How applications are processed and reviewed
Funding opportunities

For researchers:
- Academy Professor
- Academy Research Fellow
- Postdoctoral Researcher
- Clinical Researcher
- Mobility grants

For research teams:
- Academy Project
- Academy Programme
- Centre of Excellence
- International Joint calls

For research organisations:
- Research infrastructures
- University profiling
- Flagship Programme

For strategic research:
- SRC programmes
Science policy tasks

Nordic and European collaboration

Data and analysis services, state of scientific research, evaluations

Development of impact assessment
How applications are processed

Applications are submitted in the online services

Academy of Finland science advisers (presenting official) process the applications

Scientific review by international expert panel

The projects can start

Elected bodies make the funding decisions based on the scientific review and science policy objectives
Application processing – Who does what?

Presenting official (science adviser)
- Handles the application processing

Reviewers (international panel)
- Prepare scientific reviews on the applications

Decision-maker
- Makes the funding decisions based on panel review reports and science policy objectives

Funding processing costs less than 3% of total funding to be distributed (low percentage in international comparison)
Application Review Criteria

Scientific quality and innovativeness of research plan
Feasibility of research plan
Quality and strengthening of research environment
Competence of applicant/research team
International and national collaborations and researcher mobility

4,000 applications each year
900 reviewers/year
98% foreign nationals

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Advantages of peer review and open competition

International peer review shows the quality of research compared to the international level in the field concerned.

Allows us to support the best research projects.

Helps us identify new research topics and novel initiatives.

Examples of the quality of Academy-funded research:

• Practically all Finnish-based ERC grantees have or have had Academy funding.
• Publications by Academy-funded researchers in 2018 scored 1.31 on the Top 10 index – score for all Finnish publications in 2018 was 1.12.
Thank you!

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