

## Agenda:

- Welcome & introduction to FARIA
- The FARIAincubator program: approach and next steps
- Introduction to framework of joint calls
- Academy of Finland: Joint Fin-US research funding opportunities with NSF and NIH – roles of Finnish and US PIs
- Q & A
- Concluding remarks

# FARIA

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Accelerating Research and Innovation Collaboration  
between Finland and the United States of America

Approx. **89%**

of Finnish HEI Research  
& Development Power in  
one Network



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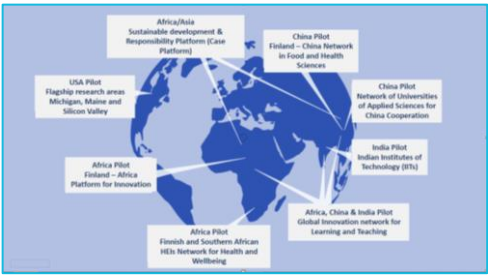
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## FARIA Mission:

The *Finnish-American Research & Innovation Accelerator* (FARIA) is a strategic US-focused network serving as platform, which integrates, aligns and supports joint & associated actions of Finnish member institutions.

1. It creates visibility for Finnish RDI-excellence and simplifies contact facilitation between Finland and key-regions in the US.
  2. It serves as launch pad for concrete RDI-projects from ideation over funding generation to implementation.
  3. It supports an alignment of Finnish US-engagement activities
- **In short:** We support fostering an environment that helps Finnish higher education institutions to collaborate with each other and US-partners in RDI relevant areas.

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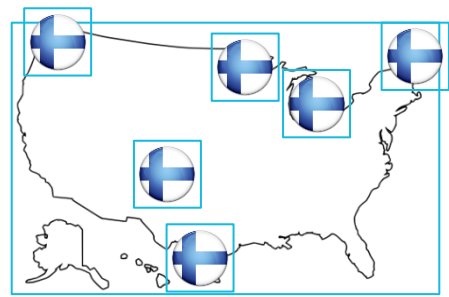
Universities  
interests

