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DOCTORAL TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

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DOCTORAL TRAINING IN FINLAND

▪ GENERAL

- Doctoral training given in universities (14 research universities)
- Typically masters degree (or equivalent) required
- ca. 20 000 doctoral candidates in Finnish universities (incl. part-time doctoral candidates)
- national aim to have 1600 new doctorates/year (1649 doctorates in 2012)
- the share of international doctoral candidates to be increased to 20% (UTU 13,1% in 2012)
- ca. 0,4 % of the population has a doctoral degree (23 066 doctorates in 2008)

▪ DOCTORAL DEGREE - research plus formal education

- Thesis: ≥ 75% of the doctoral degree is research
 - compilation dissertation (articles)
 - monograph
- Formal education (30-60 ECTS points): ca. 25% of the degree
 - practical courses, lecture courses, workshops, seminars, symposia
 - transferable skills

aim to complete
the degree in four
years when
working full time



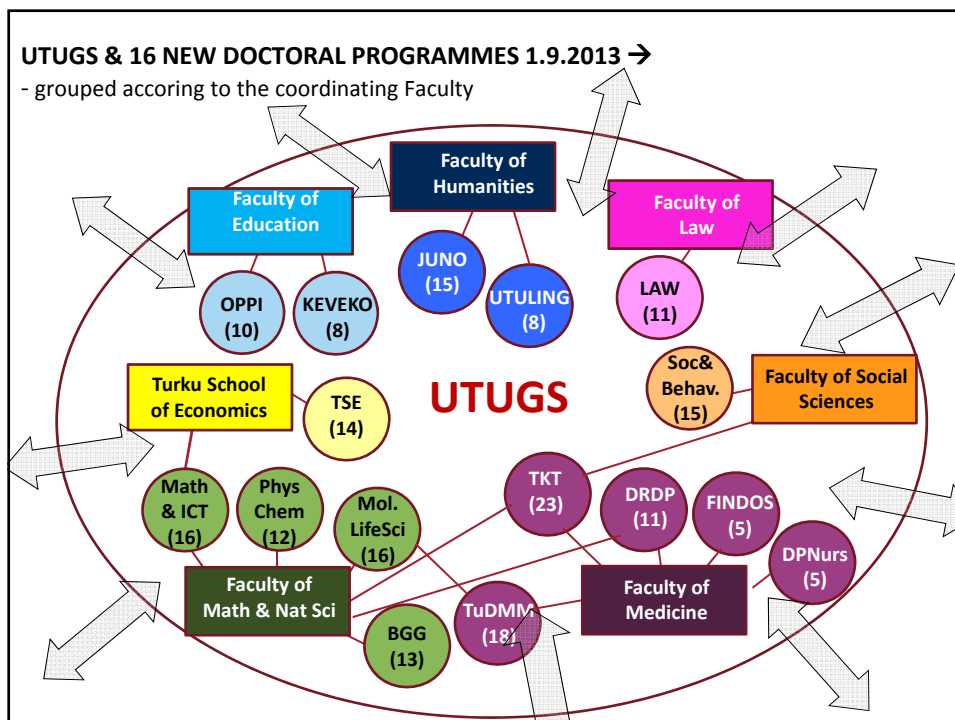
UNIVERSITY OF TURKU GRADUATE SCHOOL - UTUGS

GENERAL

- Established 1st of August, 2011
- Consists of 16 doctoral programmes which cover all disciplines and doctoral candidates of the University of Turku
 - 1800 doctoral candidates in 2012 (incl. part-time doctoral candidates)
 - 182 doctoral degrees in 2012
- Director professor Pirjo Nuutila, coordinator docent Eeva Sievi
- UTUGS actions developed and the quality of the operations monitored by the UTUGS Board and by the working groups focusing on:
 - training
 - quality assurance
 } Board and the working groups
 } nominated by the Rector

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- to promote systematic, efficient and high quality doctoral training and supervision
- to support completion of the doctoral degree in four years (net time)
- to train highly qualified experts with the skills required for the academic research career and other positions of expertise





MAIN GOALS OF THE STRUCTURAL REFORM OF DOCTORAL TRAINING AT UTU

- **Reform due to national recommendations and major changes in the funding of doctoral training (MoEC & AF)**
- **Systematic and structured doctoral training in four years net time**
 - all doctoral candidates and disciplines
 - quality and feasibility of the research plans/projects
 - supervision, follow-up of progress
 - versatile and wide supply of high-quality courses
 - focus on quality not quantity
- **Promotion of multidisciplinary, internationalization and national networking**
 - doctoral programme networks
 - joint doctoral programmes
 - joint/double degrees
 - **Cotutelle agreements**
- **to train highly qualified experts with the skills required for both the academic research career and other positions of expertise**
- Efficient, no overlapping activities, synergy of operations
- Community, collaboration, efficient flow of information



COTUTELLE AGREEMENT – PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Agreement on joint supervision based on rules and regulations of two universities
- Individual agreements for each doctoral candidate
- the doctoral degree is pursued at the 2 universities with a supervisor from each university
- End product: 1 thesis, 2 degrees (one from each university)
- Included in the agreement eg.
 - Distribution of work
 - Financial responsibilities
 - Coursework requirements
 - Contents and assessment of the thesis
 - Awarding the degree
 - IPR and publication rights



EXAMPLES OF UTUGS ACTIVITIES

1. FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES, eg.

- **Examples of UTUGS courses on transferable skills (most courses in English)** – course calendar for Fall 2013 at www.utu.fi/fi/Tutkimus/tutkijakoulu/courses/
 - Academic Presentation Skills
 - Academic Writing
 - Philosophy of Science
 - Research Ethics
 - Pedagogics
 - Copyrights and Industrial Property Rights
 - Popularization of Science
- In addition, activities such as:
 - UTU grant for completing a doctoral degree
 - 1st article language checking service

Substance-specific formal training provided by the doctoral programmes

2. COLLABORATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- **UTUGS:** regular meetings with the representatives of Universities' Graduate Schools
- **Doctoral programmes:** most of the current doctoral programmes are national networks

3. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **UTUGS:** participation in international networks (eg. Coimbra Group Universities, ENRC, SGHRM/WG2)
- **Doctoral programmes:** International doctoral training networks, Recruitment of international doctoral candidates, Mobility of doctoral candidates



UTUGS BUDGET

- **In 2014**
 - Total of 200 University-funded (salary) doctoral training positions for 1-4 years
 - Coordination of Doctoral Programmes
 - Operational funding (courses, networking etc.) for UTUGS Doctoral Programmes
 - UTUGS Transferable Skills training
 - UTU Grant for completing a doctoral degree



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DOCTORAL TRAINING POSITIONS AT UTU CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2 September - 30 September, 2013

- 1) University-funded doctoral training positions
 - o 100 positions available for 1-4 years
- 2) The right to pursue a doctoral degree at UTU

The Doctoral Programme-specific Call for Applications documents at UTUGS web page

- UTU web page (www.utu.fi/en/)
- UTUGS icon



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THANK YOU!

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.utu.fi/en/research/utugs/

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