

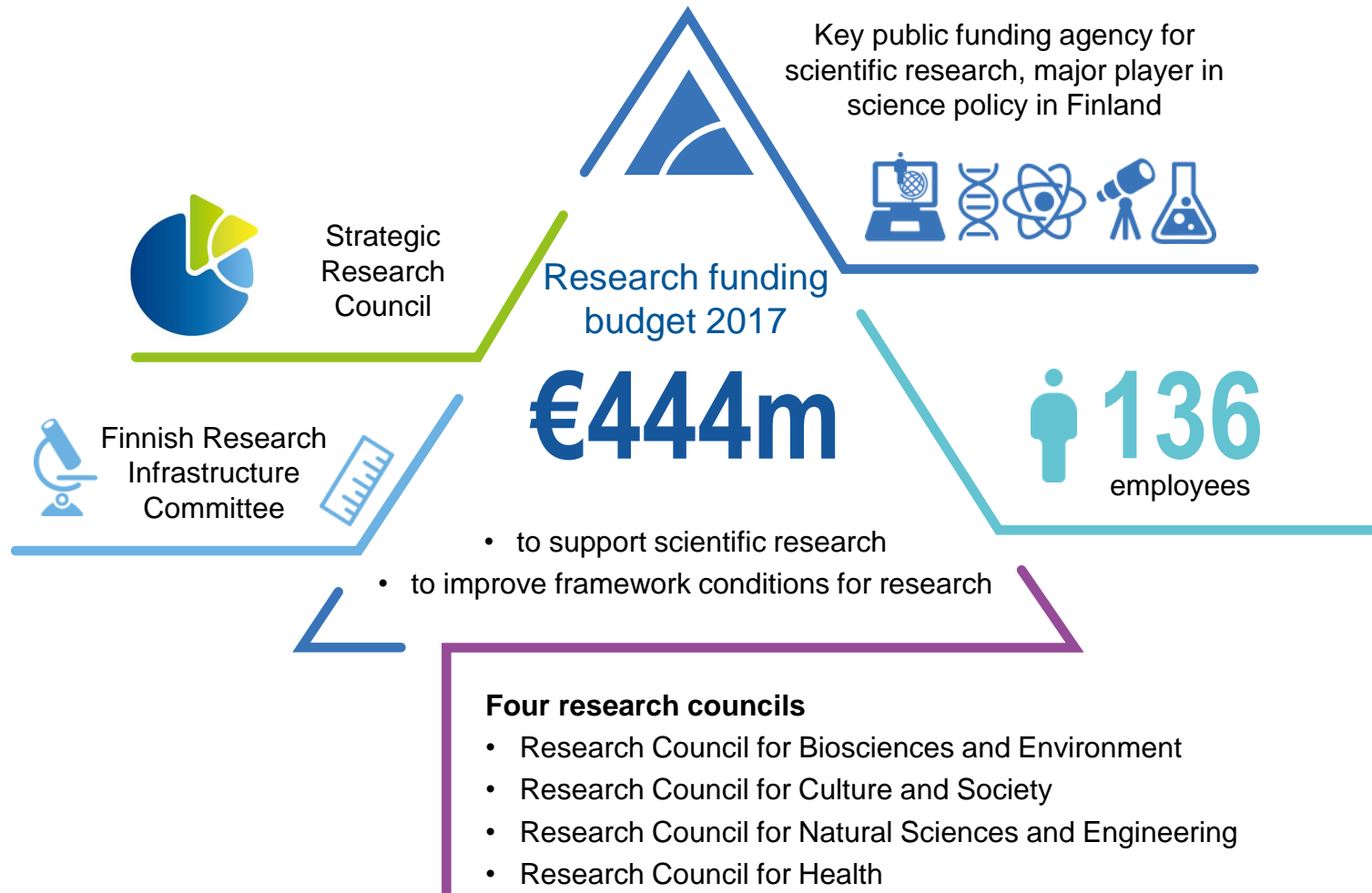
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# Academy of Finland funding opportunities

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# Academy of Finland in a nutshell



Part of our funds come from proceeds of Finland's national gaming company Veikkaus. In 2018, these proceeds account for 70.7 million euros of our total funding for scientific research.

