

Changes in monitoring the progress and activeness of doctoral training

In the new system of monitoring activeness, the actual situation of doctoral candidates and possible challenges they face while completing the degree will more effectively come to the knowledge of doctoral programmes supporting candidates and supervisors. The doctoral programme will be able to allocate resources better and support graduating as planned.

In future, the activeness of a doctoral candidate will be monitored annually. In order to maintain an active study right, a doctoral candidate is required to enrol every year, either as an attending or a non-attending student. As an attending student, a doctoral candidate is required to hand in an annual progress report to their doctoral programme in January. In addition, the supervisor needs to express their support for maintaining the active study right. Supervisors are familiar with their supervisees' situation, progress, and also possible disruptions or dropping out so supervisors' input is important while assessing the current situation of a doctoral candidate.

The new procedure in monitoring activeness does not considerably change the everyday life of those completing a doctoral degree. Enrolling and annual progress reports for the doctoral programme in the *Saimi* system have already been part of doctoral candidates' tasks.

Please note:

- The period of submitting the progress report in Saimi-system is 7-31 January 2019.
- Only those who have registered to the university can submit their progress report ([instructions for re-registration](#))
- Every doctoral candidate is expected to submit the annual progress report in January. However, a doctoral candidate has to report his/her progress for the first time when his/her right to study for a doctoral degree has started one academic year or one and a half academic year ago. (The right to study has started on 1 January 2018, 1 August 2017 or earlier.)
- The coordinator of the doctoral programme will inform in January before the reporting period starts where the electronic form is available.
- Those completing their studies normally and keeping in touch with their supervisor need not worry about maintaining an active study right.

See more information

- <https://intranet.utu.fi/en/news/news/Pages/Changes-in-monitoring-the-progress-and-active-ness-of-doctoral-training.aspx>
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