

Unlocking Opportunities for Researchers

From Unemployment to Research Funding

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026 | 09:00-16:00

Castrén Lecture Hall (D194), University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

Free entry • Lunch and coffee provided • All researchers and colleagues are welcome

The full programme

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER(S) / CONTRIBUTOR(S)
09:00-09:20	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Participant registration and networking
09:20-09:30	Opening & Welcome Speech	Syed Musa Kajim Nuri, President, Lapin Tieteentekijät ry
09:30-09:50	The Role of the Union of Research Professionals in Supporting Researchers	Antti Pajala, President, Tieteentekijät
09:50-10:10	Opportunities for Researchers at the University of Lapland	Antti Syväjärvi, Rector, University of Lapland
10:10-11:00	Panel Discussion: How Can Researchers Gain More Opportunities for Involvement within the University?	Piia Björn; Anu Valtonen; Minna Kimpimäki; Osmo Rätti; Antti Pajala
11:00-12:00	Lunch Break	
12:00-12:20	Internationalization Opportunities and Support for Researchers	Sari Viden & Jani Suokanerva, Internationalization Services
12:20-13:00	How to Develop a Grant or Project Application: From an Idea to a Proposal	Satu Pesola, R&D and Innovation Services, University of Lapland
13:00-14:00	What Makes a Good Research Funding Application? Experiences, Insights and Practical Advice	Professor Monica Tennberg and Professor Kamrul Hossain
14:00-14:20	Coffee Break & Networking	
14:20-14:50	What Makes a Strong Job Application for a Researcher?	Riitta Aikio, Human Resource Department, University of Lapland
14:50-15:20	The Role of the Shop Steward: Support, Rights and Guidance for Researchers	Jarmo Kiuru, Shop Steward, University of Lapland
15:20-15:50	Open Discussion, Questions & Key Takeaways	Speakers and participants
15:50-16:00	Closing Remarks	Lapin Tieteentekijät ry



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