War in Ukraine & the Scientific Community

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Science Academies in Finland

On March 1, 2022, Finnish science academies took a public stand for peace and against war by signing a declaration.

“We, the signatory academies of sciences and technology, condemn the war in Ukraine and support all efforts in advancing peace. The war not only threatens human lives and well-being but also the foundations of civil society, including prerequisites for scientific work. As representatives of the scientific community we appeal to all parties for finding way to restore peace. Our joint efforts have to be channelled towards ensuring peaceful and sustainable coexistence.

For peace, stability, and human rights:

Finnish Academy of Science and Letters
Finnish Academy of Technical Sciences
Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters
Swedish Academy of Engineering Science in Finland"

The International Scientific Community

The international scientific community has reacted with a shock and deep regret to the military attacks of the Russian Government against Ukraine. Here you can find resources about international actions taken.
1. ALLEA – The European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities represents more than 50 academies from over 40 countries in Europe. Here are gathered the responses by the Scientific Community in support of Ukraine: https://allea.org/support-for-ukraine/

2. Science for Ukraine – Science For Ukraine is a community group of volunteer students and research scientists from academic institutions in Europe and around the world. On this website you will find a wide range of paid academic positions for scientists (PhD student or above), academic transfer opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students, as well as temporary housing: https://scienceforukraine.eu

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**Grants and scholarships for Ukrainian researchers and students in Finland**

Finnish institutions have quickly organized various ways to help students and researchers affected by the crisis in Ukraine. This is an updating list of these resources.

1. The Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters opens a call for grants for Ukrainian researchers in Finland: https://scientiarum.fi/eng/1660-2/


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**Humanitarian Aid**

The continuous need for humanitarian aid is great. Here you will find links to fundraising campaigns by international, established organizations.

**The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters has made a 10 000 euro donation to Finnish Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.**

The International Committee of the Red Cross: https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine

Unicef: https://www.unicef.org

Médecins Sans Frontières: https://www.msf.org