



How Finland is currently approaching research and higher education relations with the USA

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Finnish Global Science Diplomacy: *Team Finland Knowledge Network (est. 2017)*



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- Beijing (*Mari-Anna Suurmunne*)
- Buenos Aires / Latin America (*Emilia Ahvenjärvi*)
- Moscow (*Sari Erikson*)
- New Delhi (*Mika Tirronen*)
- Pretoria / Southern Africa (*Iina Soiri*)
- Singapore / Southeast Asia (*Anna Korpi*)
- Washington DC (*Petri Koikkalainen, until 9/2021 Ilkka Turunen*)

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Team priorities (aligned with Finnish Government program):

- Democracy, rule-of-law, human rights
- Responding to climate change and technological development

⇒ Achieve sustainable prosperity through:

- **Green economy, climate action, Arctic**
- **Technology**
- **Science**
- **Finance and level global playing field**
- **Trade**

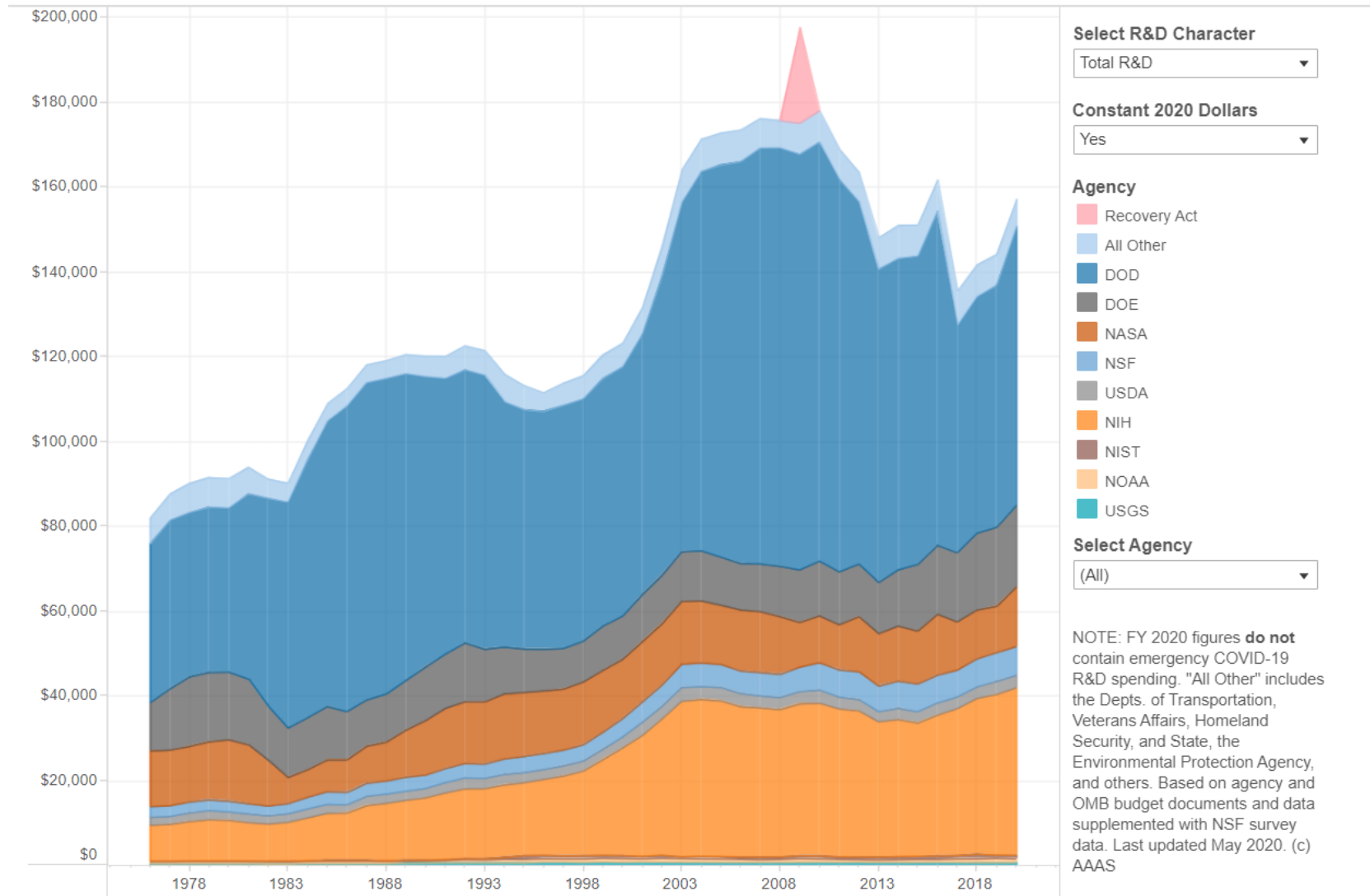
⇒ Goal: find common ground between Finnish and U.S. priorities in research and create opportunities for collaboration and mobility



Team Knowledge Finland USA: ongoing activities

- Facilitation of bilateral research grant programs, e.g., **Academy of Finland** and **NSF & NIH Partnership Programs** since 2020 (artificial intelligence and wireless communication, Finnish Flagship theme areas)
- State-level R&D and trade collaboration in green economy, digitalization, climate research, aerospace research etc: *Memorandums of Understanding* between **Finland** and **Maine** (2019), **Michigan** (2020), **Minnesota** (2021), **Washington State** (2021) => high-level green light for collaboration especially where public money is involved
- Increasing opportunities for researcher and student mobility in collaboration with **Fulbright Finland Foundation**
- Any other business related to the advancement Finnish-American collaboration in science and higher education

U.S. federal science funding: a decentralized and fragmented system (source: AAAS Dashboard)





Thank you!