**JOINT CALLS WITH INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES**

**1.1.1 CHILDREN AND YOUTH (ACADEMY OF FINLAND and NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, NRF, of South Africa)**

The Academy of Finland and the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa launch a joint call in the area of research on children and youth. The aim is to establish and strengthen collaboration between Finnish and South African researchers in the area of child and youth research.

The themes of the call:

1. Children's and youth’s wellbeing, health and social relations
2. Educational processes, cultures and language
3. Children, youth, cultures and values
4. Youth transitions
5. Children, youth and family

An application should cover one or more themes mentioned above. The themes that can be included: The role of technology and media; Strategies to overcome inequalities, poverty and marginalisation; Global and local policy frameworks for children and youth; Child and youth friendly, innovative and participatory methodologies.

**Funding**

The Academy will reserve € 1,8 million for the call and will be prepared to fund four three-year joint projects. The funding period starts on 1st of September 2013.

**Review of applications**

The applications are reviewed in accordance with the Academy’s procedures by an international peer evaluation. The evaluation criteria are:

* scientific quality and innovativeness of the joint research plan
* added value to be expected from the Finnish-South African research collaboration
* feasibility of the joint research plan
* competence and expertise of the Finnish and South African researchers
* potential for promoting equity, capacity building and promotion of young researchers’ careers.

**Joint research plan to national funding agencies**

The application shall contain a joint research plan by the Finnish and the South African researchers. The plan shall include a clear description of the planned research collaboration (distribution of work and methods of implementation) and the added value expected from the collaboration. The plan shall also include a joint budget and separate budgets for both partners.

The partners shall apply for funding from their national funding agencies. Finnish researchers apply for funding in accordance with the Academy’s general application guidelines and South African researchers in accordance with NRF’s guidelines, both using their respective application forms. The joint call for proposals will be open in Finland from 3rd of September till 26th of September 2012 and in South Africa from 1st of August till 26th of September 2012.

**Appendices**

Obligatory appendices:

* a joint research plan (no more than 15 pages), including
	+ a clear description of the planned research collaboration (division of labour and methods of implementation)
	+ responsibilities of both partners
	+ a description of the added value to be expected from the collaboration
	+ a joint budget of the research project including separate budgets for both partners
	+ a description of the project’s significance to researcher training and to the development of the research environment
* curricula vitae of both partners (PI’s)
* lists of publications of both partners (PI’s)

**How to apply**

In this call, the costs of the Finnish research project are calculated according to the full cost model. The costs of the South African partner are indicated only in the research plan (section 5, Implementation). Applications shall be written so as to ensure that the Academy’s contribution to funding comes to no more than 70% of the estimated total costs of the Finnish project. See guidelines on how to enter the costs in the application on the Academy’s website under [Full cost model](http://www.aka.fi/en-GB/A/For-researchers/How-to-apply/Full-cost-model/).

The deadline for applications submitted to the Academy is 26 September 2012 at 16:15. The deadline is non-negotiable. Applications are drafted in the Academy’s online services, select Open calls >**Joint project call: Children and youth (Academy of Finland, NRF)**.

South African partners submit their applications to the NRF in accordance with NRF guidelines.

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