

Finland Distinguished Professor Programme, the Academy of Finland's call for projects selected to proceed to the second stage 2010

The goal of the Finland Distinguished Professor (FiDiPro) funding programme is to strengthen scientific knowledge and know-how in Finland, add a more international element to the Finnish research system, generate added value into the national innovation system and support research-driven profiling of universities and research institutes.

The Board of the Academy of Finland will decide in spring 2010 on the projects selected for the programme.

The universities and research institutes that apply for the funding are required to cover part of the salary and other costs of a FiDiPro researcher, and to participate in providing other practical assistance for the researcher.

Decisions on the resources, tasks and responsibilities of FiDiPro research projects shall be made jointly by the Academy, the host university or research institute and any other funding bodies involved.

Appendices

A research plan as well as the curriculum vitae and list of publications of the researcher to be invited shall be appended to the full application.

1. Research plan, of no more than 12 pages, including
 - justification for how the research project fits in with the FiDiPro programme and its objectives (including the strategy and strength areas of the university or research institute)
 - background and objectives of the research
 - description of the research team
 - key research methods of the research project
 - expected outcomes and scientific and social impact
 - national and international collaboration
 - timetable for the research
2. Curriculum vitae for the researcher to be invited (of no more than four pages)
3. List of publications of the researcher to be invited (of no more than 25 publications), in which the ten most important publications are clearly indicated.

Application procedure

The applicant for FiDiPro funding is a university or research institute.

The application procedure takes place in two stages. The deadline for submitting letters of intent was 30 October 2009. On the basis of the letters of intent, the Academy Board selected the projects that proceed to the second stage in its meeting on 8 December 2009. The Academy has notified the universities and research institutes and the Finnish contact persons indicated in the applications of its decision by letter.

Projects going through to the second stage shall submit a full application to the Academy's online services by 29 January 2010 at 16.15.

The applications shall be drafted in accordance with the Academy of Finland's general application guidelines, see the guidelines applicable to all calls at www.aka.fi/eng > For researchers > How to apply > Guidelines.

The deadline is non-negotiable and also applies to all the sub-applications of a consortium. If the application of any sub-project is submitted late, the application of the whole consortium is considered submitted late and will not be processed. The composition of the consortium cannot be changed after the expiry of the deadline.

In this call, the full cost model applies to the calculation of the costs of a research project. See guidelines on how to enter the costs on the application form at the Academy's website at www.aka.fi/eng > For researchers > How to apply > Full cost model. Applications shall be written so as to ensure that the Academy's contribution to funding comes to no more than 80% of the estimated total costs of the project.

The application is drafted at www.aka.fi/eng > For researchers > Log in to online services. Log in and select *New application* > **Finland Distinguished Professor programme**.

If the application is submitted by a consortium, see the guidelines for submitting a consortium application at www.aka.fi/eng > For researchers > How to apply > Appendices > Consortium application.

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