



### Doctoral education pilot projects 2024

Call 2024

Panel/Name of reviewer:

Application number:

Name of applicant:

Title of proposed project:

#### How to review the applications

Between 2024 and 2027, the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture will fund a pilot programme to test new practices in doctoral education in Finland. The objectives of the programme are to 1) increase the number of PhDs in Finland, taking into account the supply of new knowledge, 2) test a more flexible process and content for doctoral education, 3) increase the mobility of doctoral researchers between universities, companies, research institutes and other organisations and encourage new PhDs to pursue diverse research careers, 4) provide information on doctoral training processes and collect data on the possible need for regulation of third-cycle studies, 5) develop guidance practices and the integration of scientific and artistic postgraduate studies with previous studies (incl. the possibility to complete a master's degree during doctoral studies), and 6) increase the employment of PhDs in a wide range of sectors in society.

**Provide a written review for section 1 (Implementation), section 2 (Collaboration) and section 3 (Societal Impact). Write evaluative comments rather than descriptive ones.**

**Use a rating scale ranging from 6 (outstanding) to 1 (insufficient).** The consistency between the numerical rating and the written comments is particularly important.

Rating scale	Description
6 (outstanding)	The action plan includes viable, significant and very concrete research and educational measures that clearly promote doctoral education within the research field and contribute significantly to reforming doctoral education in Finland.
5 (excellent)	The action plan includes viable, significant and very concrete research and educational measures that promote doctoral education within the research field and contribute to reforming doctoral education in Finland.
4 (good)	The action plan includes viable and concrete research and educational measures. The proposed doctoral education measures should be more extensive to reach the target and contribute to reforming doctoral education in Finland.



3 (fair)	The action plan includes moderate doctoral education measures. For instance, the action plan measures should be more extensive or viable.
2 (poor)	The action plan is not viable in its present form.
1 (insufficient)	The action plan is out of scope.

## 1 Implementation

**1.1 Feasibility and plausibility of the action plan regarding measures, schedule, resources, follow-up of implementation and risk management, including aspects of responsible science (e.g. human resources, equality, nondiscrimination)**

**1.2 To what extent the action plan benefits from the high-quality scientific basis of the Finnish Flagship/the research field**

**1.3 To what extent the action plan supports doctoral education in the research field**

## 2 collaboration

**2.1 How viable are the arrangements for collaboration with other universities and organisations participating in the pilot (e.g. complementarity, research-related added value, infrastructures and data sharing)?**

**2.2 How feasible are the plans to promote working-life connections during doctoral education?**

## 3 Societal impact

**3.1 What is the potential significance of this proposal with regard to reforming doctoral education in Finland?**

## 4 Overall assessment

**4.1. Main strengths and weaknesses**

**4.2 Other remarks (if any)**



5 Overall rating	Rating (1-6)
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**Ranking based on panel discussion (the ranking is made during the panel meeting)**

