

## **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 (DPTSE) is a part of the University of Turku Graduate School (UTUGS). The programme aims at training experts for the needs of business, society, and the academic community. It offers scientific researcher training to solve relevant, current and anticipated problems related to business, economy, and society. The programme is responsible for doctoral training in the fields of Business Administration, Economics, and Futures Studies at the University of Turku. Turku School of Economics operates on two campuses, Turku (main campus) and Pori.

In its research and teaching portfolio, the programme covers a multitude of disciplines related to business and economy. Applicants can select the major subject they are interested in from the list below. Only one major can be selected in the application round.

#### Major subjects in Turku campus:

- Accounting and Finance with two specialization areas:
  - i. Financial Accounting and Management Accounting or
  - ii. Finance
- Management and Organisation
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- 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)

#### Major subjects in Pori campus:

- Accounting and Finance, Pori
- Management and Organisation, Pori
- Marketing, Pori
- Entrepreneurship, Pori

Doctoral studies in the DPTSE are built as a four-year doctoral programme, where doctoral researchers conduct research in an international, multidisciplinary, and widely networked environment. The degree of Doctor of Science in Economics and Business Administration or Doctor of Philosophy degrees can be completed in all majors. In addition, the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences 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).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully review the web pages of the major subject and department they are applying to. The proposed research must align with the major's research profile, strengths, and ongoing projects. A well-matched research topic not only strengthens the application but also supports successful doctoral studies and integration into the research community. Information about the major subjects,

their research areas, and faculty expertise is available on the Turku School of Economics website. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this material before preparing your research plan and application.

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

## **2. Application period and what can be applied for**

The application period is **from 2 March to 16 March, 2026**. 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, 2026.

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 16 March, 2026.

## **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 2 March 2026 and closes at 4 pm (local time in Finland) on 16 March 2026.

During this application round the applicant may apply to only one doctoral programme 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 2026. 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 15 June 2026 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 accept 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 9 September 2026 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 or by email [tse-asiakirjat@utu.fi](mailto:tse-asiakirjat@utu.fi)).

The right to pursue doctoral studies can only be granted if the major subject is able to provide suitable and sufficient supervision for the proposed research topic. The availability and suitability of supervision constitute a primary selection criterion.

Meeting the formal eligibility requirements does not automatically lead to admission. Applications may be rejected solely due to the lack of appropriate supervision resources within the major subject, regardless of the overall quality of the application.

Applicants are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the research areas and supervisory focus of the major subject before submitting an application. General or AI-generated research plans alone do not demonstrate the suitability of the topic or the availability of supervision.

If an application is rejected due to insufficient supervision resources and no procedural or factual error has occurred, submitting a request for rectification will not result in a different outcome.

## 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 utilised, 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 the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make them eligible for doctoral studies at a university in Finland, the scanned 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 (in the same language as the degree was completed in)
- scanned original transcripts of study records (in the same language as the degree was completed in)
- 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 or a translation made by an authorized translator.** A transcript in English can be replaced by a Diploma Supplement awarded by a European educational institution if it contains the information about completed courses and other study attainments.

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 by 5 September 2025 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>.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. 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.

Possible reference letters in must be sent directly by the referee to [tsedoctoralprogramme@utu.fi](mailto:tsedoctoralprogramme@utu.fi).

#### **Additional information**

Doctoral programme of Turku School of Economics ([www.utu.fi/tsedoctoralprogramme](http://www.utu.fi/tsedoctoralprogramme))  
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