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The results from the Finnish Foundations' Post Doc Pool autumn application round – number of applicants rose significantly

On 3rd December 2024 the Post Doc Pool foundations awarded some 1.27 million euro to 24 post-doctoral scholars. Altogether 152 post-doctoral scholars from around Finland took part in the autumn application round. The number of applicants increased by 31 % from the previous year. A grant could be awarded to almost 16 % of the applicants.

The Pool has a role in making Finnish research more international. After thirty application rounds nearly 800 scholars have already received funding through the Pool for a research period abroad (i.e. outside of Finland). One third of the grantees have received a two-year funding.

During the Pool's upcoming three-year-period 2025-2027 there will be thirteen foundations involved, allocating altogether 3.2 million euro annually to post-doctoral scholars heading abroad from Finland. The research periods vary from 6 months up to 24 months. The Pool's next application round will take place from 1 January until 31 January 2025, when some 1.6 million euro will be given in grants. The results of this round will be published by May 2025.

The Finnish Foundations' Post Doc Pool has proven to be an important instrument of research funding which has enabled young scholars with families to finance research periods at top universities abroad. The grants awarded by the Pool are determined flexibly in accordance with the applicant's needs and they often include their family's moving expenses and children's day care or school fees.

The Finnish Foundations' Post Doc Pool was set up in the autumn of 2009. During the current three-year-period 2022-2024 there were thirteen foundations involved, allocating altogether 3.25 million euro annually to the pool. The Pool's foundations are Ella and Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation, Emil Aaltonen's Foundation, Alfred Kordelin Foundation, the Foundation for Economic Education, Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, Finnish Cultural Foundation, the Finnish Medical Foundation, Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, the Society of Swedish Literature in Finland, Finnish Foundation for Technology Promotion, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation and the Ulla Tuominen's Foundation.

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