

## **Finland (AKA)**

### **AKA Eligibility Requirements for T-AP applicants based in Finland**

**Note:** This addendum to the Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Innovation (T-AP SI) Call for Proposals contains funding agency-specific information for candidates applying for Finnish funding. Please see the [Trans-Atlantic Platform](#) website for links to the main Call for Proposals.

The call follows the funding rules of the Academy of Finland's Academy project funding. The applicant can also be a Finnish consortium.

The Academy of Finland has reserved EUR 700,000 to fund the participation of successful Finnish research groups in the joint projects. The Academy aims to fund up to 4 projects.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

The leader of the Finnish sub-project (the principal investigator, or PI) **must have the qualifications of a professor or docent.**

### **Funding**

Academy Project funding is primarily intended towards the salaries of researchers who work full-time on the project and for other project costs. Academy Project funding can be used to cover both direct and indirect research costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, preparation of international projects, and publishing (e.g. open access publishing).

### **Salary costs of principal investigator**

Academy funding for research projects is primarily intended for the salaries of full-time researchers working on the projects and for other research costs. The salary costs of the PI can, with certain limitations, be incorporated into the total project costs.

If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must explain in the application how their salary will be covered during the project's funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage. Retired researchers can be granted funding on the same grounds as other researchers.

### **1 Including PI's salary (for project management) in total project costs**

The salary costs must not be significant in relation to the project's total costs. For example, a three-year research project must not include more than 4,5 months of the PI's effective working hours. This is equivalent to approximately 1,5 months a year.

### **2 Applying for funding for PI's salary (for research)**

The Academy can grant a maximum of twelve months of funding towards the salary of a PI for conducting research. The funding is intended to support project implementation and is granted only for well-substantiated research-related reasons (e.g. work abroad, return to Finland or transfer to another research organisation or a company in Finland).

The salary costs of the PI can be incorporated into the total project costs in accordance with what is stated in the research plan. The PI's tasks must be clearly described in the research plan.

### **Full cost model**

The Academy of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70 % of the total costs of a project. If there are no other funding sources, the site of research must

cover at least 30% of the costs of a project under full costing. If there are other sources, their contributions must also pass through the books of the site of research.

The Academy of Finland requires that the site of research (e.g. university department) provides the research project with all necessary basic facilities. These are determined based on the nature of the research and are the same as those available to other research staff at the site: office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment), and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services, etc.

The Academy will fund a research project only if the application includes a commitment by the site of research. You must agree on this commitment before submitting your application with a representative of the site of research. The Academy will request the commitment by the site of research from the successful applicants before making the funding decision.

In the application, give a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure. The cost estimate must be realistic and justified by type of expenditure in the research plan. The Academy allocates the funding to the researcher's host organization (site of research).

Full guidelines of the Academy Project funding are available on the Academy of Finland's website at:

<http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/> and  
<http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/>

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