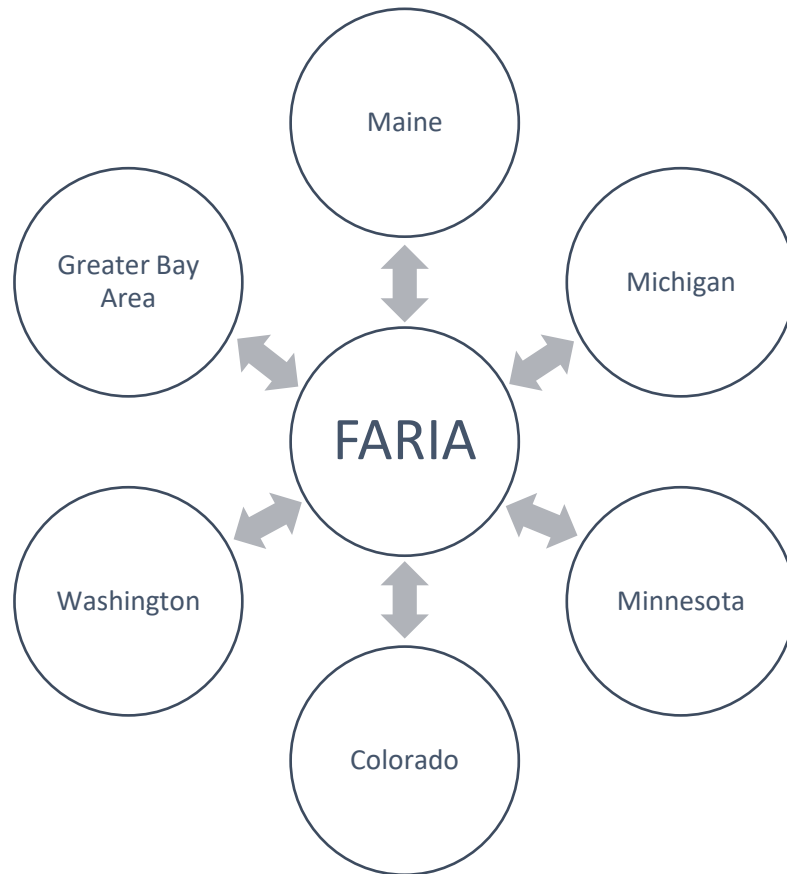


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Approach





## Special Attention Areas:

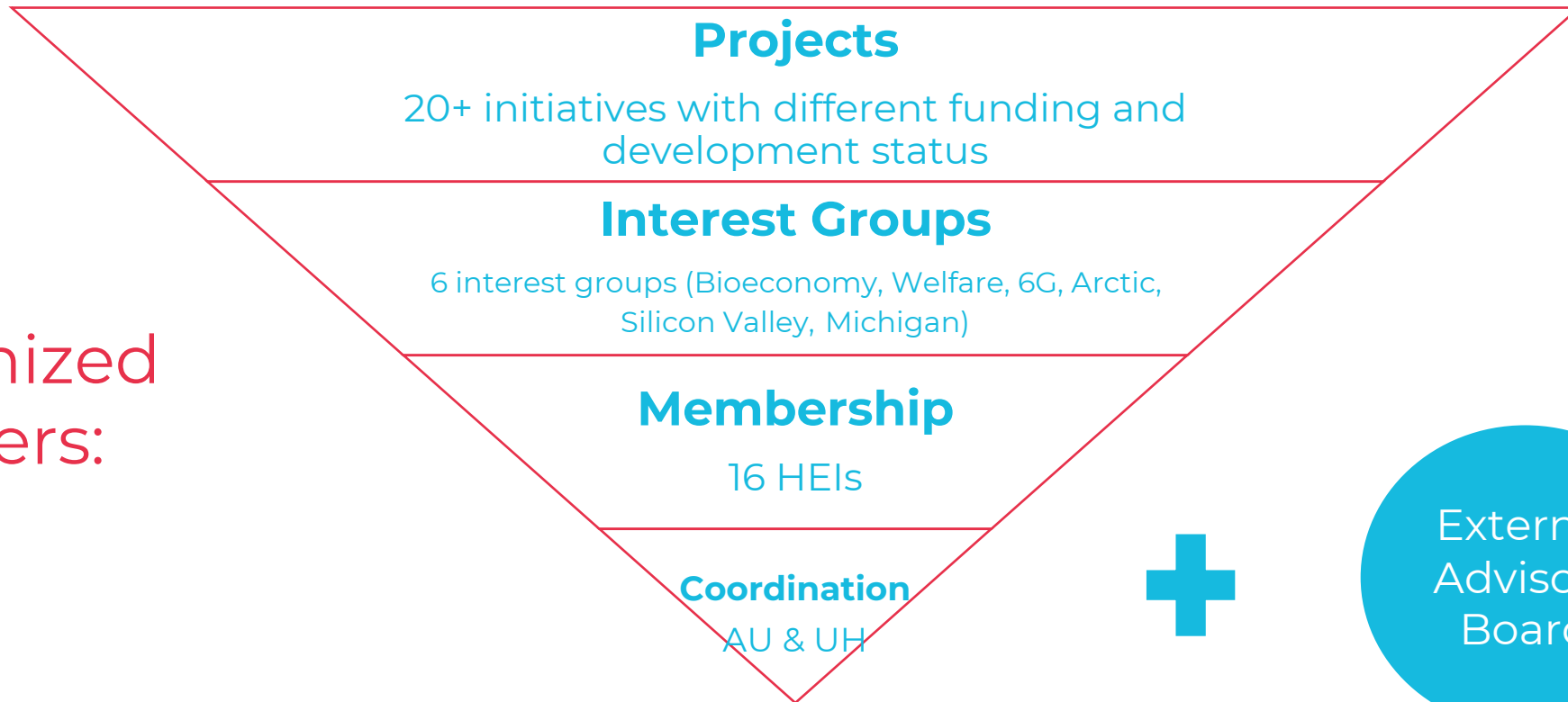
FARIA promotes Finnish research excellence in key areas of global relevance with special attention to:

- Artificial Intelligence: [Research — FCAI / FCAI presentation](#)
- Next Generation Network Technologies – 5G/6G: [6G Flagship \(oulu.fi\)](#)
- The New Welfare State: [Research Themes - INVEST \(utu.fi\)](#)
- Bioeconomy: [Research | FinnCERES](#) and [About - UNITE Flagship](#)
- Quantum Technology: [qtf.fi/research](#)

Overview: [Finnish Flagship Programme \(esitteemme.fi\)](#)

We are happy to open doors and connect to areas of excellence at Finnish institutions also outside the topical focus outlined above.

Organized  
in 5 tiers:



## How to participate?

- Both academic and administrative staff from the member institutions can participate, collaborate and suggest FARIA activities.
- Three main ways of engaging:
  - FARIA Interest Groups
  - FARIAtalks
  - FARIAincubator

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to propose a different form of collaboration.



## How to participate?

### **FARIA Interest Groups:**

Interest Groups are at the heart of the network. Here we co-create the yearly action plan and discuss potential synergies between members. Staff from member institutions are welcome to join any time.

