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Founded in 1640, the University of Helsinki (UH) is one of the best multidisciplinary research universities in the world. The UH has an internationally diverse academic community of 40,000 students and staff members. It operates on four campuses in Helsinki and at 9 other locations nationally. The high-quality research carried out by the University creates new knowledge for educating diverse specialists in various fields and for utilization in social decision-making and the business sector.

In the University of Helsinki doctoral training is organized into four doctoral schools and 32 doctoral programmes (<https://university.helsinki.fi/en/research/doctoral-education/doctoral-schools-and-programmes>) that cover all disciplines and doctoral candidates of the University.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN DRUG RESEARCH IS SEEKING OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS FOR FUNDED DOCTORAL CANDIDATE POSITIONS STARTING IN 2017

The Doctoral Programme in Drug Research (DPDR) within the Doctoral School in Health Sciences (DSHealth) is hosted by the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Helsinki. DPDR covers diverse areas in drug research, such as drug design and synthesis, bioactivity screening, drug formulation, industrial manufacturing, pharmaceutical microbiology, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, analytics, drug interactions, pharmacogenetics, pharmacology and clinical pharmacology, clinical drug research, pharmacoepidemiology, clinical pharmacy, pharmacoconomics, toxicology and clinical toxicology and veterinary drug research. Besides the Faculty of Pharmacy, funded doctoral candidate positions can be allocated to doctoral candidates performing drug or toxicology research in other units of the University of Helsinki. The goal is to achieve the doctoral degree (Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy [Pharm], Doctor of Medical Science, Doctor of Dental Science, or Doctor in Veterinary Medicine) at the University of Helsinki within a four-year net time period. The duties of a doctoral candidate are to work on his or her own doctoral thesis and to complete his or her postgraduate studies. The duties can include also teaching and other tasks up to 5 % of the annual working time.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN DRUG RESEARCH INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR UH-FUNDED DOCTORAL CANDIDATE POSITIONS STARTING IN 2017:

Target group: all applicants working or planning to work in the field of drug and/or toxicology research

Duration: 1-4 years of full time research (*clinicians 6-48 months). The length of the employment contract is determined by the stage of the applicant's doctoral thesis.

**Exception:* Doctoral candidates pursuing specialist degrees in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine can apply for half of a UH-funded position (6 months/year). These applicants are expected to commit to full time (100%) doctoral training for a six month period per year and to specialist clinical training for the remaining six months of the same calendar year.

Eligibility: The applicant should have completed a Master's or Master's (Pharm) degree or Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary medicine licentiate degree in a relevant field. Selected applicants should have the right to pursue a doctoral degree from the Faculties of Pharmacy, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Science, University of Helsinki by the end of 2016. Knowledge of either domestic language (Finnish or Swedish) and/or English is mandatory. The communication language of the Doctoral Programme in Drug Research is English.

Employment: The employment contract will be arranged with the University of Helsinki. The salary for the UH-funded doctoral candidate positions is on levels 2-4 of the demands level chart for teaching and research personnel in the salary system of Finnish universities. In addition, the appointees will be paid a salary component based on personal work performance. The total salary is EUR 2065–3022 per month, depending on the appointee's qualifications and experience. The appointment starts with a probationary period of four months.

Application and selection process

Application (September 2016)

- The call is open from September 1-30, 2016 at 16.00 (EEST).
- Candidates are invited to apply online at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/70967/lomake.html>
- Application instructions are available at <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/reenila/application-to-drdp/>.

All applications must be submitted online. A complete application includes:

The 'Application for University-Funded Doctoral Candidate Positions in the Doctoral Programmes of the Doctoral School in Health Sciences, University of Helsinki' (<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/70967/lomake.html>) application e-form completed by the doctoral candidate by September 30, 2016 at 16.00 (EEST).

and

The 'Confirmation of Supervision' e-form (<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/70984/lomake.html>) completed by the supervisor by October 2, 2016.

Selection Process (October 2016)

All eligible applications will be evaluated by DPDR Board members. The applicants are ranked based on

- Candidates:

- Clarity of the project, e.g. clear and well-planned project
- Originality and significance of the proposed research, e.g. potential for new knowledge and feasibility of the proposed project, e.g. sufficient abilities and knowledge to carry out the project in the time planned, methodology, resources, academic support
- Academic qualifications, academic track record, credits, publications, references
- Other factors such as prior activities, work abroad

– The relevance of the application to the DPDR doctoral training profile

- Principles regarding evaluation of the applications:

- Code of conduct; a proper and fair process, impartiality
- Confidentiality; any information of applications
- Conflict of interest; any disqualifying conflict of interest with any application

Decisions (November 2016)

The DPDR Board proposes to the corresponding Faculties which applicants should receive the UH funded positions. All applicants will be informed of the selection by e-mail and the decision will be published on the Doctoral Programme in Drug Research webpage.

For further information about:

- Doctoral Programme in Drug Research, please visit <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/reenila/application-to-drpd/> or contact Ilkka Reenilä, Coordinator (ilkka.reenila [at] helsinki.fi).
 - DSHealth, please visit <http://www.helsinki.fi/health/> or contact Eeva Sievi, Coordinator (eeva.sievi [at] helsinki.fi).
 - University of Helsinki International Staff Services, please visit www.helsinki.fi/intstaff/.
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