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Name of register	Privacy notice for Research Council of Finland Awards
Legal basis and purpose of personal data processing	The Research Council of Finland is a central government authority in the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture's administrative branch whose statutory duty is to promote scientific research and research framework conditions as well as their utilisation by funding them and by participating in international cooperation, to act as an expert in the development and implementation of science policy, and to carry out other tasks assigned to it (Act on the Academy of Finland 922/2009). Each year, the Research Council of Finland presents awards to outstanding and distinguished researchers. The aim of the Awards is to give recognition and encouragement to researchers who increasing their independence in their careers and to draw attention to objectives that the Research Council considers important. The Award is granted to a researcher who has Academy Research Fellowship funding, Postdoctoral Researcher funding or Clinical Researcher funding from the Research Council of Finland or a principal investigator working with the Research Council's project funding whose scientific career is still mostly ahead of them. The researcher has shown exceptional scientific audacity, creativity or innovation in research and has significantly contributed to increasing public awareness of scientific research or the researcher's job, inspired interest in science, actively contributed to public debate in society, or otherwise strengthened the role, application and impact of science and research in society. Nominations are submitted by the scientific councils to the Board of the Research Council of Finland, which makes the final decisions. In order to present the Awards, the Research Council of Finland processes the personal data of researchers it funds. The processing of personal data is necessary in this respect for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (EU General Data Protection Regulation Article 6(1)(e)). The personal data processed describe the person's position, tasks and scientific work in the scientific community, and the processing is in accordance with Section 4 of the Data Protection Act (1050/2018). The Research Council of Finland informs the persons whom the scientific councils intend to propose as recipients of the Award about the processing of personal data. These individuals will also be given the



	opportunity to update their personal data before the presentations to the scientific councils.
Data subjects and categories of personal data	The award process may involve the processing of personal data on researchers who have Academy Research Fellowship funding, Postdoctoral Researcher funding or Clinical Researcher funding from the Research Council of Finland or a principal investigator working with the Research Council's project funding. The personal data processed describe the person's position, tasks and scientific work in the scientific community. This information includes the person's name, contact details, degrees and diplomas with years of completion, research areas and topics, current work, previous work experience, research funding and grants, research outputs, research supervision and management experience, teaching credits, awards and honours, most significant other academic achievements, scientific and social impact, publications, site of research and public description of research funded by the Research Council of Finland, and other similar information. The award process does not involve processing of special categories of personal data mentioned in the GDPR nor, as a rule, data that are confidential by law.
Categories of recipients of the personal data	The winners and award justifications will be made public. Other information is disclosed only according to the duties and permissions granted in Finnish legislation. The right of public access is regulated under the Finnish Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999). Public documents are disclosed according to sections 13 and 16 of the Act. An official document may be secret if it has been so provided. Secret official documents are disclosed only on the grounds of consent of the data subject, to a party, or due to a legal right.
Transferring personal data to a third country or an international organisation	Data will not be transferred outside the European Union or the European Economic Area or to international organisations.
Planned deadlines for the deletion of personal data groups	The personal data processed and collected during the award process will be deleted after the scientific councils have submitted their nominations and the Board has decided the winners. However, the personal data of the nominees and winners, including the justifications for the award, will be kept in the lists and minutes of the scientific councils and the Board, in the proposals of the scientific councils and in similar archived documents and their appendices. The archiving plan of the Research Council of Finland contains more detailed provisions on archiving. The Finnish Archive Act (831/1994) regulates the archiving duties of authorities. The deletion of personal data processed and collected in this process does not affect the processing of personal data in the research funding process or other Research Council activities.
From which source the personal data originate if not obtained from the data subject	The information is obtained as part of the research funding process, either from the data subjects themselves or, in some cases, from the person's host organisation when they log in to the Research Council of Finland's online services (see Data protection).



	Some information can also be obtained from publicly available sources, such as the public website of the person's host organisation or, for information on publications, from publication databases.
Rights of data subjects	All requests based on the following rights of the data subject should be sent to the Registrar's Office of the Research Council of Finland, email kirjaamo@aka.fi. <u><i>Right of access to personal data</i></u> The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller confirmation as to whether personal data concerning them are being processed, and, where that is the case, to obtain access to the personal data. On request, the controller shall provide a copy of the personal data undergoing processing. Provided that the data subject requests the above copy more frequently than once a year, the controller will charge a reasonable fee based on administrative costs. <u><i>Right to rectification</i></u> The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller without undue delay the rectification of inaccurate and incorrect personal data concerning them. <u><i>Right to restrict processing</i></u> The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller a restriction of processing, for example when the accuracy of the personal data is contested by the data subject, for a period enabling the controller to verify the accuracy of the personal data. Where processing has been restricted, such personal data shall, with the exception of storage, only be processed with the data subject's consent or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or for the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person or for reasons of important public interest of the European Union or of an EU member state. <u><i>Right to object to the processing of data</i></u> Where data are processed for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, the data subject may object on grounds relating to their particular situation. In such cases, processing must be stopped unless the controller can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject or the processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. <u><i>Right to erasure</i></u> The data subject has the right to ask the controller to erase personal data concerning them without undue delay, for example if the personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed, if the data subject objects to the



processing on the basis of Article 21(1) and if there are no legitimate grounds for the processing, or the personal data have been unlawfully processed.

Right to lodge complaint with supervisory authority

Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial remedy, every data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the member state of their habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement, if the data subject considers that the processing of their personal data infringes the General Data Protection Regulation. This right is without prejudice to other administrative appeal or legal remedies.

In Finland, the national supervisory authority is the Data Protection Ombudsman: tietosuoja@om.fi, tel. +358 295 666 700.