# What we do

We draft science policy lines and statements, engage in science policy debate

We review funding applications and make funding decisions

We conduct scientific and research foresight and impact analysis:

- State of Scientific Research in Finland
- impact assessment
- foresighting

We fund framework conditions for research and research environments (infrastructures and university research profiles)

We influence European and Nordic science policy



# Key figures: funding, applications and success rates

Academy's annual funding budget

**€400m**

Funding processing costs

less than **3%**

of total funding to be distributed

*(low percentage in international comparison)*

**4,000**

applications each year



Success rates in key funding schemes

**10–20%**

**Funding for 3–6 years**

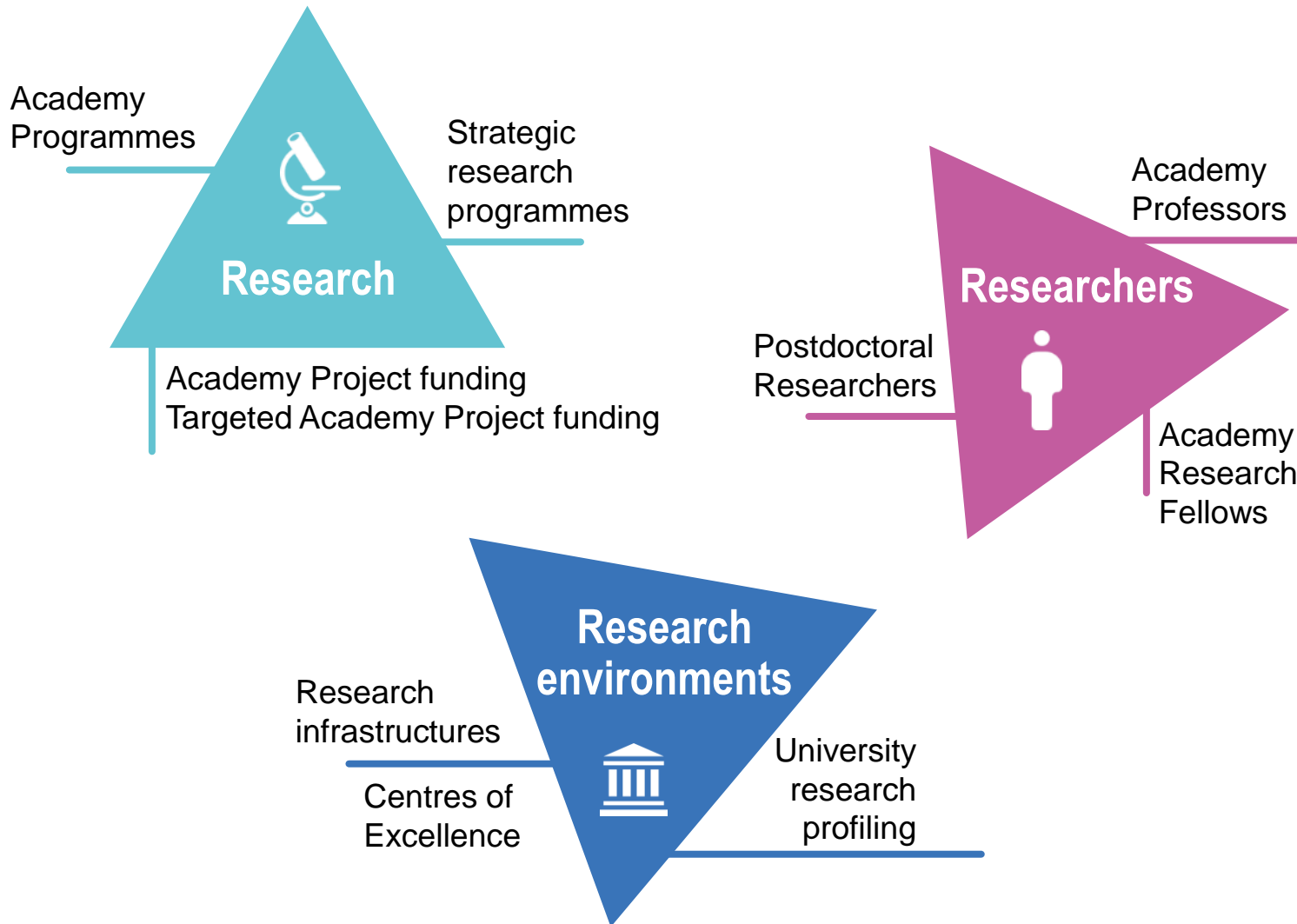
- Mostly 4–5 years

Academy funding accounts for approx.

