

Finnish Centres of Excellence 2026-2033: research consortia selected to second call stage

Applicant	Organisation	Topic
Allahverdiyeva-Rinne, Yagut	UTU	Finnish Centre of Excellence in Microbial Autotrophic Biotechnology
Barth, Dorothee	VTT	
Kallio, Pauli	UTU	
Nygård, Yvonne	VTT	
Nyyssölä, Antti	VTT	
Pahikkala, Tapio	UTU	
Tyystjärvi, Taina	UTU	
Blande, James	UEF	Temporal and spatial dynamics of forest-based chemically mediated interactions in the Anthropocene
Hao, Liqing	UEF	
Hellén, Heidi	FMI	
Huynh, Tan Phat	ÅAU	
Joutsensaari, Jorma	UEF	
Kivimäenpää, Minna	LUKE	
Pinto Zevallos, Delia Milagros	UEF	
Salminen, Juha-Pekka	UTU	
Fingerroos, Outi	UJ	Centre of Excellence in Dismissed Memories (DISMEMO)
Haanpää, Riina	UTU	
Harjunen, Hannele	UJ	
Kinnunen, Tiina	UO	
Friman, Ville-Petri	UH	Centre of Excellence in Bacterial Viromes of Animal and Plant Microbiomes (VIROBIOME): Uncovering the role of bacterial viruses in microbiome dysbiosis of plants and animals
Kiljunen, Saija	UH	
Oliviero, Claudio	UH	
Sundberg, Lotta-Riina	UJ	
Tamminen, Manu	UTU	
Haddington, Pentti	UO	Centre of Excellence on Multimodal Meaning-Making (CEMM)
Bergman, Mats	UH	
Hiippala, Tuomo	UH	
Hirvonen, Maija	TAU	
Jantunen, Tommi	UJ	
Heikkilä, Tero	UJ	Quantum Information Meets Quantum Materials (QMAT)
Hakonen, Pertti	AALTO	
Lado, Jose	AALTO	



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Ojanen, Teemu	TAU	
Prunnila, Mika	VTT	
Shawulienu, Kezilebieke	UJ	
Sun, Zhipei	AALTO	
Törmä, Päivi	AALTO	
Kallio, Esa	AALTO	Space climate of solar and exoplanetary systems
Asikainen, Timo	UO	
Hackman, Thomas	UH	
Järvinen, Riku	FMI	
Korpi-Lagg, Maarit	AALTO	
Mursula, Kalevi	UO	
Tammi, Joni	AALTO	
Katajisto, Pekka	UH	Centre of Excellence in Metabolic Integration
Balboa, Diego	UH	
Helle, Emmi	UH	
Hietakangas, Ville Ilmari	UH	
Ikonen, Elina Maria	UH	
Najumudeen, Arafath Kaja	UH	
Wartiovaara, Anu	UH	
Kauppinen, Antti	UH	The Future of Responsibility: A Centre of Excellence in Philosophy and Law
Hormio, Säte	UH	
Koi, Polaris	UTU	
Laitinen, Arto	TAU	
Lasonen-Aarnio, Maria	UH	
Melander, Sakari	UH	
Kivimäki, Ville	FLS	Centre of Excellence in Nationalism Research in the Humanities
Pikkanen, Ilona	FLS	
Savolainen, Ulla	UH	
Vahtikari, Tanja	TAU	
Östman, Ann-Catrin	ÅAU	
Kiviniemi, Vesa	UO	Centre of Excellence for Glymphatic Brain Therapy
Eklund, Lauri	UO	
Elbuken, Caglar	UO	
Gröhn, Olli	UEF	
Karppinen, Peppi	UO	
Lilius, Tuomas	UH	
Myllylä, Teemu	UO	
Kulmala, Liisa	FMI	Urban Nature and Climate Interaction Centre (URBANICE)
Junttila, Oula Samuli	UEF	



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Järvi, Leena	UH	
Lindqvist, Hannakaisa M	FMI	
Lintunen, Anna	UH	
Kuorikoski, Jaakko	UH	Vigilant Epistemic Institutions: Centre of Excellence in the Study of Institutional Knowledge Production
Ahva, Laura	TAU	
Mäkelä, Pekka	UH	
Mäkinen, Elina	TAU	
Lassas, Matti	UH	CoE in Science of Mathematical Imaging
Blåsten, Emilia	LUT	
Hannukainen, Antti	AALTO	
Hauptmann, Andreas	UO	
Helin, Tapio	LUT	
Hyvönen, Nuutti	AALTO	
Ilmavirta, Joonas	UJ	
Kolehmainen, Ville	UEF	
Laine, Marko	FMI	
Lähivaara, Timo	UEF	
Maboudi Afkham, Babak	UO	
Nieminen, Miika	UO	
Oksanen, Lauri	UH	
Pursiainen, Sampsa	TAU	
Railo, Jesse	LUT	
Raumonen, Pasi	TAU	
Roininen, Lassi	LUT	
Salo, Mikko	UJ	
Seppänen, Aku	UEF	
Siltanen, Samuli	UH	
Tamminen, Johanna	FMI	
Tyni, Teemu	UO	
Vauhkonen, Marko	UEF	
Lummaa, Virpi	UTU	Centre of Excellence for Human Diversity Through Contacts (HuDi-Con)
Laippala, Veronika	UTU	
Onkamo, Päivi	UTU	
Vesakoski, Outi	UTU	
Makkonen, Risto	FMI	Aerosol-Cloud Interactions in Weather and Climate: Transition to a Post-Fossil Society (ACCLIMATE)
Arola, Antti	FMI	
Asmi, Eija	FMI	
Boy, Michael	LUT	
Ezhova, Ekaterina	UH	
Kokkola, Harri	UEF	
Kontkanen, Jenni	CSC	



