

Call for applications now open for projects in the collaboration between University of Turku and City of Salo

Introduction

The City of Salo and the University of Turku have an agreement on systematic collaboration in organising research, development and education that benefits Salo and the companies in Salo region. The goal of the collaboration is to initiate research and development projects with a broad funding base and which also include other partners whenever possible. In accordance with the agreement, the funding can also be allocated for educational projects. The University has committed to funding 60 percent and the City of Salo 40 percent of the operations in accordance with the agreement. The maximum annual funding is altogether €500,000. For 2024, the maximum amount of funding available for application is €360,000. An individual project can at most receive €160,000 in annual funding and the project's duration can be a maximum of three years.

The steering group seeks projects that advance the collaboration between the University of Turku and City of Salo. The projects must promote the basic missions of the University of Turku, research and education, as well as the vitality of the City of Salo. The strategic profile of the University of Turku to which the project belongs to has to be stated and justified in the application. Special emphasis is placed on the profiles "Children, young people and learning" and "Future technologies and digital society".

Especially the following themes are a shared interest for the City of Salo and the University of Turku:

- Pedagogic solutions that support learning and education
- Circular economy
- Electric transportation and renewable energy systems

It is considered an advantage if the project

- leads or is a part of a more extensive and preferably international research initiative
- promotes the University's collaboration with its partners, such as cities, businesses and other universities
- utilises the multidisciplinary aspect of the University of Turku

Application guidelines

The call for applications opens on 1 October 2023 and closes on 31 October 2023. The funded projects will be selected by the end of November 2023 and the new projects can start at the beginning of 2024. The applicants are requested to send the application in a PDF format by the deadline. The application can be a maximum of three A4 pages in length. The applicants are requested to clearly describe the following matters. Attachments can be appended to the application and they are not counted towards the maximum length.

Application template:

1. Name of the project
2. Responsible person and unit
3. Contents: research/project plan, impact and scientific significance

4. An assessment of the project's significance for the University of Turku and City of Salo

Mandatory attachments:

1. Budget
 1. A cost estimate of the project's overall expenses divided by year.
The indirect costs are counted according to the fixed indirect costs and a 20-percent overhead allowance is applied to the projects.
 2. Justifications for the necessary resources
2. Recommendation from the head of department

Submitting the application

The application can be written in Finnish or English. Send the application by email to salo-ty@utu.fi by the deadline.