

Foundation Grants

Time: 19.3.2026

Place: Dentalia building, seminar room Dent2

Programme

9.00-9.05 Welcome Words, Georges Kazan, SYS-LIFE Vice Director

9.05-10.30 SYS-LIFE Presentations (15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)

Use a simple systemic framing: what part of the system you study, which mechanisms you address, and what data you use or produce. This helps us identify connections and collaboration opportunities across SYS-LIFE projects.

- 9.05-9.25 Progress report – **Li-Fang Yeo**
- 9.25-9.45 Progress report – **Nitin Bayal**
- 9.45-10.05 Progress report – **Yaxing Meng**
- 10.05-10.25 Progress report – **Dattatray Mongad**

10.25-10.40 Break

10.40-11.30 SYS-LIFE Presentations (10 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)

- 10.40-10.55 Research Introduction – **Husna Kaya Kacar**
- 10.55-11.10 Research Introduction – **Lokendra Birla**
- 11.10-11.25 Research Introduction – **Antonia Högnäsbacka**

11.30-12.45 Lunch

Open for all, Place: lecture hall Alhopuro, Medisiina D

12.45-13.15 Research Funding for Postdoctoral Researchers - Funding from Foundations, **Marika Karikoski**, Research Funding Specialist

13.15-13.30 Approaching Foundation Applications, **Georges Kazan**, SYS-LIFE Vice Director

- 13.30-14.15 Grant Opportunities Offered by the Finnish Foundation for Cardiovascular Research, **Eero Jokinen**, Professor, Chair
- 14.15-14.30 Coffee break
- 14.30-15.00 Finnish Brain Foundation Webinar and Q&A, **Jenni Pajunen**, CEO, Finnish Brain Foundation
- 15.00-15.15 Workshop Activity: “Find Your Funding Buddy”

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