



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
- Management and Organization
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- International Business
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Economic Geography
- Economics
- Business Law
- Quantitative Methods in Management
- Information Systems Science
- Futures Studies

The doctoral candidates 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. At Turku School of Economics, Pori Unit possible major subjects are Accounting & Finance, Marketing and Management & Organization.

2. Application period and what can be applied for

The application period is **from 1 March to 19 March, 2021**. 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, 2021.

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 22 March, 2021.

4. Applying

You can apply for the study right for a doctoral degree at Turku School of Economics:

- 1) by filling in the electronic **application form** in the electronic application system of University of Turku and
- 2) by including **all required attachments** to the electronic application form.

The required application documents are stated in the end of this call for applications (part 7).

The link to the application form as well as instructions for applying and filling in the application form in the application system is activated on 1 March, 2021 at <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/call-for-applications>

Application must be submitted online no later than Friday 19th March, 2021. The application form in the application system will close **at 23:59**. Submitting the application after that is not possible.

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 Board 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 2021. 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 (UTC +3) on 15 June 2021 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 forfeits 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 15 September 2021 at the latest. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline, they forfeits 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).

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. Copies of the degree certificates and the transcripts of study records

A. If the applicant has completed the former degree(s) which make him/her eligible for doctoral studies at a university in Finland, the 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, a translation made by an authorized translator, or a certified copy of a translation issued by the awarding institution or an authorized translator.

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



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6. Possible **reference letters** in pdf-format
7. **Verification of language proficiency**

The University of Turku follows the Rector's decision (15 Aug 2019) on the means of verifying one's language proficiency. See language requirements on the webpage of the university's graduate school: <https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/language>

Additional information

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