

Programme Specific questions for MDP in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State

These questions will be asked on the Application form you will find in studyinfo.fi after the start of the application period. This document has been created so that applicants can familiarize themselves with the programme specific questions and prepare answers in advance. This is particularly relevant for possible motivation letters and other questions requiring a longer answer. We recommend you draft the answer in advance and then copy and paste the text onto the application form. Please note that unless stated otherwise the answers should be written directly onto the application form and not be added as attachments.

Motivation Letter

Address each of the following points, include subheadings:

1. Describe your reasons for applying for the programme.
2. How does the programme relate to your previous studies (e.g. field of specialization, research methodology studied) or work?
3. What is the topic of your research interest? Why would you investigate it?
4. How does the topic of the programme contribute to the development of your professional expertise?
5. Two potential supervisors from the INVEST team you would be interested in working with and the reason why you choose them.

Maximum length of the motivation letter is 4000 characters with spaces.

A title and abstract in English (max. 200 words) related to your previously completed or in progress Bachelor's thesis, Master's thesis, or research paper (if applicable).

If the abstract is from a research paper, provide details regarding the research institution/ affiliation. State clearly whether the abstract and title is a prospective thesis idea. The abstract should include:

1. A clear-cut research question/s
2. Theoretical framework and hypotheses
3. Information on the data and methods (or what methods you would like to use)
4. The main (or expected findings)

Research methodology courses in quantitative methods

1 point per course, up to 4 points. Give the title of the course, credits obtained and a brief description of the content for each course listed. The courses should be part of your transcript of records.