Incentive scholarships

The new incentive scholarship principles for 2022-2025 are available. The new principles are used in cases in which the scholarship criteria were met after 1.1.2022.

If the criteria were met by 31.12.2021, we follow the decision of the President on 15 December 2016. Please note that the application has to be submitted within six months from when the scholarship criteria were met. Scholarship applications based on the criteria of the old principles and submitted after 30.6.2022 will not be processed.

Criteria for awarding scholarships for doctoral students 2022-2025

500 euro scholarship for the first (1st) refereed article included in the doctoral thesis

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. One student cannot get more than two 500 euro scholarships from Aalto incentive scholarship scheme.

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

500 euro scholarship for the second (2nd) refereed article included in the doctoral thesis

is paid to the doctoral student for the second 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. One student cannot get more than two 500 euro scholarships from Aalto incentive scholarship scheme. (If the student has already received a 500 euro scholarship for completing theoretical studies, only one 500 euro scholarship can be received from articles included in the doctoral thesis.)

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 (based on the date when pre-examiners were appointed)

for completing the doctoral degree, provided the following conditions are met within four years of being admitted to doctoral programme: The doctoral student has completed the studies in accordance with his/her doctoral personal study plan approved for the doctoral degree and the Doctoral Programme Committee has appointed the preliminary examiners for the doctoral thesis manuscript. The pre-examiners need to be appointed at the latest on the same date when the applicant was admitted four years before.

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.

The scholarship can be granted only after the doctoral degree has been awarded. Please note that you need to apply for this scholarship within six months from your graduation date.

Criteria for awarding scholarships for doctoral students 2018-2021 (if the criteria were met by 31.12.2021, applicable latest 30.6.2022)

Please note that the application has to be submitted within six months from when the scholarship criteria were met.

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 (until 31 December 2021)

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 (last required course must be registered latest 31 December 2021). 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 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.

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.

Online application form and instructions

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

| 500€ first refereed published article included in the doctoral thesis (publication forum 1-3) and 500€ second refereed published article included in the doctoral thesis (publication forum 1-3) | 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) |
| 500€ doctoral studies completed within 18 months/40 credits or 24 months/60 credits (ARTS only) (attach a grouped transcript of study records) (until 31.12.2021) | Transcript of records (from SISU) |
| 2000 € Completed degree | Transcript of records (from SISU) |
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!