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Call for applications for the right to study for a doctoral degree at the University of Turku, the Doctoral programme on Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State (DPIInvest)

Doctoral programme on Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State

The Doctoral Programme in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State is a cross-disciplinary, international PhD programme aimed at educating such specialists in social and behavioural sciences. DPIInvest is located in the INVEST Research Flagship Center, the only Finnish research flagship in social and behavioural sciences, and it includes world-class top social, behavioural and medical scientists for teaching and supervising students. This makes the programme unique both in Finland as well as in Europe at large. The programme contributes directly to the strategic focus area of the University of Turku: Children, families and learning. The disciplines of the doctoral programme are child psychiatry, psychology and sociology. For additional information, please refer to the website of the doctoral programme at: [DPIInvest](#).

1. Application period and what can be applied for

The application consists of an electronic form and PDF files attached to it including all required material according to the instructions. A link to the electronic application forms and the instructions for the PDF appendix files will be published at the website of [the Graduate School \(UTUGS\)](#).

During the application period 2nd of September to 20th of March 2019 the doctoral programme invites applications for ***the right to study for a doctoral degree at the University of Turku (Faculties of Social Sciences and Medicine)***

2. Who may apply

2.1. The right to study for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Social Sciences or at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku can be applied for by:

Persons who meet the eligibility criteria for pursuing a doctoral degree, as stipulated in the Universities Act (558/2009, Section 37) as well as the eligibility criteria for the right to study for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Social Sciences or at the Faculty of Medicine.

The prerequisites for the right to pursue doctoral studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences can be found at: <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences/doctoral-training/applying>

The prerequisites for the right to pursue doctoral studies at the Faculty of Medicine can be found at: <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-medicine/doctoral-training-at-the-faculty-of-medicine/how-to-apply-for-doctoral-training-at-the-faculty-of-medicine>

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3. Applying

3.1. Application documents

You can apply for the study right for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Social Sciences or at the Faculty of Medicine:

- by filling in **the electronic application form** (in the electronic system for applying doctoral candidate positions at University of Turku) and
- by attaching **all the required application documents** to the electronic application form. The required application documents are stated in the end of this call for applications:
 - Appendix 1: Documents for Faculty of Social Sciences (psychology and sociology)
 - Appendix 2: Documents for Faculty of Medicine (child psychiatry)

A link to the application form will be made available at the UTUGS web page: [Application form](#). The form will be accessible as the application period begins on 2nd of March 2020 and closes at 11:59 pm on 20th of March 2020. The application documents will not be returned to the sender.

3.2 Assessment of applications

The board of the doctoral programme will process the applications and may invite external experts to evaluate them. The applications are assessed according to the following criteria, where relevant:

- Quality of the research plan (general quality, feasibility, relation to doctoral programme research profile). The research plans attached to the applications may be checked with the Turnitin OriginalityCheck plagiarism detection software in accordance with the University of Turku quality assurance system
- Success in previous studies (master's thesis, or equivalent, grade and other studies)
- availability of resources for supervision.

4. Decision-making

Deans of the two faculties decide on granting the right to study for a doctoral degree, based on the proposal of the board of the doctoral programme. Decisions on the applications for the right to pursue a doctoral degree in the two faculties are made by the end of May 2020. All applicants will be personally informed on the decisions. If an applicant is dissatisfied with the result of the student selection, he/she has the right to submit an application for the rectification of the decision to the Faculty in question within 14 days of the official publishing of the results.

An admitted applicant has to notify the University of Turku of his/her acceptance of the study place by 3:00 pm (GMT +2) on 15th June 2020 according to the instructions given in the admission notification. If the admitted applicant does not give the notification by the end of the allotted period of time mentioned above, he/she forfeits the study place. A person admitted to more than one university or polytechnic degree programme only notifies the one educational institution at which he/she accepts the study place. Notification, i.e. accepting a study place, is binding and may not be cancelled or changed later.

According to Finnish university legislation, a student may accept only one study place leading to a higher education degree in Finland during one academic term (autumn term 1 Aug – 31 Dec or spring term 1 Jan – 31 Jul). This rule applies to all higher education, i.e. Bachelor and Master level degrees awarded by Finnish



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universities of applied sciences, Bachelor and Master degrees awarded by Finnish universities, and Licentiate and Doctoral degrees awarded by Finnish universities. This regulation is not applied to study rights received in transfer student selections, from the Åland University of Applied Sciences, from the Police University College, and from institutions of higher education outside Finland.

The applicants who have completed their prior degree in a country other than Finland and who are granted a study right in this call, need to deliver either the original degree certificates or certified copies of the original degree certificates and their translations to the University of Turku as instructed in the admission notification. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline set in the admission notification, he/she forfeits the study right. Instructions on delivering certificates and country-specific requirements are available here: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/accepted-students/original-documents>.

