Strategic Research Council (SRC)

- each year prepares a proposal on key research themes for the Finnish Government
- launches research programmes based on the themes decided by Government
- criteria for funding decisions: societal relevance, impact and scientific quality
- monitors funded projects and assesses their impact
- is a body established within the Academy of Finland
Strategic research themes

• Key challenges for the future of Finland
• Span several administrative branches
• Require multidisciplinary and long-term research
Research infrastructures

A reserve of research facilities, equipment, materials and services that facilitate R&D.

Tasks of the FIRI Committee at the Academy of Finland:
- monitors and develops Finnish and international research infrastructure activities
- submits proposals on long-term research infrastructure plans
- selects and monitors research infrastructure projects

Finland’s Strategy and Roadmap for Research Infrastructures 2014–2020 (interim review report 2018)

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Centres of Excellence in Research

Preconditions
- are at or close to the international cutting edge of research in their field
- have distinct and common research objectives and a joint management
- consist of one or more research teams

Objectives
- to create top-level, innovative and efficient research and researcher training environments
- to raise the quality of Finnish research and improve its international competitiveness
- to increase the visibility and prestige of Finnish research

Read more at www.aka.fi/coe.
A Flagship is an effective mix of:

- high-quality research
- demonstrated impact that supports economic growth and/or other significant societal benefits
- a strong commitment from the host organisation(s).
Thank you!

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