

Säätiöiden post doc -pooli The Foundations' Post Doc Pool



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Säätiöiden post doc -pooli grants for postdoc scholars heading abroad from Finland
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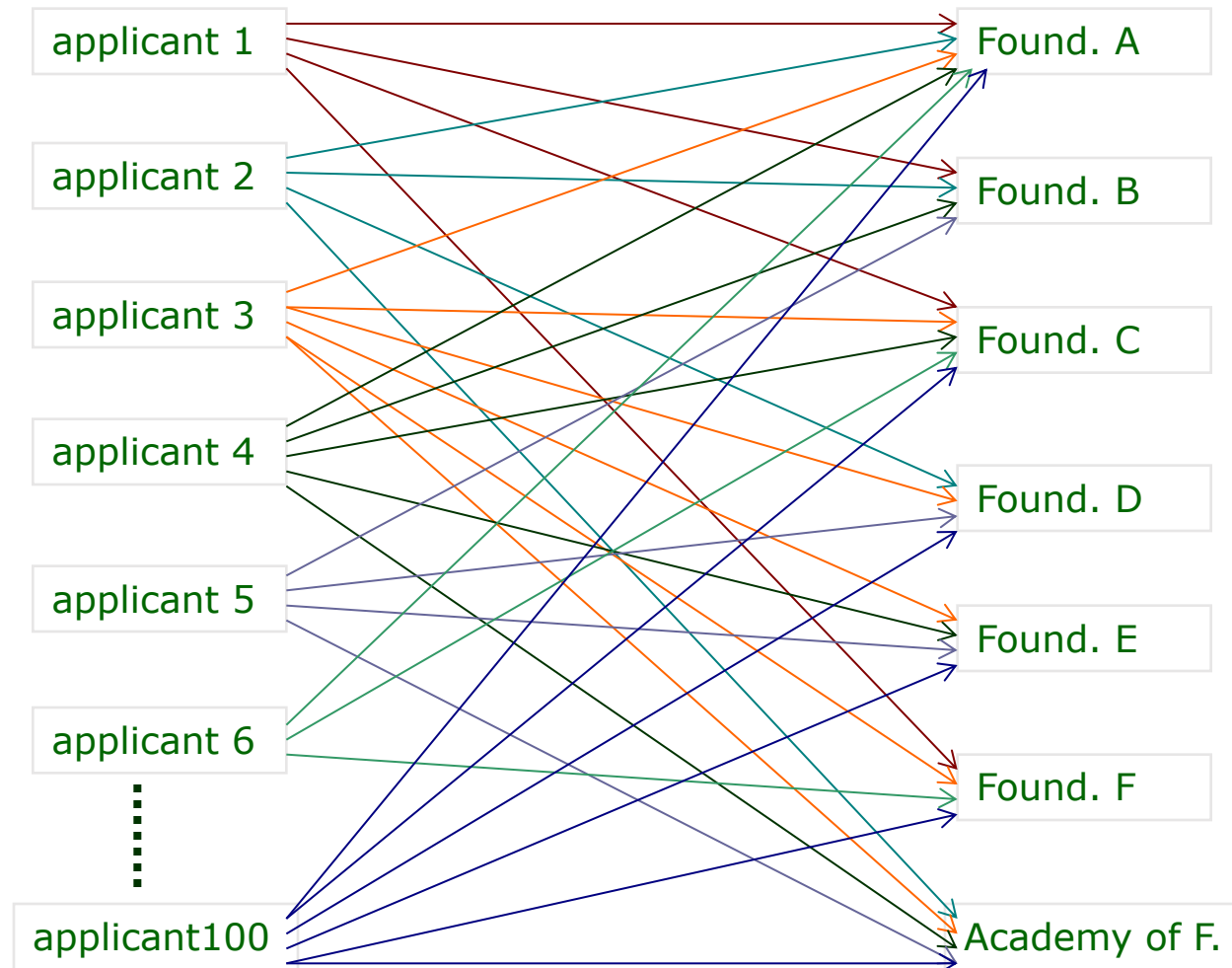
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- Founded in 2009 by 8 Finnish foundations as a 3-year project (2010-2012)
- Started its fifth season in 2022 with 13 foundations (2022-2024), awarding 3.25M€ /year
- Coordinates grants for postdoctoral research abroad (outside Finland)
- Spring call from 1 to 31 Jan, Autumn call 15 Aug to 15 Sep
- Grants annually some 60-70 doctors (personal grants)
- The Pool's aim is to make Finnish research more international by offering young scholars flexible funding from one source that covers all expenses of a research period abroad.

