

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.