**20%**

of all university research funding.

# Academy of Finland's funding opportunities



# 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



# 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

# Academy Project funding



- Our main funding opportunity
- 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
- Typical characteristics:
  - Science-driven
  - Promote science renewal
  - International
  - Interactive
  - Promote collaboration with stakeholders

# Strategic research

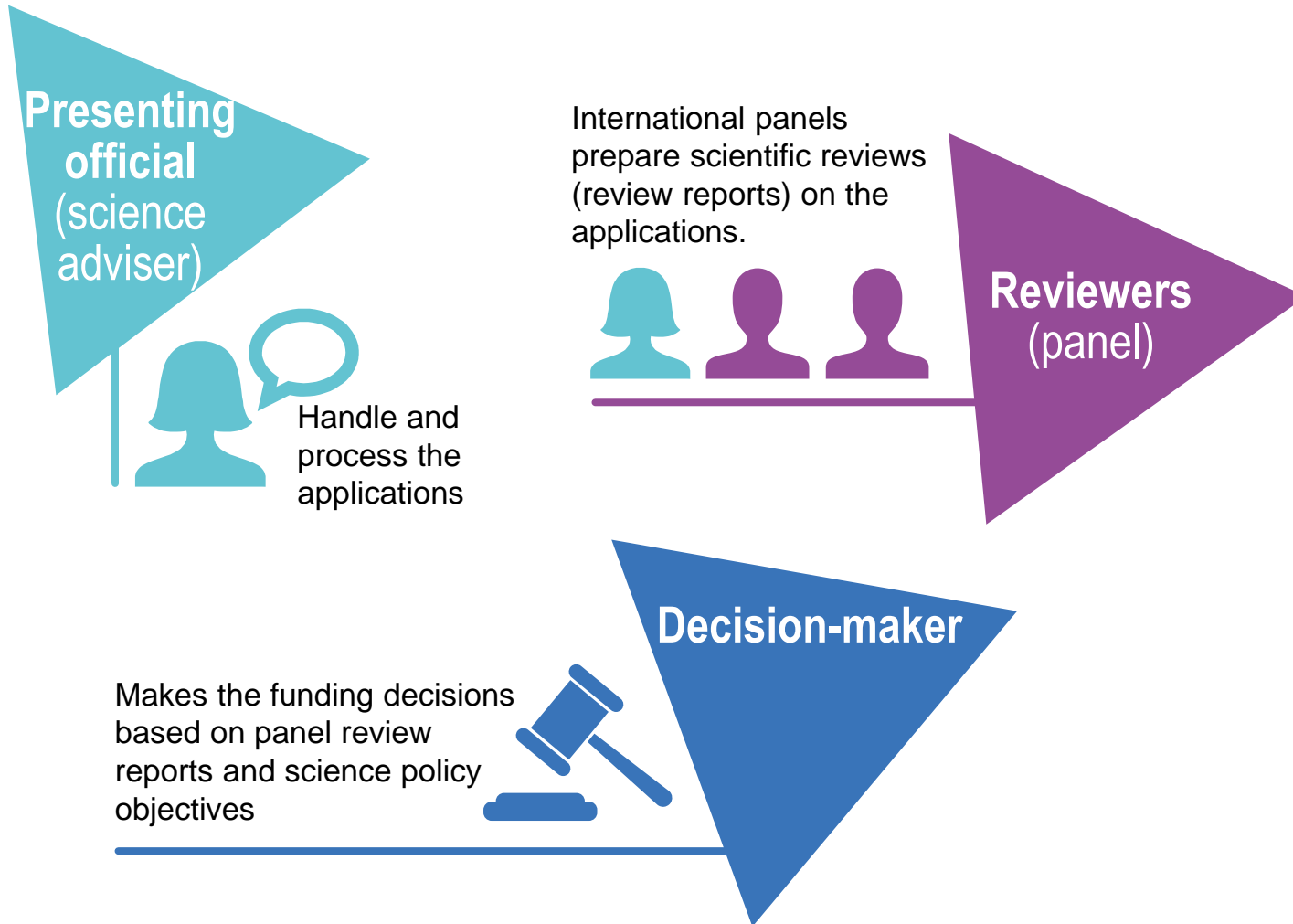


Learn more about SRC programmes and the projects: [www.aka.fi/src](http://www.aka.fi/src)

