



ACADEMY OF FINLAND

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The Academy of Finland provides funding for high-quality and innovative research aiming at scientific breakthroughs, serves as a science policy expert and strengthens the position of science and research. The Academy is active in international science policy and a competent partner in funding cooperation. We work to facilitate the opportunities of Finnish researchers for international research collaboration and to promote science internationally. Our funding is available to researchers of any nationality working in Finland.

Brazil and Chile are key partner countries for our research funding cooperation. We have agreements on funding cooperation with three Latin American research funding agencies: the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) in Brazil, the National Commission for Scientific Research and Technology

(CONICYT) in Chile, and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) in the State of São Paulo in Brazil. With these three funding agencies, we support Finnish-Brazilian and Finnish-Chilean research collaboration through joint calls for proposals.

JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Finnish-Brazilian and Finnish-Chilean project cooperation supports long-term, systematic research collaboration of a high standard as well as creation and strengthening of research networks between Finland and Brazil and Chile. The themes selected for joint calls are mutually agreed by the Academy and the partner funding agency (CNPq, CONICYT or FAPESP), and the themes vary for each call.

Funding is often made available within the themes of the Academy's research programmes. The selected themes must be researcher-driven and topical and should benefit both countries.

We have already implemented a number of joint calls: Sustainable Energy Programme (with CONICYT and CNPq), Education Research (with CONICYT), Photonics and Modern Imaging Techniques Programme (with CNPq), and Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources (with FAPESP).

The funding decisions are made jointly by the Academy of Finland and the partner agency. Academy funding covers the costs of Finnish researchers, while Brazilian and Chilean researchers receive their funding from their own funding agency under its rules. The funding for joint projects is normally granted for three or four years.

FIDI^{PRO}

Within the framework of the Finland Distinguished Professor (FiDiPro) programme, Finnish universities and research institutes can hire foreign (e.g. Brazilian or Chilean), professor-level top researchers or Finnish professor-level highly merited researchers who have worked abroad for extended periods to conduct and promote research in Finland for 2–5 years. The funding is applied for by a Finnish university or research institute, which will also contribute towards the FiDiPro professor's salary and research costs.

ERANET-LAC

ERANet-LAC is a network of EU, Latin American and Caribbean countries on joint innovation and research

activities funded through the EU's Seventh Framework Programme. It will support the political process of implementing the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI) endorsed by the Madrid Action Plan adopted by the EU-LAC Summit in Madrid in 2010.

The Academy of Finland is an ERANet-LAC partner and will be planning and implementing joint research funding activities for EU and LAC researchers within the project in 2014–2017. The project's priority themes, as defined by JIRI, are: bioeconomy including food security; information and communication technologies for meeting societal challenges; biodiversity and climate change; and energy.

SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS RESEARCHER MOBILITY

Science without Borders is a large-scale, nationwide scholarship programme primarily funded by the Federal Government of Brazil. The programme seeks to strengthen and expand the initiatives of science and technology, innovation and competitiveness through the international mobility of students and researchers. The programme is a joint effort of the Brazilian Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science and Technology through their respective funding agencies, CAPES and CNPq.

Within the programme, some 100,000 Brazilian university students and researchers will be sent abroad by 2015. The programme offers various types of scholarships: Undergraduate Study Abroad, PhD Internships Abroad, Full-Time PhD, and Postdoctoral Scholarships. In Finland, the Academy of Finland is the agency responsible for researcher mobility within the programme.

MORE INFORMATION ON RESEARCH FUNDING:

<http://www.aka.fi/en-GB/A/Funding-and-guidance/Funding/>

www.conicyt.cl

www.cnpq.br

www.fapesp.br

MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACADEMY'S INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

www.aka.fi/en-GB/A/Programmes-and-cooperation/International/

MORE INFORMATION ON THE SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS PROGRAMME:

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