



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STUDY RIGHTS AT THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME OF TURKU SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

The Doctoral Programme of Turku School of Economics (TSE) invites applications for the study rights of Doctor of Science in Economics and Business Administration, Doctor of Social Sciences and Doctor of Philosophy at Turku School of Economics.

1. The Doctoral Programme of Turku School of Economics

[The Doctoral Programme of Turku School of Economics](#) is a part of [the University of Turku Graduate School](#). The programme aims at training of experts for the needs of business, society, and academic community. It offers scientific researcher training to solve relevant, current and anticipated problems related to business, economy and society.

In its research and teaching portfolio, the programme covers a multitude of disciplines related to business and economy. Instruction is offered in the following subject areas:

- Accounting and Finance with two specialization areas:
 - i. Financial Accounting and Management Accounting or
 - ii. Finance
- Accounting and Finance, Pori
- Management and Organization
- Management and Organization, Pori
- Marketing
- Marketing, Pori
- Entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship, Pori
- International Business
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Economic Geography
- Economics
- Business Law
- Quantitative Methods in Management
- Information Systems Science
- Futures Studies
- Health Economics (apply through [the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Research](#))

The doctoral researchers will follow a four-year doctoral programme, conducting research in an international, multidisciplinary and widely networked environment. Turku School of Economics is known of four distinctive profile areas in research: entrepreneurship, management control, networks in business, and economic policy and markets. A strong emphasis is on the themes of innovation, foresight and responsibility.

For additional information on the profile areas in research at Turku School of Economics, please visit [TSE's research webpages](#).

Doctor of Science in Economics and Business Administration, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees can be completed in all majors. In addition, Doctor of Social Sciences degree can be taken in the major of Economics and Health Economics (all students majoring in Health Economics belong to [the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Research](#), please apply through that programme if interested in majoring in Health Economics). At Turku School of Economics, possible major subjects in Pori are Accounting & Finance, Marketing and Management & Organization. Turku and Pori campuses are located in different cities so please think carefully where you apply to.

2. Application period and what can be applied for

The application period is **from 28 February to 28 March, 2024**. You may apply for a *study right for a doctoral degree at Turku School of Economics, Doctoral Programme of Turku School of Economics*. The right to study for a doctoral degree begins on August 1, 2024.



The selection criteria are presented on the website of [Doctoral Training at Turku School of Economics](#). TSE will evaluate the suitability of the research topic of the applicant in relation to the research profile and expertise of the major subject and its faculty. To receive the right, the applicant needs to have a higher university degree and an approved research plan.

3. Who may apply

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 Turku School of Economics](#).

The degree that gives the applicant eligibility for applying the study right of a doctoral degree at Turku School of Economics must be completed at the latest on 28 March, 2024.

4. Applying

The right to study for a doctoral degree is applied for by filling in an electronic form in My Studyinfo service and attaching the required additional documents. The form will be accessible as the application period begins on 28 February 2024 and closes at 3 pm (local time in Finland) on 28 March 2024.

During one application round the applicant may apply to a maximum of three doctoral programmes at the University of Turku. You can only have one valid study right at a time for a doctoral degree at the University of Turku. You can leave only one application and research plan to the Doctoral Programme of Turku School of Economics. If more are sent, we will evaluate the latest one.

Applications that arrive after the application period has ended will not be processed. The application documents will not be returned to the sender.

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

5. Assessment of the applications

Applications are assessed based on [the eligibility and selection criteria for postgraduate studies at TSE](#). The applications are processed in the major subjects and by the Steering Group of the Doctoral Programme of TSE. Applicants may also be interviewed during the selection process. Research proposals of the applicants proceeding in the admission process will be checked by using Turnitin Originality Check (system for electrical plagiarism detection).

6. Decisions and appeal for rectification

The admission decisions for postgraduate studies are made by the end of May 2024. The study right for a doctoral degree is granted by the Dean of Turku School of Economics. All applicants will be informed of the results of the admission.

An admitted applicant has to notify the University of Turku of their acceptance of the study place by 3:00 pm (local time in Finland) on 14 June 2024 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, they forfeit the study place. A person admitted to more than one university or polytechnic degree programme only notifies the one educational institution at which they 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 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 by 6 September 2024 at the latest. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline, they forfeit 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>.

According to the Universities Act (558/2009) 82 § those who are dissatisfied with the selection of students for a degree may make an appeal for rectification from Turku School of Economics within 14 days of the results being published (Records Office of the Turku School of Economics, FI-20014 Turun yliopisto, Finland).

7. Application documents

Applicants should prepare the following documents in PDF format and attach them to the application form. The applicant must deliver all required documents by the end of the application period. Any late submissions will not be processed.

Attachments required in the application form:

1. **Research plan**, including funding plan and schedule for the research and studies (max 10 pages (excl. cover and list of references), Times New Roman 12 pt, line spacing 1,5) as a pdf-file. Useful information on preparing your research plan is available on the Doctoral training website of TSE: <https://www.utu.fi/en/university/turku-school-of-economics/research/doctoral-training/applying>

By attaching the research plan to the application form, the applicant gives permission to check the research plan with Turnitin Originality Check (a system for electrical plagiarism detection).

Please include a paragraph at the end of your research plan about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in composing your research plan. If artificial intelligence has been utilized, a detailed description of its use is required. Failure to disclose the use of artificial intelligence will be considered academic misconduct.

2. **Curriculum Vitae** (according to <https://www.tenk.fi/en/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae>)
3. **List of Publications** (according to [the Publication Type Classification of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture available e.g. on the web pages of the Academy of Finland](#))
4. **Letter of motivation:** The application must include a one-page letter of motivation. In the letter, the applicants must state reasons why they are applying specifically to the University of Turku and to the chosen major subject. The applicants must also express the novelty value the intended research would bring to the scientific field. The letter must also include the applicant's reflections on their professional aspirations.

5. Degree certificates and transcripts of study records

- a) If you have completed your former degree(s) that make you eligible for doctoral studies at a higher education institution in Finland, you must attach your scanned original degree certificates, transcripts of study records and other educational documents which may be of relevance in the selection to the electronic application form.
- b) If you have completed your former degree(s) that make you eligible for doctoral studies at a higher education institution abroad (i.e. outside of Finland), you must attach the following items to the electronic application form:



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- a. scanned original degree certificates (in the language that the degree was completed in)
- b. scanned original transcripts of study records (in the language that the degree was completed in)
- c. scanned other original educational documents which may be of relevance in the student selection and that you are applying based on.

If the original degree certificates or transcripts of study records 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 and a translation made by an authorised translator. A transcript in English can be replaced by a Diploma Supplement (DS) awarded by a European educational institution, provided that it contains the information about completed courses and other study attainments.

Please make sure that all attachments are good-quality, easy to read, full colour scans or photographs of the complete required document. Attachments that do not meet these requirements may be rejected.

6. Possible **reference letters** in pdf-format (can also be sent directly by email to tsedoctoralprogramme@utu.fi)

7. Verification of language proficiency

The University of Turku follows the Rector's decision on the means of verifying one's language proficiency. [See the language requirements on the webpage of the university's graduate school.](#)

If you are required to prove your language proficiency with a language test, a scanned certificate of a completed language test must be attached to the application.

8. Copy of a valid passport

Attach a copy of your valid passport or official identification card with photo and information on citizenship. If you have a Finnish personal identity code and you have entered it on the application form, you do not need to attach a copy of your passport.

Additional information

Doctoral programme of Turku School of Economics (www.utu.fi/tsedoctoralprogramme)
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