Incentive scholarships

Aalto University awards incentive scholarships to doctoral students according to the following principles. According to the decision of the President on 15 December 2016, the scholarship system will be continued until the end of year 2021 according to the current principles.

500 euro scholarship for the first refereed article

is paid to the doctoral student for the first refereed (i.e. peer-reviewed) article included in the doctoral thesis published in an international publication forum (please notice that arXiv doesn’t have a peer-review process). The doctoral 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.

Please note: you need to include the DOI address of the article in the application form.

The application has to be submitted within six months of the fulfillment of the scholarship criteria.

500 euro scholarship for completing theoretical studies

is paid 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 confirmed study plan approved for the postgraduate degree by the Doctoral Programme Committee. If your studies have not been confirmed yet, information and application form are available on page "Study plan". Please note that the application for incentive scholarship is processed only after the studies have been confirmed.

The application has to be submitted within six months of the fulfillment of the scholarship criteria.

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 student turns 30.

The application has to be submitted within six months of the fulfillment of the scholarship criteria.

Please note: The 2,000 euro scholarship can be granted only after the doctoral degree has been awarded. You can apply for the scholarship at the time of the graduation.

Granting the scholarships

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.

The scholarships will be awarded according to the above-mentioned criteria for doctoral students who have met the conditions for receiving a scholarship during 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2021.

The School of Science shall award scholarships based on the application made by the doctoral student. The application has to be submitted within six months of the fulfillment of the scholarship criteria.

Applying for the scholarship

The School of Science 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.

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Application form
All scholarships are applied for via online application system.

**Online application form and instructions**

Before applying, please check that you have acquired the required appendices:

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<td>Confirmation from your supervising professor about the article, see definition of criteria above (possibility of attaching document will be added to the online system later, in the meanwhile, please ask your supervising professor to send the confirmation via e-mail to the coordinator of the doctoral programme)</td>
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The application and 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 done on the day of the [Dean's decisions](#) once a month. The doctoral student will be 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 a month from the date of the decision. Note: The bank account number must be in IBAN-form and also the BIC-code is needed!