Eudaimonia Institute research project 2022 – 2025 call in the strategic focus area

Understanding humans in change

Deadline for the project applications is February 15th, 2021

Eudaimonia Institute

The University of Oulu’s strategy strengthens its role as a high-level international science and innovation university that contributes to solving global challenges through the selected focus areas of research. Tackling the identified global challenges requires multidisciplinary approaches and research excellence. The University of Oulu supports the strategy through internal and external evaluation of its research, as well as regular open calls and international evaluation of projects coordinated by the University's four focus institutes Biocenter, Eudaimonia, Infotech and Kvantum.

Focus institute Eudaimonia supports high-quality research in human sciences and coordinates multidisciplinary research activities and doctoral training on the University's strategic focus area “Understanding humans in change”. Eudaimonia institute promotes research co-operation that crosses faculty boundaries in that multidisciplinary focus area, interdisciplinary networking as well as national and international research co-operation.

Call for new Eudaimonia Institute projects

Eudaimonia Institute is now calling for new research projects for the four-year period of 1/2022 – 12/2025. The new Eudaimonia research projects should address the global challenges recognized in the strategy of the University of Oulu for the focus area Understanding humans in change. In that focus area the research explores the complex dynamics of global, digital, environmental and economic change on current human interaction and on communities and cultures over time. The research identifies and explains the reasons, processes and practices involved in these changes, shows how humans adapt to them, and predicts the effects they will have on humanity in the future.

The proposed research projects should represent well-focused research of high international quality and are expected to have high scientific and social impact. The results of funded projects should be made public and produced following good scientific practice, i.e. the research must be ethical, follow the principles of sustainable development and should make its results, material and data openly accessible. Equality and non-discrimination must also be considered.

The Principal Investigators (PIs) are researchers at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level and have other significant scientific merits, as being well recognized in their field of science and have a high-quality scientific as well as a demonstrated ability to gain notable external funding for research. The responsible PI, project’s co-PIs’ and researchers must work at the University of Oulu. In the case of PIs and other researchers not working at the University of Oulu, affiliations with the University must be negotiated by the end of 2021.

The responsible PI is welcome to submit a research project application as instructed below. *We accept only one application per responsible PI. Researchers can participate as a PI (responsible PI, co-PI) only in one
application. The selected projects will be targeted for strategic support in the form of four-year doctoral student and post-doctoral positions. The positions will be filled according to the procedures approved by the University’s HR services.

Application documents listed in Instructions for the Eudaimonia research project applications should be combined in the order shown and submitted as a single combined pdf-file. The file should be named with the responsible PI’s lastname_firstname-Eudaimonia_application and sent electronically to the Registry of the University of Oulu (kirjaamo(at)oulu.fi) latest on February 15th, 2021.

**Instructions for the Eudaimonia research project 2022 – 2025 application**

https://www.oulu.fi/eudaimonia/call_2022_2025

**Selection procedure of projects**

An independent international scientific evaluation panel nominated by the Rector of the University of Oulu will evaluate all the applications. An independent external expert can be asked to review an application for the support of the panel, if needed. The evaluation process is based on criteria like those used by the Academy of Finland. These include:

- Scientific quality, innovativeness and novelty value of the research as well as its impact within the scientific community
- Competence of applicant and research team in terms of project implementation
- Feasibility of research plan (incl. research ethics)
- Quality of research environment and collaborative networks
- Researcher mobility and researcher training

In addition, the suitability to Eudaimonia focus area is evaluated.

The final decision of Eudaimonia projects 2022 - 2025 is made by the Rector of the University of Oulu according to the recommendations of the evaluation panel. The four-year doctoral student and post-doctoral positions will be directed to the projects in the ranking order based on the external evaluation process.

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