CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE RIGHT TO STUDY FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, FACULTY OF MEDICINE, FINDOS-Turku DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Application period 2–20 March 2020

1. Finnish Doctoral Programme in Oral Sciences – FINDOS-Turku

FINDOS-Turku is a part of Finnish Doctoral Program in Oral Sciences (FINDOS), which is a national Doctoral training network. FINDOS represents all different fields of Oral Sciences and brings together preclinical and clinical researchers. This encourages the exchange of knowledge and ideas, and improves the possibilities for translational Dental research. FINDOS provides systematic, well-supervised and high-standard doctoral training in the field of Oral Sciences.

FINDOS-Turku doctoral candidates are privileged to participate in an excellent doctoral training programme including basic and advanced research courses in oral science, as well as transferable skills courses offered by the doctoral programme, FINDOS network and UTUGS. The goal in the doctoral programme is to achieve the doctoral degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku in a four years net time. In addition to the supervisor, the progress of the doctoral candidate is supported by a carefully selected follow-up group and the doctoral programme.


2. Application period and what can be applied for

During the application period 2 March - 20 March, 2020 the FINDOS-Turku Doctoral Programme invites applications for the right to study for a doctoral degree at the University of Turku (starting August 1, 2020)

3. Who may apply

The right to study for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku can be applied by Persons who meet the eligibility criteria for pursuing a doctoral degree, as stipulated in the Universities Act (558/2009, Section 37) as well as the eligibility criteria for the right to study for a doctoral degree at the FINDOS-Turku Doctoral Programme.

The eligibility criteria and other general guidelines (incl. language requirements) can be found on the web pages of the University of Turku Graduate School UTUGS.

The University of Turku Graduate School UTUGS: https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply


4. Applying

The right to study for a doctoral degree at the Faculty of Medicine are applied by filling in an electronic form and attaching the required additional documents into the electronic application form.

A link to the electronic application form will be published on the website of the University https://www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/how-to-apply/call-for-applications. The electronic application form opens March 2, 2020 and closes March 20, 2020 at 23:59:59 p.m.

The application form and the enclosures must be submitted by the application deadline. Those applications that have not arrived by the deadline will not be processed.

The application documents will not be returned to the sender.

For the application the applicant should prepare:

A) a summary of the research plan in English (max 1000 characters)

B) the following documents in pdf-format in English:

1. **Motivation letter (max 1 page)**
   
   Motivation letter is one page long freeform document, which includes the reasons for applying for the doctoral studies in the Finnish Doctoral Program in Oral Sciences (FINDOS-Turku), Faculty of Medicine.

2. **Curriculum Vitae of the applicant**, including the list of publication (if any) (see CV template)

3. **Research plan (max 5 pages, see guidelines and additional points)**

   By attaching the research plan to the application form the applicant gives permission for checking the research plan with Turnitin Originality Check (system for electrical plagiarism detection).

4. **Theoretical study plan** (see template)

5. **Signed supervision plan**

6. **Copies of the degree certificates and 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:
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- scanned original degree certificates
- scanned original transcripts of study records
- 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 University of Turku as instructed in the admission notification. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline set in the admission notification, he/she 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.

7. Verification of language proficiency (if needed).

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

8. When proposing three supervisors, an application and a justification for approval of a third supervisor.

The applicant must deliver all required documents by the end of the application period. Any late submissions will not be processed.

4.2 Assessment of applications

4.2.1 Assessment procedure

The FINDOS-Turku steering committee will process the applications. Applications may also be sent for evaluation to national and/or international reviewers. The research plans attached to the applications may be checked with the Turnitin OriginalityCheck plagiarism detection software in accordance with the University of Turku quality assurance system.

4.2.2 Assessment and selection criteria

In the selection the following issues are stressed: quality and feasibility of the research plan, applicant’s merits and completed studies. In addition, applicant’s capability and motivation to complete a doctoral degree are evaluated.

When admitting the right to study for a doctoral degree, the eligibility criteria of the applicant (see 3.1.) and the selection criteria of the Faculty of Medicine are considered in addition to the criteria mentioned above. A prerequisite for admission is that there is at least one person who has agreed
to act as a supervisor and who fulfills the qualification requirements for supervisors. A prerequisite for admission is that there is at least one person who has agreed to act as a supervisor and who fulfills the qualification requirements for supervisors. The supervisor should be a professor or a docent working in the faculty. In addition, the applicant’s research topic must fit in with the profile of the Doctoral Programme.

4.3 Decisions

The Dean/ Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine decides on granting the right to study for a doctoral degree based on the proposals of the steering committees of the Doctoral Programmes. All applicants will be personally informed about the decisions by 29 May 2020 at the latest.

An admitted applicant has to notify the University of Turku of his/her acceptance of the study place by 3:00 pm (GMT +3) on 15 June 2020 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, he/she forfeits the study place. A person admitted to more than one university or polytechnic degree programme only notifies the one educational institution at which he/she 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. If the admitted applicant does not deliver the required certificates by the deadline set in the admission notification, he/she 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.

5. Appeal for rectification

If an applicant is dissatisfied with the result of the student selection (right to study for a doctoral degree), he/she has the right to submit an application for the rectification of the decision to the Faculty of Medicine within 14 days of the official publishing of the results. The demand must be made in writing and must include detailed grounds for the rectification. The demand for rectification must be sent to the Faculty of Medicine and sent to the address: Outi Irjala, Faculty of Medicine, FI-20014 University of Turku, Finland or outi.irjala@utu.fi.

6. Additional information

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