



LIETO SAVINGS BANK FOUNDATION

GRANTS 2024

Lieto Savings Bank Foundation supports academic research with annual grants and special donations. The foundation wants to operate close to the business sector and promote the conditions for academic research, education and training in Finland, particularly in Southwest Finland. Most of our annually awarded grants are intended for multidisciplinary research teams, but you can also apply for a grant for a doctoral thesis or postdoctoral research. As part of its annual call for grant applications, the foundation releases a main theme and more specific sub-themes to guide the grant applications.

The 2024 call for grant applications opens on **6th November 2023** and closes on **15th January 2024**. A maximum of €600,000 will be awarded in the 2024 application round.

The call for grant applications is announced annually on the foundation's website, in the Turun Sanomat and Turun Tienoo newspapers and the University of Turku's communication channels. The names of the grant recipients will be published on the foundation's website between March and April, and the recipients will also receive a separate email notification.

The main theme for the 2024 call for grant applications is resilience

The grant themes reflect the changes in our society's operating environment. The themes represent future challenges within our society, as perceived by the Lieto Savings Bank Foundation. We encourage applicants to conduct high-quality research with a multidisciplinary approach. The foundation's Board of Directors have decided the following sub-themes for the 2024 grants:

Artificial intelligence, AI: opportunities and risks presented by AI technology

- The amount of data and its economic importance is increasing. The significance of artificial intelligence for health economics, medicine, social sciences and technical sciences is undeniable, but how can we manage and utilise it? What kind of opportunities and threats does AI present to the flexibility and sustainability of our society?

The work in the future: well-being at work, leadership, and changes in the world of work

- How can we develop leadership? How has work changed, and what changes can we expect in the future? How can we improve well-being at work and promote longer working lives?

Societal resilience: How well are our societal structures equipped to handle crises?

- How does improving the security of supply open up new business opportunities?



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- **Geopolitical challenges:** Can we increase our understanding of changes in our operating environment and learn to manage them better in the future?
- How are the justice system and its structures prepared for societal crises?
- Participation by the people, the steering of our society and the importance of democracy

Sustainable development: the circular economy, biodiversity, the Archipelago Sea

- How can we develop business and society towards a more sustainable and responsible direction?
 - Research on the circular economy, interpreted in a broad sense.
 - The balance between technology and sustainable development.
 - Sustainable development and its funding. The circular economy, biodiversity, the Archipelago Sea.
 - The challenges and opportunities presented by the energy transition.

Grant application instructions

Eligible grant applicants include research teams, research communities and individuals. The grants awarded for research teams are for a maximum duration of three years. Please read the criteria and instructions for applying.

Duration of the funding period

The 2024 grants are awarded for funding periods of 4 to 12 months. Research teams can apply for a grant for a maximum funding period of 36 months during 2024-2026.

The foundation can also award grants for working on your doctoral thesis or postdoctoral research. You can also receive a grant for a conference trip, research visit or other study-related trips, as well as for organising a conference or another specific purpose. Grant applications can be submitted by individuals, research teams and research communities. The applicant must be linked to a Finnish university or higher education institution.

Grants cannot be awarded for such purposes as completing a basic degree or an eMBA.

Submitting your grant application

The application must be made using the Lieto Savings Bank Foundation's Aspicore grant system during the application period. Before applying, applicants must register as users in the system. You can access the grant system at www.liedonsaastopankkisaatio.fi You should mention any prior grants you have received or applications you have submitted to other funds that are still pending.



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The application and required annexes must be submitted using the online grant application system. Please note that you cannot edit your application after submitting it. Remember to review your application carefully before submitting it through the application system.

The application system **closes on 15th January 2024 at midnight.**

Application processing and decisions

The foundation's Board of Directors will decide on the grants during March-April 2024, after which a list of awarded grants will be published on the foundation's website. You will also receive an email notification if you are awarded the grant. Please note that the foundation does not disclose its reasoning behind individual grant decisions.