

Doctoral Programme Committee

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The Doctoral Programme Committee comprises a Chair and 4 – 6 professorial members merited in doctoral education and representing the central fields of research of the school. One of the professorial members may be from another school within Aalto University. In addition, the Committee has a doctoral candidate member representing the fields of research of the school. The Committee elects a Vice Chair from among its members. The Committee may have deputy members.

The term of the Doctoral Programme Committee is three calendar years.

The Doctoral Programme Committee shall:

1. develop the content of the doctoral programmes and the joint studies offered by the school;
2. put forth proposals to the school academic committee on the fields of research in doctoral programmes;
3. prepare proposals for the dean on admission of doctoral candidates;
4. appoint the preliminary examiners of dissertations and decide on the permission for public defence of dissertation;
5. appoint the opponents for doctoral dissertations;
6. evaluate the dissertations;
7. appoint the examiners of licentiate theses;
8. evaluate licentiate theses; and
9. perform other duties assigned to it by the dean or in the degree regulations.

In addition, the Doctoral Programme Committee shall, unless it has assigned the Chair to decide on any of the matters:

1. appoint a supervising professor and advisor(s) for the doctoral candidates;
2. decide on the degree language of the doctoral candidate and on the topic and language of the licentiate or doctoral degree;
3. confirm the study plans of doctoral candidates;
4. decide on the time and language of the of public examination of the doctoral dissertation and appoint the custos for it.

The Doctoral Programme Committee assigned the following matters to the Chair of the Doctoral Programme Committee from 1.8.2018 onwards:

1. appointing a new supervising professor or thesis advisor, after the start of the doctoral studies, but before the pre-examination begins;
2. deciding on the degree language of the doctoral candidate and on the topic and language of the licentiate or doctoral thesis, if the change is done after the start of the doctoral studies, but before the pre-examination begins;
3. confirming the study plans of doctoral candidates; however if, for example, the decision of an individual study plan requires wider discussion, the Chair can reassign the matter to the Doctoral Programme Committee.
4. deciding on the time and language of the public examination of the doctoral dissertation and appointing the custos, if these have not been decided at the same time as the opponent or if they change; and
5. confirming the full-time / part-time status of the doctoral candidate, if it changes after the start of the doctoral studies.

Members of the Doctoral Programme Committee 1.1.2017 - 31.12.2019

[Meeting schedule of the Doctoral Programme Committee](#)

Member	Department
Professor Tapio Lokki, Chair	Department of Computer Science
Professor Jussi Rintanen (from 26.2.2019)	Department of Computer Science
Professor Adam Foster	Department of Applied Physics
Professor Alexander Engström, Vice Chair	Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis
Professor Iiro Jääskeläinen (from 1.8.2019)	Department of Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering
Professor Riitta Smeds	Department of Industrial Engineering and Management
Doctoral candidate Alex Kariila (from 1.8.2018)	Represents doctoral candidates at all departments
Deputy member	Department
Professor Jan Holmström	Department of Industrial Engineering and Management
Professor Mathias Groth	Department of Applied Physics

Doctoral candidate Olli Halminen (from 1.8.2018) Represents doctoral candidates at all departments

Secretary of the Doctoral Programme Committee: [Study Coordinator Katri Seitsonen](#)