Incentive scholarships

Aalto University awards incentive scholarships to doctoral candidates according to the following principles. The scholarship system will be continued until the end of year 2021 according to the current principles.

Applying for the scholarship

The School of Electrical Engineering shall award scholarships based on the application made by the doctoral candidate. The application has to be submitted within six months from when the scholarship criteria were met. Scholarships are not granted retrospectively. Your application as well as the details of your studies and degrees will be checked and certified as true in the student services of the doctoral programme.

Decisions on scholarships are usually made once a month. Students are informed of the decision via the online application system and the sum awarded will be paid into the bank account the applicant has indicated on the application form within one month.

The time spent on maternity and parental leave as well as national military or non-military service completed (documents required) may be excluded from the calculated duration of study. However, if the scholarship is age related no deduction is granted.

Application form

All scholarships are applied for via online application system.

Application form and instructions

Criteria for awarding scholarships for doctoral students

500 euro scholarship for the first refereed article

for the first refereed (i.e. peer-reviewed) article included in the doctoral thesis published in an international publication forum. The student must be one of the main authors in the publication.

The publication may not be older than six months when scholarship is applied for.

Definition of criteria for first refereed article scholarship

The EUR 500 scholarship shall be granted for the first scientific research article that has been published in a publication forum specified by the school and is part of the candidate’s doctoral thesis. The applicant must be one of the article’s main authors. Based on the President’s decision, the doctoral programme committee has verified the following definition of criteria for the EUR 500 research article scholarship.

1) The supervising professor must confirm that the doctoral candidate is one of the article’s main authors.
2) The supervising professor must confirm that the article is part of the doctoral candidate’s doctoral thesis.
3) The article must be published in a forum that has been rated in category 2 or 3 in the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies’ Publication Forum
4) The published article or a link to the electronic publication must be attached to the application.

500 euro scholarship for completing theoretical studies

to doctoral student, who has, within one year and six months of the date of admission to pursue doctoral studies, completed the theoretical studies (40 credits) in accordance with his/her individual study plan confirmed by the Doctoral Programme Committee/Chair of the committee. Information on confirmation of studies is available on page Study plan.

2,000 euro scholarship for completing the doctoral degree

for completing the doctoral degree, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled: The theoretical studies were completed according to the confirmed study plan and the pre-examiners were appointed (the date of the Doctoral Programme Committee meeting) in no more than eight full semesters from the date the study right was granted. The pre-examiners need to be appointed at the latest during the eighth full semester.

or

for completing the doctoral degree, provided the degree was earned by the end of the calendar year the doctoral candidate turns 30.

The time spent on maternity and parental leave as well as national military or non-military service completed (documents required) may be excluded from the calculated duration of study. However, if the scholarship is age related no deduction is granted.

Taxation
Mainly incentive scholarships are considered tax-free. However, the scholarship receiver needs to give a TIN code (Taxpayer Identification Number), which is a personal combination of letters or numbers issued by the country of residence of the person used to identify the person involved in the tax procedure in that country. The code is called in different countries under different names, for example, a personal identification number or a civil identity or fiscal number. In Finland, the social security number is a TIN-code.

The TIN code is needed if you are subject to taxation at source. In case you have both a Finnish ID code and a TIN code, please provide both. You can find more information of the TIN code on https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tin/tinByCountry.html (EU countries) or https://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/ (non-EU countries). If you do not have the system of TIN code in the country of your residence, please note that to the form as “no TIN code”.

These scholarships are granted retrospectively. Condition for tax-free scholarship is that it is granted for recognition of scientific, artistic or non-profit activity retrospectively (TVL 82 § subsection 1, section 2).

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