



## **Regulations on distinctions awarded to doctoral theses in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku**

- 1) Distinction may be awarded to approximately 10% of all doctoral theses approved by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku in any given calendar year.
- 2) A thesis may be awarded distinction if at least two out of three experts, i.e. examiners and opponent, so suggest. A separate form regarding the awarding of a distinction is sent to the opponent. Examiners may suggest the awarding of distinction on an appendix form to their examiner's statement. Faculty regulations on distinctions are sent to both examiners and the opponent.
- 3) A thesis awarded distinction must be of the highest scientific quality.
- 4) A prerequisite for the awarding of distinction is that the thesis is of international significance in the field of research in question, and that the findings and conclusions are either new or revise previous opinion or clinical practice.
- 5) The doctoral candidate's contribution to the original publications in the doctoral thesis is of particular importance.
- 6) The Faculty Council decides on the final grade of a thesis (approved/rejected) and on the merit 'approved with distinction'.
- 7) The doctoral degree certificate given to the candidate will indicate that the thesis has been approved with distinction.