

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
RESEARCH (CONICYT) AND ACADEMY OF FINLAND (AKA)
Concerning
Joint Calls for Joint Research Projects**

The Academy of Finland (AKA) and the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT), hereafter referred to as the Participants, have accepted the following *Memorandum of Understanding between AKA and CONICYT concerning Joint Calls for Joint Research Proposals*.

**Article 1
Joint call**

The Participants will launch a joint call for joint research proposals on research themes in the field of Education research in 2009. The call will be arranged according to the details listed below.

**Article 2
Objectives**

The objectives of the call are:

1. Developing scientific cooperation between Chile and Finland in the area of Education research;
2. Supporting the development of joint research projects conducted by research groups in both countries;
3. Promoting and improving research on education systems and learning contexts and conditions, on the basis of mutual benefit and equity;
4. Promoting mobility and career development of young researchers within the joint projects.

**Article 3
Themes of the call**

The themes of the call are:

1. Education policies and the quality of education
2. Priorities in teacher training and school development (including e.g. pedagogical knowledge and teaching practices, school management skills)
3. Learning and skills development (especially mathematics and science skills)

4. Information and communication technology (ICT) for education
5. Sociology of education

Article 4

Timetable

- The Participants will publish a joint call on 1.9.2009
- The submission of applications will open on 1.10.2009 and close on 30.10.2009
- The scientific evaluation of the applications will be carried out by January 2010
- The funding decisions will be made by February 2010 in Chile and in Finland
- The joint research projects start in 2010.

Article 5

Applications

The Chilean and Finnish researchers draft a joint project application. The application will include a joint research plan drafted by the Chilean and Finnish research teams, as well as the appendices listed below.

Each application will include the following appendices (in English):

- **Joint abstract** (no more than one page in length)
- **Joint research plan** (no more than 15 pages), which will include
 - a description of the added value to be expected from the collaboration
 - a clear description of the planned research collaboration (distribution of work and methods of implementation)
 - responsibilities of both partners
 - joint budget of the joint research project including separate budgets for both partners. A budget may include costs for salaries, researcher mobility, joint meetings etc. Justification for costs will be stated in the research plan.
 - a description of the project's significance to researcher training and to the development of the research environment
- **Curricula vitae** for the principal investigators and for the co-investigators of both partners
- **Lists of publications** of the principal investigators of both partners and those scientists whose salaries funding is applied for, provided the names of the scientists are known.

Both partners submit an identical research plan to their own organisation; Chilean researchers (Principal investigators) apply for funding in accordance with CONICYT rules and Finnish researchers (Principal investigators) in accordance with AKA rules.

Article 6

Evaluation

The scientific evaluation of the joint research proposals will be carried out by using international peer review.

The scientific evaluation of the proposals will be organised by AKA. The Participants will jointly agree on scientific experts for each joint application.

The most important evaluation criteria:

- Scientific quality and innovativeness of the joint research plan
- Added value to be expected from the Chilean-Finnish research collaboration

Other important evaluation criteria:

- Feasibility of the joint research plan
- Competence and expertise of the Chilean and Finnish scientists teams
- Promotion of young researchers' careers

Based on the scientific evaluation and consensus reached through discussion, the Participants will agree on the joint projects to be funded.

Article 7

Funding

Based on the scientific evaluations of the joint research proposals and consensus discussion between the Participants (ranking of the projects), CONICYT will fund Chilean researchers and AKA will fund Finnish researchers. The funding decisions will be made independently, but based on the mutual agreement, according to the Participants' respective rules, regulations and practices.

The Participants are prepared to fund jointly up to four projects, CONICYT with a maximum of 400,000 euros and AKA with a maximum of 1,2 million euros for 3 years.

Article 8

Reporting

Reporting on the projects will be carried out in accordance with the current reporting procedures of the Participants. A report clearly indicating the added value of the collaboration will be submitted by the Principal investigators.

Article 9

Intellectual property rights

The Participants encourage researchers and their institutions to enter into agreements to ensure the effective protection and correct distribution of intellectual properties resulting from projects funded under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 10

Miscellaneous

Each Participant covers its own administration costs regarding its contribution to the call, unless otherwise jointly decided.

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of funds in the budget of the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to supersede national law or international obligations by which the Participants are bound. The Participants will notify each other in case of any conflict arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up in English and all documents and notices and meetings pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding will be in English.

This Memorandum of Understanding may only be amended by a document signed by both Participants and identified as an Addendum to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 11

Term of this Memorandum of Understanding

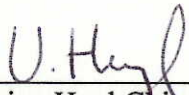
This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective from the date of the signature until the 31st of December of the year when the last projects funded under this Memorandum of Understanding have been completed and the funded projects have submitted all the necessary reports.

This Memorandum of Understanding has been enacted in duplicate, one for each Participant.

In Santiago on May 20, 2009


In Helsinki on ^{June} ~~May~~ 22, 2009

On behalf of the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT)



Vivian Heyl Chiappini
President

On behalf of the Academy of Finland (AKA)



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