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Grant Guidelines for 2025

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The Foundation of the Finnish Anti-Tuberculosis Association is a private foundation that awards grants for medical research related to tuberculosis and lung diseases. The grants are generally open for application once a year and are awarded from the foundation's research fund. The foundation's board decides on the grants based on the recommendations of the grant committee. The foundation's board does not provide information about the evaluation process or give reasons for individual grant decisions.

In 2025, the available research funding can be applied for through the foundation's [electronic grant management system](#). The application form does not require login credentials and works with most common browsers. The form automatically saves the information, and you can continue filling it out later *on the same device*. The application period begins on Friday, January 17, and the application service closes on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the end of the day. Applications cannot be modified or supplemented after submission. Incomplete or incorrectly prepared applications will not be evaluated, but incomplete applications may exceptionally be corrected if malfunctions are detected in the electronic grant management system. Applications sent by email or as paper copies will not be processed.

At the beginning of the application form, you select the applicant type for which the grant is being applied. Choose either a personal grant or a group (research group) grant. If you are applying for a grant for a group, meaning a group formed by at least two individual applicants, select "group." The responsible leader of the research group, the "main applicant," is accountable to the foundation for any grant that may be awarded, as well as to the pension institution if necessary (see [MELA's guidelines for group leaders](#)), the tax authorities, and the other group members. All members of the research group, along with their official titles, must be listed in the application. Members of the research group are those who will participate as authors in the publication of the research results; support staff are not included in the research group in the application. If the grant is intended for only one member of the group, it is not considered a group grant but should be applied for as an individual grant.

Grants received or applied for from other sources must be disclosed in the application. In addition to the total budget of the project, a usage plan (cost breakdown) for the grant requested from the foundation must be presented.

The electronic application must include a research plan in PDF format (maximum 6 pages, font size 12, line spacing 1) and the applicant's publication list (up to 30 pages). For group grant applications, the responsible leader's publication list must be attached.

Grant recipients must ensure that the regulations separately issued by their research institution, hospital, or equivalent unit, in relation to their research work, are followed. The details of the ethics committee's statement and the research institution's approval must be mentioned in the application. The foundation does not support equipment purchases needed for basic research or patient studies.

Some of the information requested in the application is mandatory. If the application is incomplete, the system will prevent submission until the missing information is corrected.

The application must be signed electronically with strong authentication. Review [the foundation's data protection policy](#) before signing and submitting the application.

Grants for Doctoral Dissertation Work

The foundation funds doctoral dissertation work only based on a personal application from the doctoral candidate. A doctoral researcher may use up to 25% of the awarded grant as a travel grant related to their research, such as for attending a field-related conference, **provided this is stated in the application in advance**. See also MELA's guidelines on deductible expenses. If part of the grant is used as a travel grant, this must be noted in the grant usage report.

Grant Use and Reporting:

The grant awarded by the foundation must be used for the purpose specified in the application. If, during the course of the research, the appropriate use of the grant clearly requires allocation differently than stated in the application, written permission must be obtained from the foundation's board.

A grant awarded for a research leave cannot be used concurrently with a full-time salary from a permanent position.

A report on the grant usage must be submitted to the foundation by the end of February of the following year. The report does not need to include receipts related to the grant's use, but the recipient must retain them for presentation if required. Failure to submit the report disqualifies the applicant from future grant distributions.

Offprints of studies published during the year that were supported by the foundation, as well as approved dissertations, must be sent to the foundation. All of these must include the acknowledgment: "...supported by the Foundation of the Finnish Anti-Tuberculosis Association."

Information about the awarded grants and their recipients will be published on the foundation's website. At the foundation's request, the grant recipient agrees to provide a plain language summary of the research and its objectives for the foundation's free use in communications.

Statutory Insurance and Tax Declarations

The law concerning social security for grant recipients came into effect on January 1, 2009. Grants awarded after this date for scientific research, with a working period of at least four months, must include statutory insurance contributions. Grant recipients are responsible for independently ensuring that they take out the necessary insurance. More information: <https://www.mela.fi/en/grant-and-scholarship-recipients/>

The foundation reports the awarded grants to the tax authorities. According to the Income Tax Act (1535/92), which came into effect at the beginning of 1993, grants awarded for scientific research are tax-exempt under certain conditions. The tax-exempt amount corresponds to the amount of the state artist grant. Expenses related to research are tax-deductible.

The foundation is not an employer and is not responsible for any tax consequences related to the use of the grant. If the grant is tax-free for the recipient, this does not apply to other individuals working on the recipient's research. The grant recipient is responsible for complying with legal obligations related to personnel compensation.

Grant recipients must independently check the latest information and regulations. More information: <https://www.vero.fi/en/individuals/tax-cards-and-tax-returns/income/earned-income/grants/>