

ask & apply

We start at 13.00



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What's new about the winter call 2025

Ask & Apply webinar, 29 October 2024

Some guidelines

1. First the presentation – then questions and discussion
The presentation takes 10 to 15 minutes and we have a plenty of time for questions and discussion
2. The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available online for two weeks – Q&A and discussion will not be recorded
3. You can write questions during the presentation on Q&A

Ask & Apply webinars in 2024

1. What's new about the winter call?: **Tuesday 29 October at 13.00-14.00**
2. Academy Professor call: **Tuesday 5 November at 13.00-14.00**
3. Ask Me Anything – our science advisers answer your questions: **Tuesday 12 December at 13.00-14.00**

Timeline for the winter call 2025

- Calls have now been published on our website
- Calls (online services) will open on November 13 and close on **January 8, 2025**
- Open for application:
 - Academy Project Funding, Academy Research Fellowships
 - Clinical Researchers (note: a separate review panel)
 - Academy Professorships (a separate webinar on November 5)
- **HINT:** You can submit your application early and edit/supplement until the deadline
- NB: Academy Programme for Sport Science and Physical Activity is open at the same time as winter call 2025, but as a separate call

What's new? Research plan

Structure has been simplified – three main headings, no subheadings

1. Background and significance

- Research-based starting points of your research and your own research idea against current knowledge in the field

2. Impact

- Expected results, effects and impact of the research (both within the scientific community and beyond)
- Wider impact of the research e.g. in relation to the UN SDGs

3. Implementation

- How, by whom and where?
- Responsible science (e.g. open access, research ethics, equality and non-discrimination)
- See research plan templates at www.aka.fi/researchplan

What's new?

- Short data management plan moved to the application form (not part of the research plan anymore)
- No changes to the review process
 - Some panel titles, descriptions and keywords have been revised
- Updates to the policies of [scientific councils](#)
- The site of research is responsible for ensuring that the applicant has not been found guilty of research misconduct in the last three years

What's new? (continues)

- Academy Professor
 - Call is open in connection with the winter call
 - Single-stage call
 - Only one application can be submitted in the winter call: applicants must choose whether they apply for Academy Project Funding or Academy Professorship
 - Dedicated webinar for Academy Professor call: **Tuesday 5 November at 13.00-14.00**
- Eligibility for Academy Research Fellows: 1.1.2018-31.1.2023 (2-7 years since PhD degree)

What's new? Academy Project Funding

- The maximum amount of funding granted is the same for all three Research Councils:
 - 600,000 euros for a four-year project
 - up to 1 million euros for a four-year consortium project and up to 500,000 euros for a four-year consortium subproject
- If the funding period is less than four years, the maximum funding is scaled according to the length of the funding period.
- The strengthening of doctoral training within Academy Projects continues: RCF is setting aside funds from the 2025 research funding budget for this. However the maximum amount of funding cannot be exceeded on the basis of doctoral education.

Best practices

- **Read the call text carefully**
- **Start early, submit early**
 - Remember: You can submit your application and supplement/update until the deadline
 - Take note of and respect internal university deadlines for budgets, etc.
 - Obtain letters of collaboration in time for the deadline
- Consider your choice of review panel carefully
- Pay attention to your application's key words and abstract

Questions?

- You can **type your questions in the Q&A**
- Contact [our helpdesk](http://www.aka.fi/feedback) (www.aka.fi/feedback)
- Also see our FAQ [page](http://www.aka.fi/winter_call_2025_faq) (www.aka.fi/winter_call_2025_faq)
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