

Doctoral research process in four years

University of Eastern Finland

At University of Eastern Finland, we have rolling admission for doctoral programmes

For applying for the doctoral study right, you need at least two supervisors who must provide their written consent. Include a high-quality research plan with a schedule and funding plan for your research in the application. Attach a copy of master's degree certificate and verified transcript of master's degree (follow the instructions of your doctoral programme) in the application. If your degree was awarded in a foreign language, include the officially verified English translation of documents. Also, you need to provide proof of your English or Finnish language proficiency by a document.

Please, always refer to the closer instructions for application in the doctoral programme of your field.

The application and attachments shall be submitted via studyinfo.fi.

Application process

The admission decisions are made several times a year. The Dean of Faculty makes the official admission decision, but the application is reviewed by the doctoral programme. For the process timeline, please find your doctoral programme. When the right for doctoral studies has been granted, accept the offered study right and register at the university as an attending doctoral student.

Target timeline at UEF for the fully funded doctoral research project

Doctoral researchers follow a 30 ECTS curriculum which includes transferable skills studies as well as field-specific studies.

YEAR 1:

- Complete final research plan & personal study plan & supervision plan within the first three months (mandatory).
- Start your career plan.
- Take part in orientation and other onboarding.
- (Enroll course in research ethics.)
- Collaborate with supervisors.
- Start working with data collection & analysis and apply ethical statements if needed.
- Begin to write your thesis manuscript (article(s)/ monograph).
- Take part in academic events and networking (e.g. conferences).

YEAR 2

- Continue to collaborate with your supervisors.
- Continue with data analysis.
- Continue with writing the article(s)/monograph.
- Take your mandatory and elective studies.
- Take part in academic events and networking (e.g. conferences).
- Specify your career plans.

- By the end of the second year, the main share of articles might be submitted.

YEAR 3

- Continue to collaborate with your supervisors
- Continue to write article(s) and summary/monograph
- Take your mandatory and elective studies.
- Take part in academic events and networking (e.g. conferences).
- By the end of year third, you have completed 30 ECTS credits as well as submitted the articles and completed the summary/monograph. Your dissertation is ready for the preliminary examination.

YEAR 4

- Before preliminary examination, your thesis manuscript fills the faculty requirements.
- Submitting the dissertation manuscript for preliminary examination and preparing for the public defense can take up to 6 months:
 - Plagiarism check for the manuscript
 - Proofreading/language check for the manuscript
 - Pre-examination process for the manuscript
 - Permission for the public examination of doctoral dissertation
 - Revising dissertation manuscript based on the statements of preliminary examination
 - Preparing the dissertation for publication
 - Printing and publishing the dissertation
 - Public defense and post-defense party (karonkka)
- After the public defense, apply for the doctoral degree. Give feedback and register as an alumnus. Later, take part in the doctoral conferment ceremony.

Remember the support services provided by the faculty and the Researcher Training Services (e.g., career, mobility, wellbeing).