# Academy of Finland – Support to research in the EUI

- Grants for **doctoral research** at the EUI
- **After PhD:** as part of AoF basic funding schemes
  - The EUI may receive an Academy of Finland-funded Postdoctoral researcher / Academy Research Fellow to carry out research at the EUI for 1–2 years
  - This opportunity is applied for as part of the three-year research post as a Postdoctoral Researcher, or the five-year research post as Academy Research Fellow, in the yearly Academy of Finland September Call.

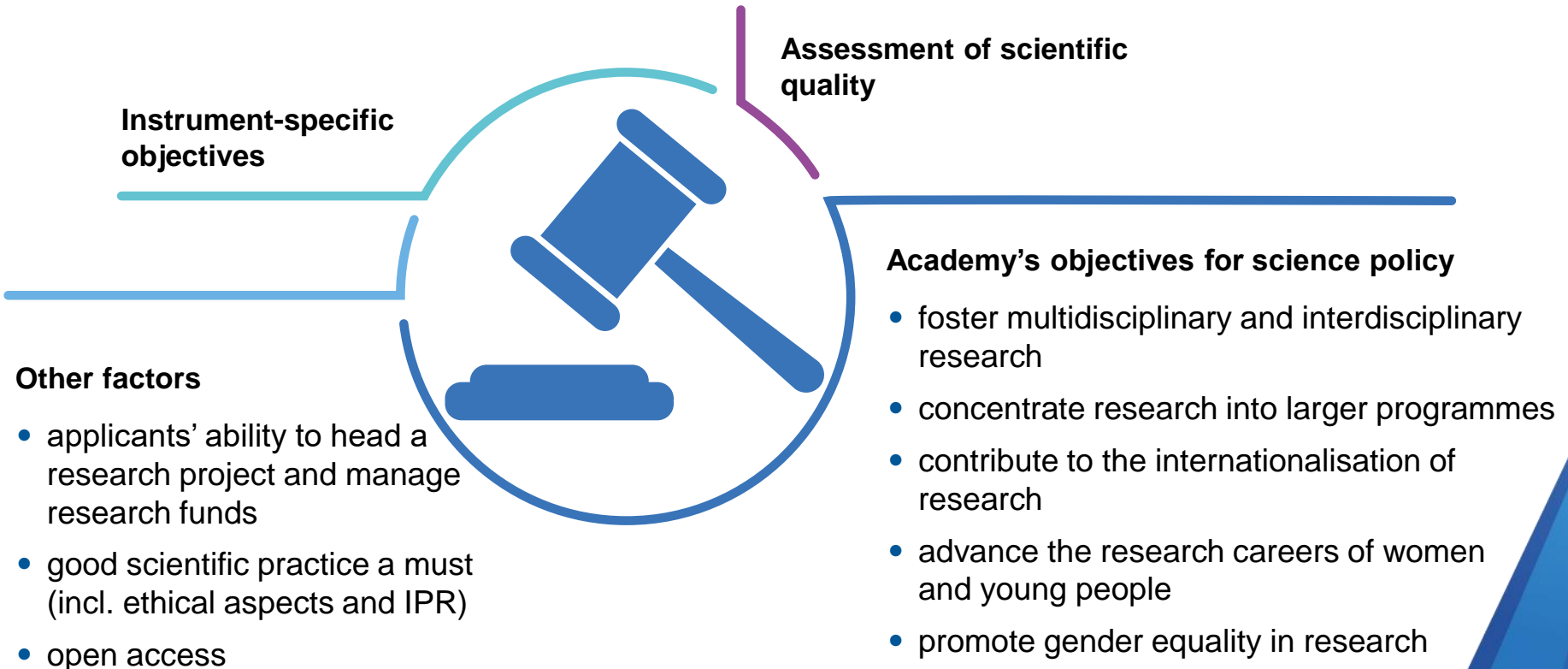
# Application processing – Who does what?



# Criteria used in reviewing applications



# Criteria for funding decisions





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