

Call for MRC Oulu research funding applications 2024

Deadline for applications is 30 November 2023

Medical Research Center Oulu (MRC Oulu, <https://oys.fi/mrc-oulu/>) is a strategic research organization of the Wellbeing services county of North Ostrobothnia and the University of Oulu. MRC Oulu offers a multidisciplinary research environment for clinical, translational and health care socioeconomic research, and promotes high-level clinical research and internationalization of the research in the field of medical sciences.

Call for research funding 2024

MRC Oulu announces a call for research funding for 2024. The funding is aimed to MRC Oulu research groups, and it is intended for salary expenses for a researcher for 2024 (including all indirect employee costs). The researcher will be employed at the University of Oulu according to its employment policy. The total call allocation is 100 000 EUR. Several smaller grants will be awarded.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants are leaders of MRC Oulu research groups (i.e. listed as a leader in MRC Oulu documents), who cannot apply for the state research funding (VTR, Valtion tutkimusrahoitus), and who do not receive funding from the focus institutes of the University of Oulu.

How to apply?

Submit the application via email to katja.riipinen@oulu.fi by **30 November 2023** at the latest. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be processed. Only one application per research group is allowed, and the group leader can participate only in one application.

All the required parts of the application (1–4) are combined in the order 1–4 below and submitted as **a single PDF file**. Use the headings provided. The file is named with the MRC Oulu group leader's lastname_firstname.pdf.

Required parts of the application:

- 1) Cover letter (max. 1 page). Informal letter of application, including the following information:
 - the name of the MRC Oulu group leader and contact information
 - the name of the MRC Oulu research group
- 2) Summary of the research plan (max. 1 page), including the following information:
 - aim and objectives
 - implementation
 - research funding plan (justify the funding to be applied for)
 - references (not counted in the 1 page of the research plan)
- 3) CV of the research group leader (max. 2 pages). The CV must follow the Research Council of Finland's CV template (<https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines2/cv-guidelines/>)
- 4) List of the most relevant publications (up to max. 10 publications in the past 5 years)

Selection procedure

The applications will be evaluated by the scientific committee of MRC Oulu and if necessary, an external evaluation panel. Selection will be based on the evaluation and an overall assessment by the governing board of MRC Oulu. The results of the call will be announced at the earliest in December 2023. All applicants will be notified when the selection process is completed.

Further information

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, contact the MRC Oulu coordinator Katja Riipinen, katja.riipinen@oulu.fi.