

Musings of a private research funder on scholarly journals in Finland

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- An independent and unaffiliated not-for-profit foundation established in 1956
- Supports
 - academic research and its popularization
 - the arts and other forms of cultural activities
- Annual funding 25 m€ (2015)
- Mission: To make the world better by advancing bold initiatives in research and in the arts

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Emphasis on

- Bold initiatives
 - non-mainstream research and artistic activity
- Collaboration across academic disciplines and between scholars, scientists and artists
 - obviously across national boundaries
 - principal fields: humanities, social sciences, environmental research
- Language
 - use of local languages in research publications
 - use of more than just one language

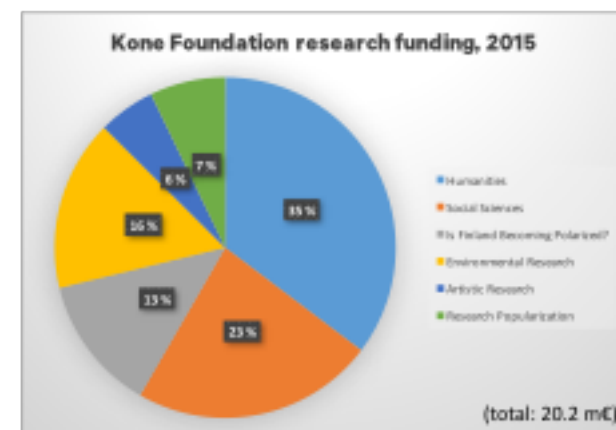


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Funding in 2015



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Open access recommendation

We recommend that researchers we are funding make their research results freely available to all ... by posting them on the internet, for example in the open access repository of the research institute, or with a world-wide service provider, such as academia.edu. Research results can also be published in scholarly journals which make their articles openly accessible.

www.koneensaatio.fi/en/tuemme/forgnantrecipients/
(introduced in 2013)



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Kone Foundation as a funder of scholarly journals

- Direct funding for development initiatives
 - total: 25–50.000 € / year
- Funding for author fees in projects
- Vuoden Tiedekynä prize for a research article in Finnish

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Our views on scholarly journals

- We **do not think** that scholarship funded by a private funder should remain privately accessible
- We **think** that academics should disseminate their research using the channels they deem most suitable
 - no/little attention on journal metrics
 - our researchers often publish in languages other than English
- We **encourage** academics to make their work known to different audiences by using different channels
 - movement on the border between scholarly and popularizing publications



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Final points

1. Research publications should be made openly accessible.
2. It takes time and meticulous work to create and sustain a prestigious journal, but changes can be rapid.
 - Some of the work involved must be compensated for with money, some with academic merit only
3. During the transition period, (careful) experiments and different solutions are necessary.



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Kiitos. Tack. Grazie. Ευχαριστώ.

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