Added value for you:

- Opportunity to influence and co-create the FARIA Action Plan
- Exchange with colleagues who have similar geographic and/or research agendas
- Potentially organizational support for your ideas
- Opportunity to find collaborators/expand network
- Staying up-to-date regarding Finnish-US higher education relations

## How to participate?

### **FARIAtalks:**

Members are invited to organize or co-organize webinars (45-60 min.) within or in collaboration with the FARIAtalks-series. If you are interested simply write us an email and we schedule a call to discuss your idea and how to approach it best.

Added value for you:

- Support in creating a relevant audience in Finland and US
- Support in organizing and promoting the webinar

### **FARIAincubator:**

Calls for participation each Spring.

Added value for you:

- Finding US-collaborators
- Enhanced success chances by grant writing training and funders' insights

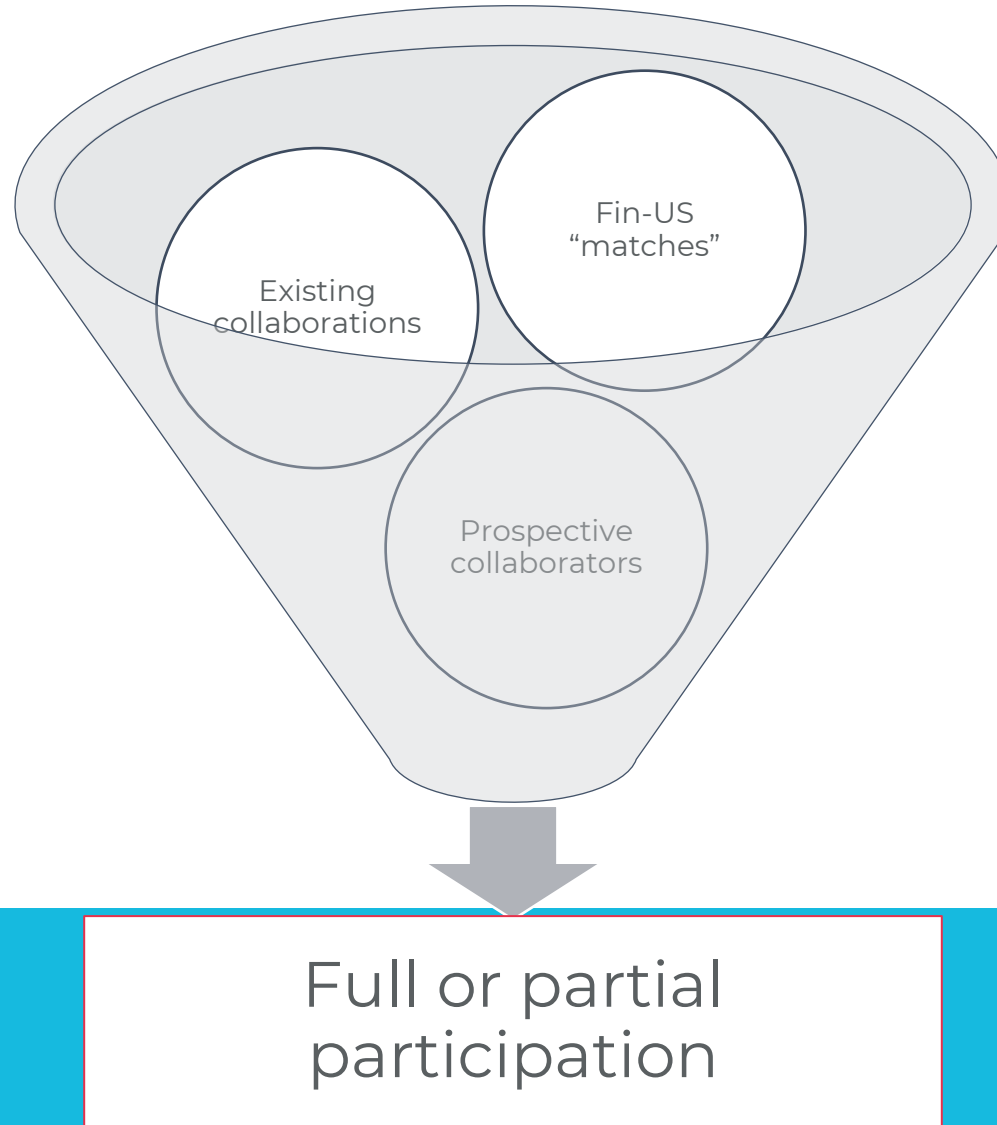
# The FARIIncubator program: Approach and next steps

