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The results from the Säätiöiden post doc -pooli's autumn application round – ever growing interest in research periods abroad

On 25th November 2026 the Säätiöiden post doc -pooli foundations awarded over 1.1 million euro to 22 post-doctoral scholars. A record number of 211 post-doctoral scholars from around Finland took part in the autumn application round. In a year's time, the number of applicants has increased by 30%. In this round, grants could be awarded to 10% of the applicants.

Each year, the foundations involved in the Pool allocate altogether 3.2 million euro to post-doctoral scholars. The research periods abroad vary from 6 months up to 24 months. The Pool's next application round will take place from 1 January until 31 January 2027, when some 1.6 million euro will be given in grants. The results of this round will be published in April 2027.

The Finnish Foundations' Post Doc Pool was founded in 2009 to support researchers and Finnish research in becoming more international. During this time, the Pool's foundations have granted over 40 million euros to post-doctoral researchers heading abroad from Finland. After 34 application rounds, already over 870 scholars have received funding through the Pool. Over one third of the grants have been awarded for two-year periods.

Säätiöiden post doc -pooli 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.

During the current three-year-period 2025-2027 there are thirteen foundations involved in the pool. They 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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