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Liu, Zhisong	LUT	
Petäjä, Tuukka	UH	
Sinclair, Victoria	UH	
Yli-Juuti, Taina	UEF	
Murzin, Dmitry	ÅAU	Centre of Excellence in Green Carbon Chemistry and Engineering
Eklund, Patrik Christoffer	ÅAU	
Karlström, Oskar	UTU	
Repo, Timo	UH	
Xu, Chunlin	ÅAU	
Mäkinen, Taija	UH	Sharpening local immune responses: decoding immune-lymphatic endothelial interfaces
Jacquemet, Guillaume	ÅAU	
Sahlgren, Cecilia	ÅAU	
Vahtomeri, Kari	UH	
Möttönen, Mikko	AALTO	Centre of Excellence in Precision Sensing Beyond Current Limits
Fickler, Robert	TAU	
Kemppinen, Antti	VTT	
Paraoanu, Gheorghe-Sorin	AALTO	
Pekola, Jukka	AALTO	
Sillanpää, Mika	AALTO	
Tuominen, Eija	VTT	
Möttönen, Riikka	UH	Cognition, Language and Diversity
Lüpke, Friederike	UH	
Sinnemäki, Kaius T-K	UH	
Vainio, Martti	UH	
Yangarber, Roman	UH	
Norkko, Alf	UH	Centre for Coastal Ecosystem and Climate Change Research
Ehn, Mikael	UH	
Jilbert, Tom	UH	
Lewandowska, Aleksandra	UH	
Mammarella, Ivan	UH	
Norkko, Joanna	UH	
Villnäs, Anna	UH	
Nykter, Matti	TAU	Centre of Excellence in Cancer Engineering
Heinäniemi, Merja	UEF	
Ihalainen, Teemu	TAU	
Latonen, Leena	UEF	
Ruusuvuori, Pekka	UTU	
Seppälä, Toni	TAU	
Vähärautio, Anna	UH	



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Palmroth, Minna	UH	Finnish Centre of Excellence in Space Resilience
Aikio, Anita	UO	
Juusola, Liisa	FMI	
Kilpua, Emilia	UH	
Praks, Jaan	AALTO	
Vainio, Rami	UTU	
Pihlström, Sami	UH	Centre of Excellence in Meliorist Philosophy of Suffering
Kivistö, Sari	TAU	
Koistinen, Timo	UH	
Mäkinen, Virpi	UH	
Utriainen, Terhi	UH	
Primmer, Craig	UH	Centre of Excellence for Genetics of Organismal Diversity
Kratochwil, Claudius	UH	
Mappes, Johanna	UH	
Ritala, Mikko	UH	Centre of Excellence in Atomic Layer Deposition and Etching
Huotari, Simo J	UH	
Tuittila, Eeva-Stiina	UEF	Peatlands, Climate Change and Ecological Restoration
Aalto, Tuula	FMI	
Lohila, Annalea	FMI	
Rautiainen, Miina	AALTO	
Väliranta, Minna	UH	
Tuunanen, Tuure	UJ	Centre of Excellence in Digital Transformation Design
Karjaluoeto, Heikki	UJ	
Laukkanen, Tommi	UEF	
Rossi, Matti	AALTO	
Seppänen, Marko	TAU	
Smolander, Kari	LUT	
Vartiainen, Tero	UV	
Valkonen, Sanna	UL	Towards Multibeing Justice. Humanity and Human Responsibility in Indigenous Societies
Viikari, Lotta	UL	
Virtanen, Pirjo	UH	
Vanharanta, Sakari	UH	Centre of Excellence in Tumour and Genome Research
Aaltonen, Lauri	UH	
Heinävaara, Sirpa	CSF	
Marttinen, Pekka	AALTO	
Taipale, Jussi	UH	



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Westerlund, Heidi	UNIARTS	The Centre of Excellence in Music Professionalism and Sustainable Futures
López Íñiguez, Guadalupe	UNIARTS	
Villén, Antti-Ville	UNIARTS	
Vuorinen, Aleks	UH	Centre of Excellence in Neutron-Star Physics
Kankainen, Anu	UJ	
Kortelainen, Markus	UJ	
Nättilä, Joonas	UH	
Poutanen, Juri	UTU	
Välimäki, Juuso	AALTO	Centre of Excellence in Market Design and Interventions
Ahlvik, Lassi	UH	
Hyytinen, Ari	HANKEN	
Liski, Matti	AALTO	
Toivanen, Otto	AALTO	
Ylä-Anttila, Tuomas	UH	Centre of Excellence on Climate Action
Kantola, Anu	UH	
Laitinen, Mikko	UEF	
Tukiainen, Janne	UTU	

Organisation

AALTO: Aalto University
 CSC: CSC - IT Center for Science Ltd
 CSF: Cancer Society of Finland
 FLS: Finnish Literature Society
 FMI: Finnish Meteorological Institute
 HANKEN: Hanken School of Economics
 LUKE: Natural Resources Institute Finland
 LUT: LUT University
 TAU: Tampere University
 UEF: University of Eastern Finland
 UH: University of Helsinki
 UJ: University of Jyväskylä
 UL: University of Lapland
 UNIARTS: University of the Arts Helsinki
 UO: University of Oulu
 UTU: University of Turku
 UV: University of Vaasa
 VTT: VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
 ÅAU: Åbo Akademi University