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

1) A distinction may be awarded to approximately 10% of all approved theses in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku in any given calendar year.

2) The thesis can be awarded a distinction if at least two out of three (examiners and opponent) so suggest. A separate form regarding the awarding of a distinction will be sent to the opponent. There is also a place for suggesting a distinction in the form used by the examiners. The faculty’s regulations on distinctions will be sent to both examiners and the opponent.

3) The thesis is of high scientific quality.

4) A prerequisite for the awarding of a distinction is that the thesis is of international significance in its field of research, and the findings and the conclusions are new or revise previous opinion or clinical practice.

5) The input of the doctoral candidate’s work in the integrated articles found in the doctoral thesis is of particular importance.

6) The Faculty Council decides on the final grade of the 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.