

**Faculty of Medicine****Call for Applications for Doctoral Researcher Positions at the University of Turku Graduate School, Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science**

In this call for applications, you can apply for the right to study for a doctoral degree in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku, Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science. Please read more specific instructions below and apply on 16 March 2026 at the latest.

The Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science (DPNurs) provides systematic doctoral education in the field of nursing science. DPNurs covers central [research fields](#) in nursing science. DPNurs is responsible for the doctoral education in health sciences at the University of Turku. DPNurs educates high-level researchers and experts in nursing science for the national and international needs of the research field, as well as for social and health services, education, business, and industry. DPNurs supports expertise required in research activities and systematic career development in nursing science. Doctoral Researchers are involved in the national and international nursing and health science community, where the Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science has strong integration.

[More information about the Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science](#)

**Application period and what can be applied for**

During the application period 2–16 March 2026 (until 16:00 local time in Finland), you can apply for the **right to study for a doctoral degree in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku from 1 August 2026 onwards**. In this application round, you may apply to only one doctoral programme at the University of Turku.

In addition, you may apply for the right to complete a licentiate degree. More information is available at:

<https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/doctoral-programme-in-nursing-science/admission>.

**What is expected of you**

- You are required to have completed a relevant Master's degree awarded by a university or a university of applied sciences, or a relevant study programme abroad which, in the awarding country, gives eligibility for the corresponding level of higher education (Universities Act 558/2009, 37§).
- You must meet the University of Turku's language requirements. [Link to the University of Turku Graduate School's language requirements webpage](#).
- You must fulfil the prerequisites set by the Faculty of Medicine and the Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science for granting a right to study:
  - The eligibility criteria and other general guidelines can be found on [the Faculty of Medicine's webpage](#).

- The grade for the major subject of the Master's degree should be at least "good" (3 on a scale of 1–5). If the final grade of the major subject is not identifiable (e.g. in international degrees), study achievements must be proved by other means. See also the [study guide of the Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science](#), prerequisites (click “show description”).

## How to apply

The right to study for a doctoral degree is applied for by completing the electronic application form in Studyinfo and submitting the required attachments (1–9, listed below). The Studyinfo application form will open on 2 March 2026 and close on 16 March 2026 at 16:00 (local time in Finland). [Follow this link to the University of Turku Graduate School website where the application forms are published.](#)

In one admission round in Studyinfo, an applicant may apply to a maximum of two study options (=doctoral programmes) in the study right admission organised concurrently with the autumn paid position call, and to only one study option in all other admission rounds.

You can only have one valid doctoral degree study right at the University of Turku at a time.

Research plan and other documents should be in English, and all attachment documents must be in PDF format. Application documents will not be returned.

Late applications will not be considered. You cannot change the study programme (doctoral programme) or modify the information provided in your application after the application deadline.

## Attachments to the application:

### 1. **Research plan**, max 5 pages ([research plan instructions](#))

The research plan should follow the guidelines for the responsible conduct of research (see [Responsible Conduct of Research \(RCR\) | Finnish National Board on Research Integrity TENK](#)). The research plans can be checked with the Turnitin OriginalityCheck plagiarism detection software. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) to assist in preparing the research plan must be clearly indicated in the plan. For guidelines on the responsible use of AI, please see [University of Turku Graduate School webpages](#).

### 2. **Progress and resource plan** ([instructions](#))

### 3. **Curriculum Vitae** of the applicant ([Please see the instructions of Finnish National Board on Research Integrity \(TENK\) for writing a CV](#))

### 4. **List of publications** of the applicant (following the [instructions of the Academy of Finland](#))

### 5. **Supervision and study plan** (fill in electronically, print and sign together with the supervisor/-s and the head of subject)

### 6. **Degree certificates and transcripts of study records**

- a) If you have completed your former degree(s) that make you eligible for doctoral studies at a higher education institution in Finland, you must attach your scanned original degree certificates, transcripts of study records, and other educational documents which may be of relevance in the selection to the electronic application form.



- b) If you have completed your former degree(s) that make you eligible for doctoral studies at a higher education institution abroad (i.e. outside of Finland), you must attach the following items to the electronic application form:
- scanned original degree certificates (in the language that the degree was completed in)
  - scanned original transcripts of study records (in the language that the degree was completed in)
  - scanned other original educational documents which may be of relevance in the student selection and that you are applying based on.

If the original degree certificates or transcripts of study records 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 and a translation made by an authorised translator. A transcript in English can be replaced by a Diploma Supplement (DS) awarded by a European educational institution, provided that it contains the information about completed courses and other study attainments.

Please make sure that all attachments are good-quality, easy to read, full colour scans or photographs of the complete required document. Attachments that do not meet these requirements may be rejected.

## **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 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.

## **8. Copy of a valid passport**

Attach a copy of your valid passport or official identification card with a 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.

## **9. When only one supervisor for doctoral training is proposed, the supervisor's justified plea for approval of only one supervisor must be attached to the application.**

[See Before applying / Doctoral training at the Faculty of Medicine > Supervision](#)

## **Evaluation of applications**

The steering committee of the doctoral programme will evaluate the applications. Applications may also be sent for external evaluation by national and/or international reviewers. Applicants may be invited to an interview by the DPNurs steering committee. The research plans attached to the applications may be checked with the Turnitin OriginalityCheck plagiarism detection software in accordance with the University of Turku's quality assurance system.

In the selection process for the Doctoral Researcher positions, emphasis is placed on the quality, feasibility and social relevance of the research plan. In addition, the applicant's merits, completed studies, capability, and motivation to complete a doctoral degree are evaluated.



When admitting the right to study for a doctoral degree, the the applicant's eligibility and the [evaluation criteria of the Doctoral Programme in Nursing Science](#) are considered in addition to the criteria listed above. A prerequisite for admission is that there is at least one person who meets the qualification requirements for supervisors has agreed to act as a supervisor. In addition, the applicant's research topic must fit in with the profile of the Doctoral Programme.

## Decisions

The Dean / Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine decides whether an applicant is granted the right to pursue a doctoral degree. The decision is based on the proposal of the Doctoral Programme's Steering Committee. All applicants will be informed of the decisions personally by 29 May 2026 at the latest.

An admitted applicant is required to notify the University of Turku of the acceptance of the offered study place by 15:00 (local time in Finland) on 15 June 2026, in accordance with the instructions provided in the admission notification. Failure to submit the notification within the specified time frame will result in forfeiture of the study place. A person admitted to more than one university or polytechnic degree programme only notifies the one educational institution at which they choose to accept the study place. Notification, i.e. accepting a study place, is binding and may not be cancelled or changed at a later date. According to Finnish university legislation, an applicant 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 regulation applies to all higher education, i.e. Bachelor's and Master's level degrees awarded by Finnish universities of applied sciences, Bachelor's and Master's 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.

Applicants who have completed their prior degree in a country other than Finland and who are granted a study right in this call must 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. Applicants who fail to deliver the required certificates by the deadline will forfeit the study right. [Link to the instructions on delivering certificates and country-specific requirements.](#)

## More information

[Link to the website of DPNurs](#)

[Link to the website of Faculty of Medicine](#)

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