

# Tandem Industry Academia 2026

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Please do not print and send this form to us. We only accept applications that are filled out and submitted electronically through the applicant portal.

We reserve the right to change the questions during the application period, so the form you fill out electronically may differ from this preview version.

## Step 1/6 The academic partner

### Academic partner organization

#### Organization (Mandatory)

The academic organization must be a Finnish university or government research institute.

Choose ▼

Options: Aalto University, University of Helsinki, University of Eastern Finland, University of Jyväskylä, University of Lapland, Lappeenranta–Lahti University of Technology, University of Oulu, Hanken School of Economics, University of the Arts Helsinki, Tampere University, University of Turku, University of Vaasa, Åbo Akademi University, National Defence University, Finnish Institute of International Affairs UPI, VATT Institute for Economic Research, Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE, Finnish Food Authority, National Land Survey of Finland NLS, Finnish Meteorological Institute, Geological Survey of Finland GTK, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority STUK, National Institute for Health and Welfare THL, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health TTL, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

#### VAT Number (Y-tunnus) (Mandatory)

**Address (Mandatory)**

**Letter of commitment from academic partner organization (Mandatory)**

Use PDF as a file format.

Drag and drop or click to add file.

**Name of Principal Investigator, PI (Mandatory)**

**PI's position / title (Mandatory)**

**PI's faculty / unit (Mandatory)**

**PI's Department / group**

**Have you previously collaborated with the industrial partner? (Mandatory)**

- yes**  
 **no**

Clear the answer

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "Have you previously collaborated with the industrial partner?"

**Please describe the nature of your collaboration with the industrial partner.**

**Please describe your possible other links to the industrial partner (e.g. shareholdings, board membership, other affiliations)**

**(Mandatory)**

**Short CV of the PI (Mandatory)**

Proven track record for PI in research relevant to the project's theme must be attached to this application: CV (max 2 pages). Use PDF as file format. Please see the following instructions for a CV Template (in [Finnish](#) or in [English](#)).

Drag and drop or click to add file.

**Publication list (Mandatory)**

A list of 10 most important publications relevant to the research plan in one document. Use PDF as file format.

Drag and drop or click to add file.

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## Step 2/6 Funded postdoc researcher

**The postdoc researcher has been chosen (Mandatory)**

- Yes**
- No**

Clear the answer

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Agreement if postdoc researcher has not been chosen**

More information will be available in conjunction with the payment request.



**I confirm that I understand that the funding awarded can only be paid once a post-doc researcher who meets the eligibility criteria has been named and his/her details have been submitted to the foundation. Efforts to recruit a post-doctoral researcher should be initiated without delay after the award of funding.**

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Name**

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Email**

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Postal address (home)**

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Phone**

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

**Doctoral degree**

- Doctoral degree completed (less than 10 years ago)**
- Doctoral degree completed (more than 10 years ago)**



**Doctoral degree not completed (NB! Doctoral degree must be completed before the project start date)**

Clear the answer

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "Doctoral degree"

### Which year

When was the doctoral degree completed?

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "Doctoral degree"

### Doctoral degree more than 10 years ago

Please provide a brief description of the special circumstances that justify the postdoc's eligibility for funding (maternity, paternity, parental or childcare leave, military or non-military service, or long-term illness or another special reason, such as residing in a conflict area).

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

### Short CV of the funded post doc

CV (max 2 pages). Use PDF as file format. Please see the following instructions for a CV Template (in [Finnish](#) or in [English](#)).

Drag and drop or click to add file.

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

### Publication list

A list of 5 most important publications relevant to the research plan in one document. Use PDF as file format.

Drag and drop or click to add file.

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "The postdoc researcher has been chosen"

The postdoctoral researcher **does not** have a current or previous employment relationship with the partner company, hold a board membership in the company, or own a significant stake (more than 5%) in the company.

I certify

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### Step 3/6 Industrial partner

Name of the industrial partner (company name) **(Mandatory)**

**Industrial partner form (Mandatory)**

An invitation to complete the Industrial partner form will be sent to the email address you submit below. NOTE: the invitation will not be sent until the academic partner's application is submitted!

#### Information about industrial partner

Message that will be emailed to the person who will fill in the industrial partner section of this application. NB. This information will also be visible to the Foundation and reviewers.

Name and title of the industrial partner's contact person:

E-mail (an invitation will be sent to this e-mail address):

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### Step 4/6 Project

Title of proposal (public information) **(Mandatory)**

**Key words (5-6) (Mandatory)**

**Main field of Science (public information) (Mandatory)**

Choose ▼

Options: Material science, Biotechnology, Chemistry (inorganic), Chemistry (organic), Constructions & transportation, Economics & social sciences, Energy, Environmental science, Food science, Technology, Medical, Other

**Field of Science (public information) (Mandatory)**

Choose ▼

Options: Geosciences, Environmental sciences, Ecology, evolutionary biology, Biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, Plant biology, microbiology, virology, Genetics, developmental biology, physiology, Basic medicine, Biomedicine, Neurosciences, Clinical medicine, General medicine, internal medicine and other clinical medicine, Cancers, Gynaecology and paediatrics, Neurology and psychiatry, Otorhinolaryngology, ophthalmology, Surgery, anesthesiology, intensive care, radiology, Dentistry, Health sciences, Health care science, Public health care science, environmental and occupational health, Sport and fitness sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical biotechnology, Forensic science and other medical sciences, Agriculture and forestry, Agronomy, Forestry, Animal science, dairy science, Veterinary science, Agricultural biotechnology, Other agricultural sciences, Economics, Business and management, Law, Social sciences, Sociology, Social policy, Psychology, Educational sciences, Political science, Media and communications, Social and economic geography, Other social sciences, Philosophy, Languages and literature, Languages, Literature studies, Arts, Theatre, dance, music, other performing arts, Visual arts and design, Theology, History and archaeology, Other humanities, Others, Mathematics, Statistics and probability, Computer and information sciences, Physical sciences, Astronomy and space science, Chemical sciences, Geography and environmental sciences, Biological sciences, Other natural sciences, Architecture, Civil and construction engineering, Electronic, automation and communications engineering, electronics, Mechanical engineering, Chemical engineering, Materials engineering, Medical engineering, Environmental engineering, Environmental biotechnology, Industrial biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Other engineering and technologies