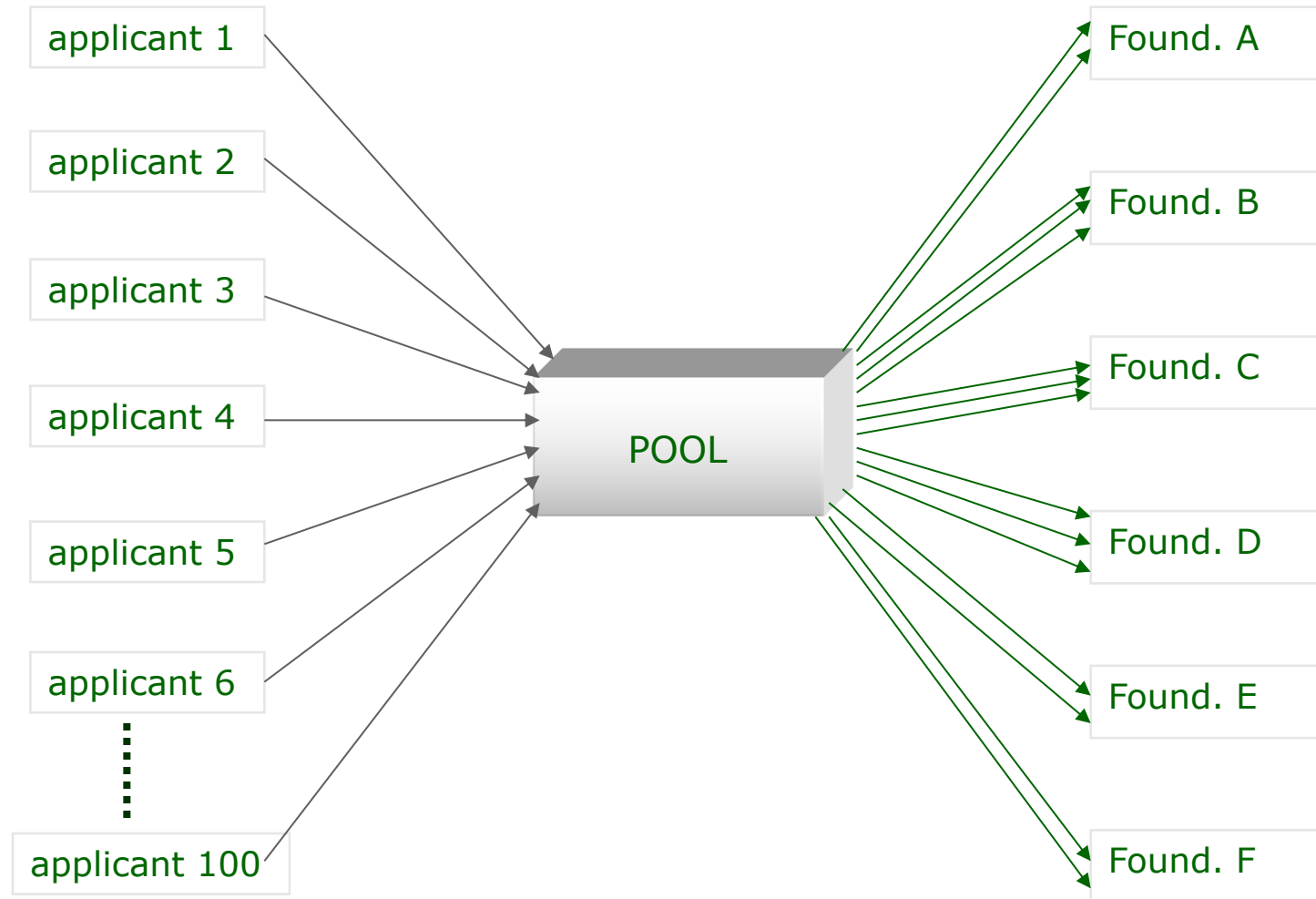
The Foundations in the Pool

- Alfred Kordelin Foundation
- Ella and Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation
- Emil Aaltonen Foundation
- Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (Tiedeakatemia)
- Finnish Cultural Foundation (SKR)
- Finnish Foundation for Technology Promotion (TES)
- Finnish Medical Foundation (SLS)
- Foundation for Economic Education (LSR)
- Jenny & Antti Wihuri Foundation
- Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation (PSS)
- The Society of Swedish Literature in Finland (SLS)
- The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland (SKF)
- Ulla Tuominen Foundation

Background: The situation before the PDP



The idea of the PDP



The principles of the Post doc pool

- FLEXIBILITY - The grant sums are determined flexibly according to the researcher's needs; enables taking the family along
- SWIFTNESS – the evaluation and decision-making processes are swift, results in two months
