



ACADEMY OF FINLAND
RESEARCH FUNDING AND EXPERTISE

National and Regional strategies in opening research funding and making it internationally competitive

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FINLAND; the country

- 338,000 sq. km
- 5,3 million people
- Capital Helsinki
- 2 official languages
 - Finnish
 - Swedish
- GDP per capita 2008
€35,000
- a member of
 - the European Union





Impact of the Academy's international activities

Through active involvement:

the quality of research will improve

the international exposure and recognition of Finnish science and research will grow

researchers' opportunities for international collaboration will increase

researcher mobility will step up

Finnish researchers will be successful in international competition and in obtaining international funding

Finnish research environments will become more attractive and internationally competitive

chances of foreign researchers to work in Finland will improve

funding cooperation will strengthen



The strategic means of the Academy

Research funding

- Appropriate funding schemes and sufficient funding
- Research programmes and Centres of Excellence
- Evaluation
- Funding cooperation
- Infrastructure projects

Developing the research career

- Promoting professional careers in research through competitive funding
- Graduate schools
- Supporting the independence of young researchers
- Researcher mobility (abroad as well as between universities, research institutes and companies)

Internationalisation

- Funding cooperation
- Evaluating and monitoring the quality of science
- Science policy
- Attractive research environments

Strategic partnerships

- National and international funding agencies
- Universities
- Research institutes

The impact of research

- High scientific quality
- All disciplines
- Interdisciplinarity, diversity and renewal
- Long-term monitoring

Significance and visibility of science

- Public debate and applications
- Societal significance of basic research
- Raising public awareness and understanding of research
- Good scientific practices



Researcher training

The Academy of Finland

- provides funding for research projects including doctoral students working on their theses and postdoctoral researchers who have recently earned their doctorate
- provides funding to advance the professional competence of young postdoctoral researchers (Postdoctoral Researcher's projects)
- supports graduate schools
- provides funding for researcher training abroad
- supports doctoral studies of employed persons





Funding opportunities for internationalisation and researcher mobility

- Finland Distinguished Professor Programme (FiDiPro)
- **General research grants**
- Academy Research Fellowships
- **Postdoctoral Researcher's projects**
- Grants for researcher training at the EUI and Postdoctoral Researcher at the EUI
- **ERA-NET calls**
- **Researcher mobility and other contractual bilateral cooperation**
- **International joint project calls with foreign funding agencies**
- **Researcher training and research abroad**
- Preparation of international joint projects
- **Research programmes and CoE programmes: joint calls and networking**





NORFACE ERA-NET

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Two research programmes

- Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe?
€5,4 million (2008-2010)
- Migration in Europe: Social, Economic, Cultural and Policy Dynamics
€28 million (2009-2013)

'Pilot' study: Doctoral Mobility in the Social Sciences





Thank you!

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