

Dissertation grants 2026

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Step 1/6 Application

Please note that the application form is to be completed in English, unless otherwise stated in the questionnaire

Affiliation **(Mandatory)**

Please acquaint yourself with [Cancer Foundation Finland definition of a related party affiliation](#) and answer the question below.

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- I have read the definition of a related party, on the basis of which I am not affiliated to a related party of the Cancer Foundation Finland**
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- I have read the definition of a related party, on the basis of which I am affiliated to a related party of the Cancer Foundation Finland**

[Clear the answer](#)

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

If you answered that you are affiliated to a related party of the Cancer Society, please specify how

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH

Field of research (Mandatory)

Options: Basic research, Clinical/epidemiological research

Dissertation title (Mandatory)

Place of the study (Mandatory)

- Aalto University
- Helsinki University
- University of Eastern Finland
- University of Oulu
- Finnish Cancer Registry
- University of Tampere
- National Institute for Health and Welfare
- University of Turku
- Åbo Akademi University
- Other, which?

Clear the answer

Department or unit

Web page of the research group (if applicable) (Mandatory)

APPLICANT

How many publications for your doctoral thesis have already been published? **(Mandatory)**

Choose



Options: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, > 5

% of work completed, supervisor's view **(Mandatory)**

Estimated time of dissertation

If you do not know the exact date yet, please indicate the planned date of your dissertation.

Dissertation supervisor **(Mandatory)**

Name, title and affiliation

Reg. numbers and dates of approvals by the ethics committee and laboratory animal committee

(Mandatory)

Step 2/6 Project description

Short summary of the research plan **(Mandatory)**

Non-technical summary of results (Mandatory)

Research plan in English (Mandatory)

Max. 3 pages for dissertation grant application.
Only PDF files are accepted.

Drag and drop or click to add file.

Clinical protocol, if it is relevant for the application

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Step 3/6 Curriculum vitae

Year of birth (Mandatory)

Position, role or task (Mandatory)

ORCID-id

Research institution (Mandatory)

Degree, field, year (Mandatory)

Special area/research field (Mandatory)

Other degrees etc.

The applicant's clinical experience, date and duration relevant to the study (Mandatory)

Research training and experience (Mandatory)

The applicant's publications included in the dissertation (Mandatory)

Literature references are indicated as follows:

Author (last name, first name initials), title of the article, abbreviated name of the publication series, volume, page numbers and the year of publication (Ex: Cancer Res., 86: 1156-1967, 1998).

Do not add epub ahead of print or other irrelevant information/numbers. Articles copied from PubMed should be changed to this format.

The applicants list of publications (Mandatory)

Only PDF files are accepted. The list of publications is compiled according to the Research Council of Finland's guidelines, see [List of publications](#).

Drag and drop or click to add file.

Secondary e-mail address (Mandatory)

Please provide an alternative e-mail address where we can reach you in case the e-mail address you have provided in your applicant profile stops working. This is particularly important if, for example, you are abroad and the e-mail address you normally use stops working, or if you are in the final stages of your doctoral studies.

Help-text for the question:

If you do not have any email addresses other than the one provided in your applicant profile, you can write "none" in the box. Instead, remember to update the information in your applicant profile in case the email address you are currently using stops working.

Step 4/6 Statistics

Treatment (Mandatory)

Choose ▼

Options: Chemotherapy, Cell therapy, Diagnostics, Gene therapy, Immunotherapy, Palliative care, Patient care/nursing, Precision medicine, Prevention, Radiation therapy, Surgery, Other cancer treatments, Not applicable

Methods (Mandatory)

- Animal model system
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biobanking/Patient samples
- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Cancer registries
- Cell biology methods
- Clinical studies
- Imaging (microscopy etc.)
- Medical imaging
- Qualitative methods
- Sequencing and profiling
- Statistics
- Systematic review
- Technology transfer

Field of research (Mandatory)

- Biomarkers
- Cancer physiology
- Cancer prevention
- Cell biology/Tumor biology/Cancer stem cells
- Computational biology
- Drug development
- Economics
- Endocrinology
- Epidemiology
- Epigenetics
- Genetics/Genomics
- Immunology
- Late effects
- Microbiology/Virology
- Microenvironment
- Molecular biology
- Nanotechnology
- Pathology
- Physical activity/Nutrition
- Proteomics
- Quality of life
- Psychology
- Side effects
- Social science

Disease in focus (Mandatory)

- All cancer
- Brain Tumors and CNS
- Breast cancer
- Cancer of bones, soft and connective tissue
- Cancer of prostate and other male genitalia
- Cancer of upper GI tract
- Colon and rectum cancer
- Gynecological cancers
- Head and neck cancer, thyroid cancer
- Leukemia and MDS
- Liver cancer
- Lung and pleura cancer
- Lymphoma and myeloma
- Melanoma
- Pancreatic cancer
- Pediatric cancer
- Skin cancer excl. melanoma

Urinary tract cancer incl. kidney

Step 5/6 Joint Data Collection

Questions

Is this your, your group's or organisation's first application from us?

Select an option from the drop-down list



In which country will the project take place?

Finland

Sweden

Norway

Denmark

Which organisation is primarily responsible for the project?

Choose the primary implementing organization, even if the project is implemented in several different organizations.

Select an option from the drop-down list



Other, what:

Duration (in months) of the project or part of it funded by this grant?

Specify the number of months for the part of the project covered by the application (the grant-funded part). If the application concerns the entire project, specify the project's total duration.

Provide up to five keywords describing your project's content, objectives, and impacts

Separate keywords with commas. Avoid general expressions (such as "project", "development"). Try to choose words that are as specific and informative as possible. Examples: biodiversity, contemporary art, children and youth, materials research, accessibility of education

Step 6/6 Commitment

Conditions

In the event that a grant is awarded, the applicant undertakes to send a permanent link to the electronic version of their dissertation.

The data content of the applications constitutes a register that the Cancer Foundation Finland sr. maintains, retains, and archives. According to the EU's General Data protection Regulation, you have the right to access your personal data and amend it or delete it or restrict and inhibit its handling. However, deleting data or restricting/inhibiting its use may block awarding the grant or executing its payments.

Requests of this nature should be done in writing by email. Data and documents submitted are used by experts evaluating the grant applications. The grant application web platform is maintained by Rimbart. Information regarding the paid grants is provided to the authorities according to legislation.

Commitment

I declare that the information I have provided is correct and I consent to the use of the information (other than personal data) and documents I have provided. In the event that the grant is awarded, I undertake to follow the Cancer Foundation's guidelines for grantees and to send a permanent link to the electronic version of my thesis.