**Public description of the project (in English) (Mandatory)**

Number of characters: 0 of max 800

This is a short description of the project, its partners, aims and ambitions. This description can be made public if the project is funded.

## Public description of the project (in Finnish) (Mandatory)

Number of characters: 0 of max 800

This is a short description of the project, its partners, aims and ambitions. This description can be made public if the project is funded.

## Project plan (Mandatory)

The project plan should be concise and not exceed 7 pages (including references). The plan should include the following information in the indicated order:

### 1. Title of the proposal

### 2. Objectives and research questions

Define the scientific objectives and research questions guiding the project

### 3. Background and concept

Describe the scientific relevance of the project and justify the need for collaboration with the industry partner.

### 4. Industry impact

Describe the company-relevant outcomes of the project (knowledge, expertise, solutions), their expected impact on the company (operations, products, services), and how the results could be applied beyond the partner organisation e.g. business sector, broader society.

### 5. Methodology

Describe the research design and methods, and how the approach supports impact creation.

### 6. Implementation and resources

Present a work plan with tasks, deliverables, and milestones and describe partner roles, collaboration arrangements and resources.

### 7. Ethics and risk assessment

Describe relevant ethical and security issues and risks with mitigation measures.

### 8. Publication and communication of the results

Describe how the results will be disseminated and communicated to relevant stakeholders e.g. academic community, practitioners, industry.

There are no specific form requirements for the project plan, but follow the instructions above. Use PDF as file format.

Drag and drop or click to add file.

## Start date of the project (Mandatory)

The project can start between 1 October 2026 and 31 March 2027

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## Step 5/6 Project budget

### Project budget (Mandatory)

\*Material costs can only be applied for the Academic years 1-2. Please, note that all equipment and all materials acquired for the project with the funding from the Foundation shall be the property of the Academic Partner.

\*\*Travel expenses can cover academic conferences and incidental travel expenses.

NOTE: total applied amount is the sum of the four columns.

For the period of the academic partner years, 100 % of costs will be covered in accordance of full cost model, including personnel costs and overheads.

	Academic Partner Year 1	Academic Partner Year 2	Industrial Partner Year 1	Industrial Partner Year 2
Salary (postdoc)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Indirect employee costs	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Overheads	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Materials *	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Travel expenses **	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other costs	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Total:**

**Grand total:**

**Please enter the number of months that the costs cover for each year (Mandatory)**

Please enter the number of months that the costs cover for each year. Note that the number of working months can be flexibly distributed according to the project plan, but the total time spent over the project should be 12 months in both the academic organization and the company. The total number of months must be 24.

Academic partner year 1	<input type="text"/>
Academic partner year 2	<input type="text"/>
Industrial partner year 1	<input type="text"/>
Industrial partner year 2	<input type="text"/>
(24)	Total: <input type="text"/>

### Specification of other costs

If there are other costs in the budget, please specify the costs here.

### Additional information on budget

## Step 6/6 Other

**Your recommendation for one or more experts to review and assess the application's scientific and industrial impact. Recommended experts must be independent and not have any personal ties to, or close research or business collaboration with, the applicant. Please note that the Foundation reserves the right to select the most suitable reviewers for the application.**

Name of expert	e-mail	Title (not compulsory)	Organization (not compulsory)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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### General terms of TIA funding (Mandatory)

I have read and agree with the General Terms of Tandem Industry Academy (TIA) funding and understand that if, based on this application, funding is granted to the project, the organization representing the Academic Partner shall sign an agreement with the Foundation prior to the payment of funding. The General Terms shall be attached as an annex to this agreement.

A Link to the General Terms in [Finnish](#) or in [English](#).

**I agree**

### Research consent (Mandatory)

The Foundation may release and hand over the application texts and research plans submitted to the Foundation by successful applicants for TIA project funding as well as reports prepared for the Foundation during and at the end of the project (interim and final report) for purposes of researching and assessing the Foundation's operation and funding model. In addition, representatives of the TIA project's research team and/or Industrial Partner may be requested to participate voluntarily in the research, for instance in the form of an interview or workshop. All information released for this purpose

will be handled confidentially to maintain the anonymity of research subjects and to protect the research plan, any business secrets and the results of the project. Individual researchers, companies and projects shall not be identifiable from the results of the research. A secrecy agreement concerning the information to be disclosed may be drawn up between the parties on request.

Your consent will help the Foundation's efforts to develop industry-academia cooperation more widely!

**Yes, I do consent**

**I do not consent**

[Clear the answer](#)

The question below can be filled in depending on what you answered to the question: "Research consent"

**I do not consent because**

### **Agreement (Mandatory)**

I authorize the Finnish Research Impact Foundation to release the following information about my application and to use this information in its communications if the project receives funding from the foundation:

- name of academic partner organization and PI
- title of proposal
- public description of project (in Finnish and English)
- amount of funding awarded
- field of science
- date of funding decision

**I agree**