

WORKSHOP: The Design of Animal Experiments

Date: September 15-16, 2025, Helsinki, Finland

Venue: City Center campus (precise location announced later)

Time: 9-17 on both days (in-person only)

Goal of the Workshop

We are pleased to invite applications for the Experimental Design Workshop, aimed at enhancing experimental design skills among researchers working with animals. The workshop will focus on avoiding common sources of bias in animal studies, using adequate sample sizes, and overall improving of the robustness and reliability of experimental data. Additionally, discussions will be tailored to participants' own experimental design challenges.

Target audience and application process

This workshop is designed for **early career researchers** (PhD-researchers, post-docs, young PIs), affiliated at Finnish institutions. Travel costs in Finland can be reimbursed for accepted participants coming outside of Helsinki area (more information upon acceptance).

Maximum 20 participants will be selected, based on the following criteria:

Strong motivation to attend (assessed via statement in the application form);

Limited prior training in experimental design;

Active involvement in animal research or future plans to do so.

LINK to the application - <https://forms.office.com/e/iCvQ9VJVHP>

Application deadline: August 22, 2025 (by 16:00)

Approved participants will be informed by August 29, 2025.

Language

The workshop will be held in English.

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