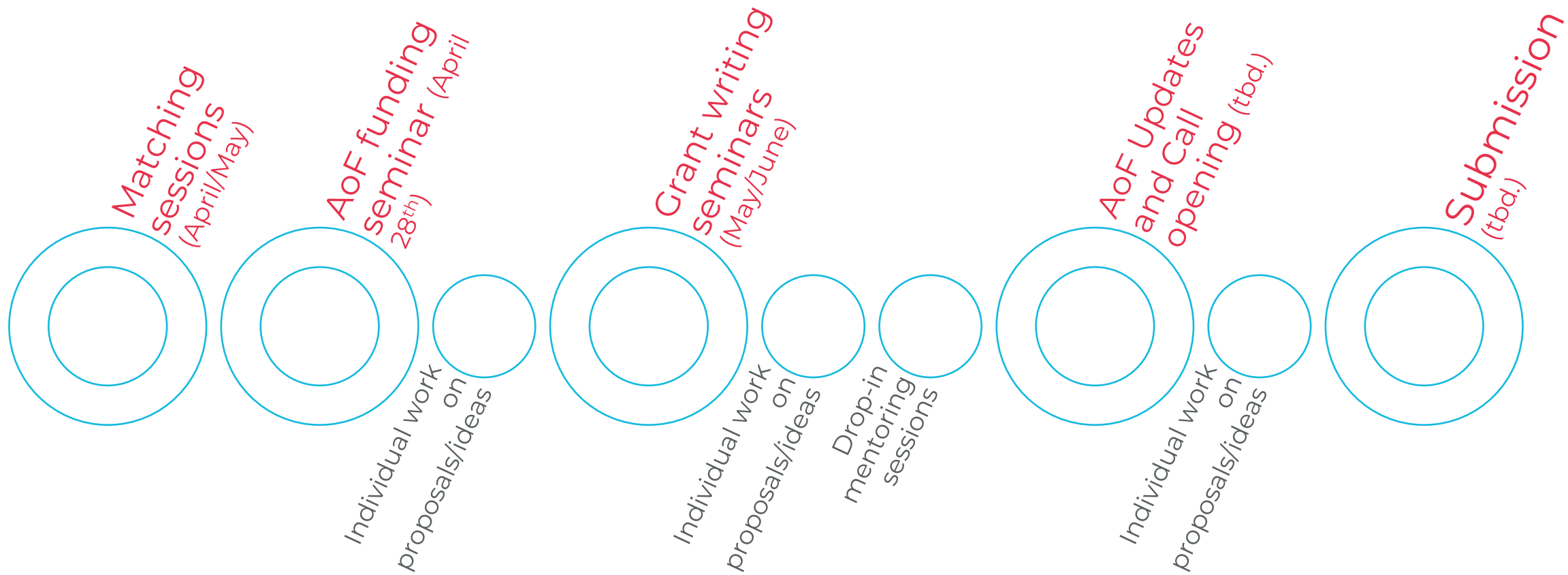
### *FARIAincubator*

The FARIAincubator is a light-weight matching and preparation program that supports joint Fin-US project teams and prepares them to apply for funding.

We pilot the program in collaboration with the Academy of Finland (AoF) and focus initially on their joint calls with NIH and NSF.

Aim is to establish similar programs for different funding sources.







## Matching collaboration with:

- Stanford University
- University of Colorado
- University of Maine
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Washington

- Finnish call for participation: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- US call for participation: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Outcome: 13 proposals



## Joint AoF calls with:

- NIH
- NSF
- **Explaining the call  
logic and criteria**





## Grant Writing Seminar focusing on:

- Proposal preparation and logistics of proposal compilation
- **Emphasis:** NSF/NIH/AoF
- Split in two sessions à 75 min
- Orga-survey after today's session

### Additional:

### Four mentoring check-in sessions

**Session 1: Costs/Budgeting**

**Session 2: Compliance and grant management**

**Session 3: New requirements for disclosure for international collaboration**

**Session 4: Open questions**



## Updates on AoF calls with:

- NIH
- NSF
- **Explaining the call  
logic and criteria**

## “Our part”:



Matching sessions



Academy of Finland:  
Joint calls-seminar

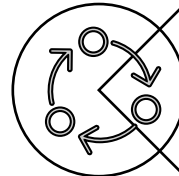


Grant writing seminar  
& drop-in mentoring

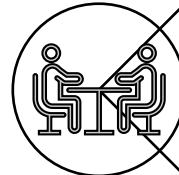


Updates on imminent  
calls

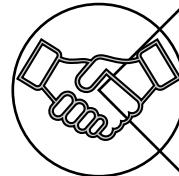
## “Your part”:



Coordinate independently



Develop jointly your  
proposal



Connect with your  
Research Support Services



Submit and provide  
feedback for next edition