Institutions in developing countries should contact their partner institutions in Finland in order to discuss their potential participation in programme. Proposals for funding can only be submitted by the coordinating higher education institution in Finland.

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How to apply?

Centre for International Mobility CIMO administers scholarship and exchange programmes and is responsible for implementing nearly all EU education, training, culture and youth programmes at national level. CIMO also promotes and organises international trainee exchanges. In addition, CIMO advances teaching of Finnish language and culture in universities abroad and arranges summer courses in Finnish language and culture for international students.
Higher Education Institutions
Institutional Cooperation Instrument

The HEI ICI programme opens up cooperation between higher education institutions in developing countries and Finland. HEI ICI seeks to enhance institutional capacity in higher education administration, methodology and pedagogy and to support the development plans of the higher education institution in the developing country.

Eligible partners are Finland and those developing countries which qualify for Official Development Assistance (ODA). Finland’s primary countries and regions of development cooperation are prioritised.

The projects should be clearly based on needs identified by higher education institutions in the developing countries. The projects should show evidence of strong ownership and cooperation. They should also build on cooperation which is results-oriented with well-defined and measurable objectives.

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Contents of the HEI ICI -Programme

The HEI ICI programme supports the United Nations Millennium Development goals and the Finnish Development Policy. Crucially, these policies strive to eradicate extreme poverty and to promote sustainable development in the world. Global security, increasing economic cooperation, the prevention of environmental problems and the promotion of equality, human rights, democracy and good administrative practices should all contribute to achieving these goals. Such goals should also be evident in the projects to be funded.

Eligible projects are those which include capacity development measures in the partner institutions in the following areas:

- Reform of administrative structures
- Reform of information systems and libraries
- Curriculum development and improvement of teaching quality and pedagogical methods
- Promotion of internationalisation and peer learning of teaching staff
- Development of service production of higher education institutions in developing country

Academic research or higher education exchanges as such or single, one-off conferences or seminars can not be not financed.