5. Appeal for rectification

If an applicant is dissatisfied with the result of the student selection (right to study for a doctoral degree), he/she has the right to submit an application for the rectification of the decision to the Faculty of Social Sciences or to the Faculty of Medicine within 14 days of the official publishing of the results.

6. Further information:

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Appendix 1. Description of the application documents (Faculty of Social Sciences: psychology and sociology)**Application for a study right for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Social Sciences**

In addition to the electronic form, the following documents must be submitted:

1. Research plan, max 6 pages (see [instructions](#)).
By attaching the research plan to the application form, the applicant gives permission to check the research plan with Turnitin OriginalityCheck software (a system for electronic plagiarism detection).
2. Curriculum vitae, max 3 pages. A CV includes a list of publications.
Please see the instructions of the Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity for writing a CV
<https://www.tenk.fi/en/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae>
3. Motivation letter
Motivation letter is a max two-page-long freeform document, which includes the reasons for applying to doctoral studies in DPinvest in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku.
4. Commitment by a supervisor (file or copy of email message by a professor or a researcher with a doctoral degree working at the University of Turku to confirm that she/he is willing to supervise applicant's dissertation project. List of supervisors: <https://sites.utu.fi/invest/research-groups/>
5. Copies of the degree certificates and the transcripts of study records

A. If the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make him/her eligible for doctoral studies at a university in Finland, the degree certificates, the transcripts of study records and other educational documents which may be of relevance in the student selection must be attached to the electronic application form.

B. If the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make him/her eligible for doctoral studies at a university abroad (i.e. outside Finland), s/he must attach the following items to the electronic application form:

- scanned original degree certificates
- scanned original transcripts of study records
- scanned other original educational documents which may be of relevance in the student selection
- If the original degree certificates and other educational documents are not written in English, Finnish or Swedish, official translations to one of these languages must also be submitted. **An official translation here refers to a translation of the educational documents issued by the awarding institution, a translation made by an authorized translator, or a certified copy of a translation issued by the awarding institution or an authorized translator.**

Those applicants who have been granted a right to study and who have completed their prior degree abroad have to submit either the original degree certificates or certified copies of the degree certificates and other educational documents and the official translations of the documents to the University of Turku as instructed in the admission notification. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline set in the admission notification, he/she forfeits the study right. Instructions on delivering certificates and country-specific requirements are available here: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/accepted-students/original-documents>.

6. Verification of language proficiency: The University of Turku follows the Rector's decision on the means of verifying one's language proficiency: <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/language>



The applicant must deliver all required attachments by the end of the application period. Late applications will not be processed.

Appendix 2. Description of the application documents (Faculty of Medicine: child psychiatry)

Application for a study right for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Medicine

The application consists of an electronic form and attached documents in pdf format (list below). For the application the applicant has to prepare:

- a summary of the research plan (max 1000 characters) and
- enclosures in pdf format:
 1. Research plan, max 6 pages (See [instructions](#)). By attaching the research plan to the application form the applicant gives permission for checking the research plan with Turnitin Originality Check (system for electrical plagiarism detection).
 2. Curriculum vitae, max 3 pages. A CV includes a list of publications. Please see the instructions of the Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity (TENK) for writing a CV: <https://www.tenk.fi/en/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae>
 3. Motivation letter. Motivation letter is a max two-page-long freeform document, which includes the reasons for applying to doctoral studies in DPinvest in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku.
 4. Postgraduate study plan. See instructions: [DPInvest doctoral programme's instructions on applying](#), section 'Research plan and study plan'.
 5. [Signed supervision plan](#) [(Fill in electronically, print, sign together with the supervisor/-s and the head of subject (Child Psychiatry) and scan as an attachment].
NB! It is strongly recommended that at least one of the supervisors is employed by the University of Turku or has a title of docent granted by the University of Turku, since access to UTU IT-systems will be needed.

Conditional enclosures (please check the instructions carefully):

6. Justified application for the approval of a third supervisor. See [Faculty of Medicine instructions on applying](#), section 'Supervision'
7. Copies of the degree certificates and the transcripts of study records
 - A. If the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make him/her eligible for doctoral studies at a university in Finland, the degree certificates, the transcripts of study records and other educational documents which may be of relevance in the student selection (if needed): See [Faculty of Medicine instructions on applying](#), section 'Degree giving the eligibility'
 - B. If the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make him/her eligible for doctoral studies at a university abroad (i.e. outside Finland), s/he must attach the following items to the electronic application form:
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NB! Please keep your original degree certificates and other relevant educational documents at hand during the application process.

8. Verification of language proficiency: The University of Turku follows the Rector's decision on the means of verifying one's language proficiency: <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/language>

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