- COVERAGE FROM ONE SOURCE - The grants may cover all expenses to the researcher and her/his family during a research period abroad, including working grant, insurances, travel costs, childcare/school fees...
- MINIMUM STAY ABROAD 6 MONTHS - The research period abroad preferably lasts 1-2 years (minimum 6 months). Grants may be awarded for longer periods (up to 24 months).
- FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS ONLY – doctoral degree completed no more than 4 years ago

How does a personal postdoc grant work?

- Personal grant is paid directly from the foundation to the postdoc
 - > tax-free up to some 25k € per year
- Consists technically two parts:
 - 1) **working grant** for living costs
 - > amount is based on the Pool's country-specific instructions
 - > 15 % goes to Mela if you travel with the Finnish social security
 - 2) **cost grant** for all kinds of other costs (e.g. travel, bench fee, insurances, research costs, rent, kindergarten/school fees)
 - > grant recipient has to report the tax deductions to the tax officer

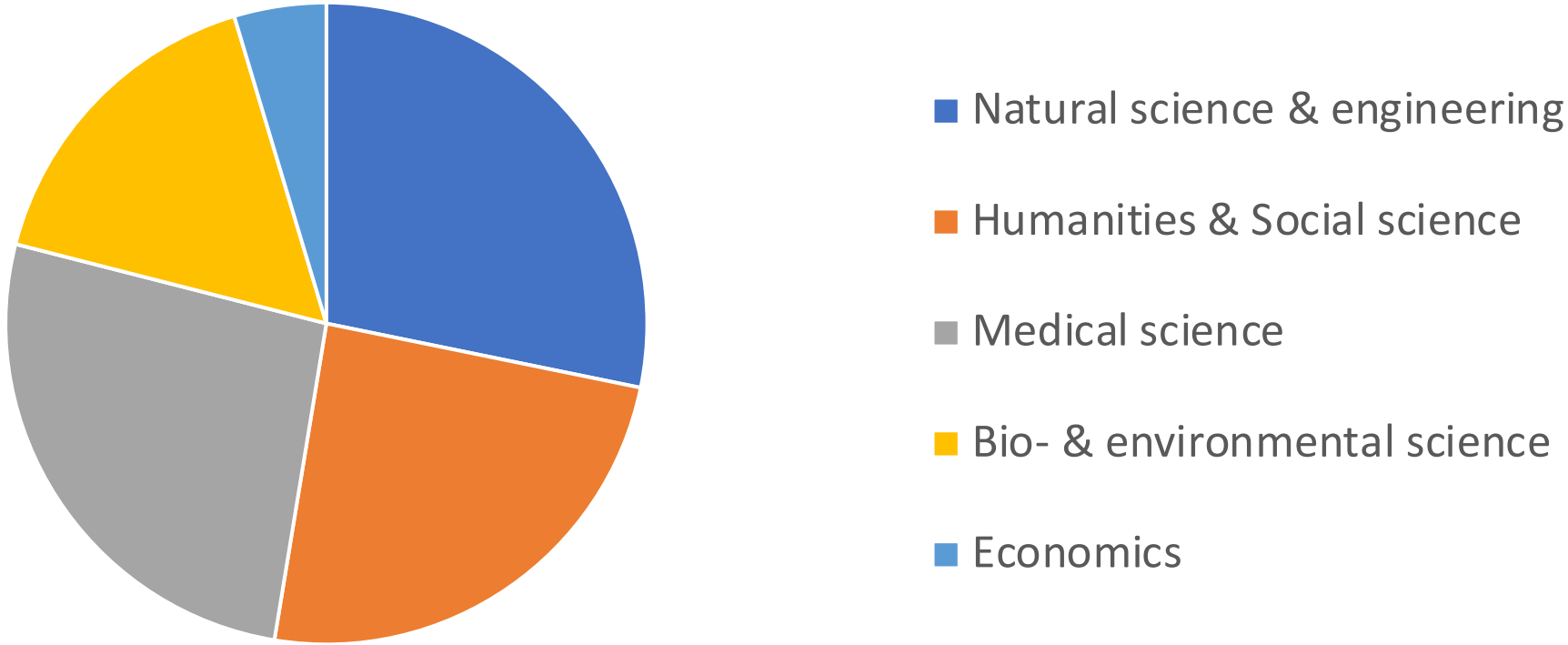
Who is eligible to apply?

