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ERA-PG Call: National Annex - Finland



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The Academy's mission is to promote career opportunities in research, support the development of high-quality research environments, and take advantage of international opportunities in all fields of research, research funding and science policy.

The Academy of Finland's Research Council for Biosciences and Environment has preliminary allocated max. 1 million euros for ERA-PG call "Structuring Plant Genomic Research in Europe". The funding conditions are as defined in Academy's funding guidelines, with the emphasis on the funding instrument "Research grants". Funding can be granted to research teams providing researcher training as well as to research teams composed of researchers who have already have earned their doctorate. Research projects are granted funding for purposes of hiring scientific staff (suggestion: 1 person), for the acquisition of equipment and supplies, and for other expenses, such as researcher's mobility and networking. Funding will be available starting from the year 2007.

Research topics and themes, application and evaluation of research proposals will follow the procedure that is defined in ERA-PG call "Structuring Plant Genomic Research in Europe", subcalls A and B. Once all evaluation steps have been completed, the final funding decisions rest with the Academy of Finland's Research Council for Biosciences and Environment. Successful consortia with Finnish projects that reached this final stage will receive further instructions on Academy's procedure.

The aim of Academy's Research grants is to fund as high a scientific standard of work as possible. When funding decisions are made, attention will also be paid to the Academy's research policies such as developing creative research environments, researcher training and supporting the internationalisation of research. Applications need to evidence true cooperation and added value within the collaboration.

Research work may produce intellectual property rights (IPR). Applicants shall pay special attention to the rights of using research results and making relevant agreements. The Academy of Finland strongly recommends that the applicants agree on (i) the rights of ownership and use of the results; and on (ii) contents of the research and the mutual rights and obligations of the parties. These agreements shall be made in writing.

More information on the Academy of Finland's funding criteria may be downloaded from www.aka.fi/eng -> Research funding -> Application info -> Forms of funding.

The Academy of Finland encourage Finnish applicants to contact ERA-PG national call coordinators for further information

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