



## Call for Applications for Study Rights at the Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences

The Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences invites applications for the study rights of Doctor of Social Sciences, Psychology and Philosophy.

### 1. The Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences

[The Doctoral Programme of Social and Behavioural Sciences](#) is a part of [the University of Turku Graduate School](#). The goal of doctoral training at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Turku is to prepare students for demanding positions in research and teaching as well as in functioning as experts in various fields.

In its research and teaching portfolio, the programme covers a multitude of disciplines related to social and behavioural sciences: Philosophy, East Asian Studies, Sociology of Education, Speech and Language Pathology, Contemporary History, Psychology, Social Policy, Social Work, Sociology, Economic Sociology and Political Science.

### 2. Application period

During the application period 2 March – 20 March 2020 the Doctoral Programme invites applications for **the right to study for a doctoral degree at the University of Turku**.

### 3. Who may apply for a study right for a doctoral degree

Those who meet conditions for eligibility stated in the Universities Act (558/2009, 37 §) for studies leading to a higher university degree and who meet the eligibility criteria for postgraduate studies at the faculty of social sciences: A general prerequisite for the right to pursue postgraduate studies is an applicable higher academic degree (master's degree), or a relevant degree from abroad which in the country in question provides eligibility for corresponding postgraduate studies. [More information](#).

The degree that gives the applicant eligibility for applying the study right of a doctoral degree at the faculty of social sciences must be completed at the latest on 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020.

### 4. Applying

You can apply for the study right for a doctoral degree at the faculty of social sciences:

- 1) by filling in the electronic **application form** in the electronic application system of University of Turku and
- 2) by including **all required attachments** to the electronic application form.

The required application documents are stated in the end of this call for applications (Appendix 1).

The link to the application form as well as instructions for applying and filling in the application form in the application system is activated on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2020. The link will be available on the web site of the [Doctoral Programme](#). More information about [how to apply](#).



**Application must be submitted online no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020.** The application form in the application system will close **at 23:59**. Submitting the application after that is not possible.

During the selection process the applicant may be asked for additional information.

## **5. Assessment of the applications and decision-making**

The objective of the selection process is to have students suitable for a research career track who are skilled, motivated, and committed to research and doctoral studies. The selection criteria are as follows:

- a sufficient grade in the advanced studies stage of a master's degree - usually at least a good evaluation is required
- a sufficient grade for the master's thesis – usually at least cum laude approbatur
- the level and feasibility of the applicant's research plan
- availability of resources for supervision.

The faculty office considers the applicants' formal eligibility for postgraduate studies. The board of the doctoral programme will make a proposal on the selection of doctoral students to the dean, who makes the decision. All applicants will be personally informed on the decisions.

Those who are dissatisfied with the selection of students for degree may make an appeal for rectification from the Faculty of Social Sciences within 14 days of the results being published (31<sup>st</sup> of May 2018). Appeal for rectification should be addressed to the Faculty of Social Sciences and it should be sent to the following address: Faculty of Social Sciences, FI-20014 University of Turku, Finland.

## **6. Additional information**

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## Appendix 1. Description of the application documents

### **a) 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 and/or for a Doctoral Candidate position 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). Faculty's disciplines and contact information:  
<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-social-sciences/units>
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 (15 Aug 2019) on the means of verifying one's language proficiency. See language requirements on the webpage of the university's graduate school: <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/language>

The applicant must deliver all required documents by the end of the application period. Any late submissions will not be processed.