- Scholars based in Finland (also non-Finnish nationals)
- Scholars from all academic disciplines
- Scholars who have completed their doctoral degree no more than 4 years ago
- Scholars who have not yet completed their doctoral degree but have received permission to defend the dissertation in a public examination ("väittelylupa")

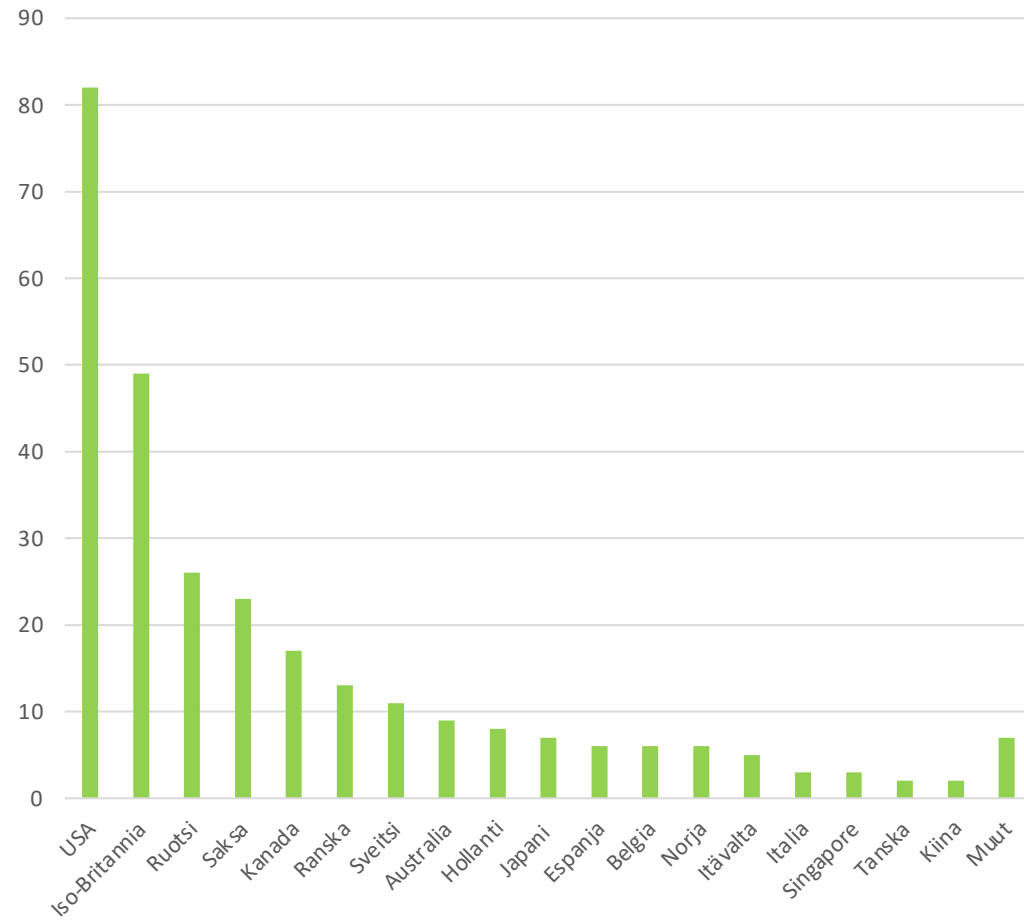
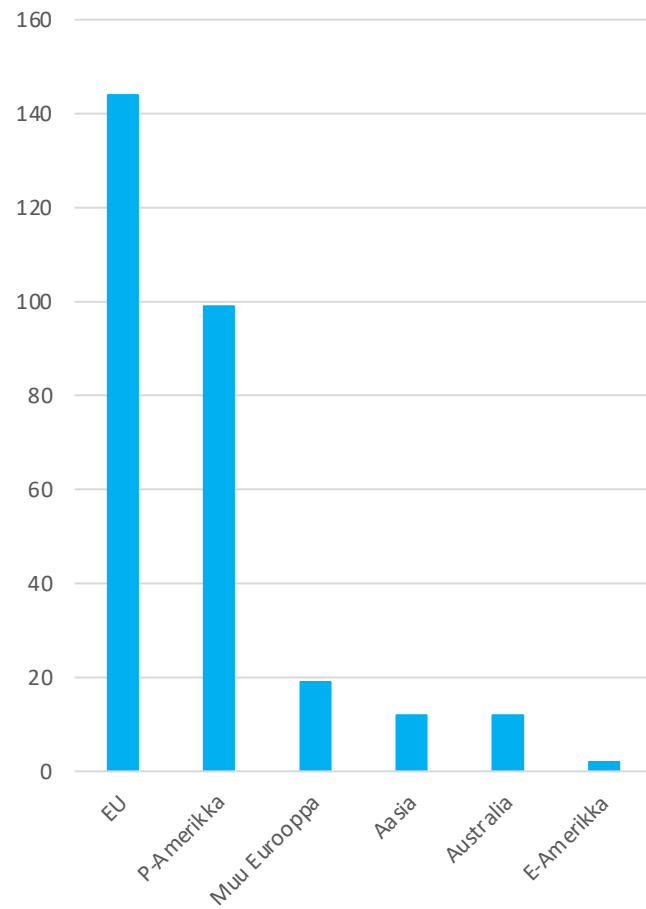
The Post doc pool in numbers

- 13 years, altogether 26 rounds, some 40M €
- 4164 applications, 814 grants (success rate 19.5 %)
- 2763 applicants, 707 grant recipients (25.6 %)
- Grants have varied from 5000 € to 80000 € / year
- One third of the grants have been for 2 years
- Extensions for the second year also possible

The applicants' background



The grant recipients' target countries



Upcoming application rounds



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- The Spring call from 1 Jan to 31 Jan 2023. The results in April 2023
- The Autumn call from 15 Aug to 15 Sep 2023. The results by December 2023
- info@postdocpooli.fi
- www.postdocpooli.fi

Useful links

- General information about the Finnish Foundations: saatiotrahastot.fi
- Open funding calls: research.fi / tiedejatutkimus.fi / forskning.fi
- Tax office: www.vero.fi/en/
- MYEL insurance for grant recipients: www.mela.fi/en/
- General information about working abroad on a grant:
www.mela.fi/en/grant-and-scholarship-recipients/applying-for-insurance/working-abroad-on-a-grant-or-scholarship/