

FINNISH FOUNDATION FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH - Instructions for filling in application forms 2025

The grant application is completed electronically by logging into the online service on the Foundation's website www.sydantutkimussaatio.fi > Apurahat. The application must be submitted electronically by 13 January 2025 at 16.00.

The application must be accompanied by the research plan, the applicant's curriculum vitae and list of publications, and any interim or final report on the use of the previous grant. See below for further details.

By submitting a grant application, applicants give their consent to the processing of their application data in accordance with the Foundation's Privacy Policy.

Application forms

Form "Hakija / Applicant". The main applicant may be one researcher. The others are members of the research team.

"Hakemus / Application form". The title of the research plan is the title that unifies the whole research plan. The title should be as short as possible and should give a clear description of the research. The abstract should be limited to a certain number of characters (2500).

Purpose: Grants can be applied for:

1) 1-3 year research projects

If you wish to apply for the Finnish Heart Association's Special grant, you must first select a research project lasting 1-3 years. A menu will then appear, where the applicant will indicate that he/she wishes to submit his/her application to the Special grant of the Heart Association. This selection does not exclude the applicant from receiving normal Foundation grant if the application is not successful in the special call.

2) postdoctoral research or

3) doctoral research.

Details:

- 1) Funding applied for a 2- or 3-year research project can also be awarded for 1 year only. The project leader must be a researcher at the level of associate professor or professor.

The Finnish Heart Association's Special grants include one grand grant (€200 000) and three grants of €100 000. These will be awarded to innovative, multidisciplinary research projects that provide solutions to major public health challenges affecting heart health. The grants can be awarded to research projects that, in line with the strategy of the Association, focus on either 1) promoting heart health (promotion), 2) addressing risk factors for heart disease (primary prevention) or 3) treating heart disease (secondary prevention). The choice between the above (1-3) is made via the menu on the application form, which will appear after the allocation to the Special grant application has been made.

An application for a Special grant may also be eligible for a grant under the Foundation's normal research grant scheme if it is not successful in the Special grant scheme. Applicants are asked to

submit only one application.

- 2) Doctoral researcher funding can be applied for either for research carried out abroad or in the home country. Applicants must have completed their doctorate within 12 years of the deadline for applications.
- 3) In the case of a doctoral thesis, the applicant must be a doctoral student.

When applying for a doctoral thesis grant, the application must be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor. The statement is issued via the online service for online statements. The thesis supervisor's statement is an important part of the application. When several applications are submitted, the referee is asked to rank them in order of preference.

Field of research: choose at least one field.

The Finnish Heart Association's Special grants are intended for innovative, multidisciplinary research projects. From this point of view, the list of research areas in the application form may not be relevant for this specific call as such. When applying for the Special grants, it may well be possible to select "other" ("muu" in Finnish). The research area of the research project will be indicated in the research plan.

Amount of grant requested: a detailed breakdown of the use of the grant requested is given on a separate 'Breakdown of costs' form.

"Apurahat / Grants' form". Indicate here the research grants received from the Foundation in the last 5 years, the funding requested from other sources for this research and any other research grants received by the applicant within the last 5 years.

"Kustannuserittely / The 'Breakdown of costs'" form gives a detailed breakdown of the costs of the grant to be applied for during the period for which the grant is requested. The purpose of the tax-free personal allowance (current allowances below) is to allow leave of absence and full-time research. The salary may be applied for by researchers or support staff. The overhead rate (up to 6%) should be entered on the "Hakemus/Application" form.

LK (or equivalent, incl. students) 1500 €/month

LL, FM or equivalent 2200 €/month

LT, PhD or equivalent 2400 €/month

Docent or prof. 3000 €/month

Form "Liitteet / Attachments". This should include the research plan, the applicant's curriculum vitae (CV) and list of publications, and a report on the use of the previous grant, if applicable. See below for more detailed instructions. A maximum of 4 annexes may be attached to the application. Note! No offprints, manuscripts or other (not requested) attachments.

"Sitoumus / Commitment form". The applicant submitting a grant application commits himself/herself if he/she is awarded a grant, to abide by the terms and conditions of the Foundation.

Activities:

Esikatsele/Tulosta hakemus: here you can preview or print the application form before you submit it, even if it is not yet ready.

Hyväksy hakemus: the application will be sent to the system.

Tallenna hakemus: the application can be saved to your own computer.

Lähetä hakemus omaan sähköpostiin: the application will be sent to the e-mail address on the User details page.

ATTACHMENTS:

Research plan

The research plan is written in Finnish, Swedish or English. It is recommended that the annex be named **Research plan Name of applicant 2025**. The research plan must be attached in pdf format to the electronic application.

The maximum length of the research plan, including bibliographical references, is 10 pages. In the case of applications for a doctoral thesis, the research plan must not exceed 6 pages (1 line spacing, Times New Roman 12 or equivalent font size).

Structuring the research plan (non-binding):

- background and relevance
- objectives of the study
- research methods and implementation
- timetable
- researchers, division of labour between the members of the research team and, if applicable, a more detailed description of the amount of time each researcher will devote to this research project
- justification of the cost estimate
- ethical issues (obligatory information, please also mention research permits)

Curriculum vitae

The maximum length of an applicant's CV is 3 pages. It is recommended that the annex be named **CV Name of applicant 2025**. The CV must be attached to the electronic application in pdf format.

List of publications

List of the applicant's publications for the last 10 years. For publications, a full bibliographical reference should be given, indicating the authors and the title and publisher of the article or publication. It is recommended that the title of the annex is '**List of publications Name of applicant 2025**'. The list of publications must be attached to the electronic application in pdf format.

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