

## ÅAU research grants 2021

### Evaluation process and criteria

- The applications are evaluated for each faculty by the professor members in the Board of the Graduate School at Åbo Akademi University. The specific scholarship fund applications are evaluated according to how the grants are awarded (professor members at the Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology evaluate Donner, Polin, Eriksson; professor members at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics evaluate Jacobsson, Klingendahl). The evaluator does not assess any applicant which he/she supervises or any projects in which he/she is involved.
  - Apart from the above-described process, separate external experts will evaluate the Donner and Polin applications.
- The research plan is evaluated according to the following criteria: academic quality (scale 1-6) and feasibility (within the allotted time) (scale 0-2)
- Academic quality
  - 1 = Poor: Very few strengths and several major weaknesses
  - 2 = Fair: Some strengths, but at least one major weakness or a number of minor weaknesses.
  - 3 = Good: Some strengths and some weaknesses
  - 4 = Very good: Strong plan with minor weaknesses
  - 5 = Excellent: Very strong plan with negligible weaknesses
  - 6 = Outstanding: Exceptionally strong plan with negligible weaknesses
- Feasibility (within the allotted time)
  - 0 = Not feasible
  - 1 = Partially feasible
  - 2 = Feasible
- If the research plan is evaluated as *Not feasible*, the academic quality will be evaluated as 0. If the research plan is evaluated as *Partially feasible* or *Feasible*, the academic quality will be evaluated on the scale 1-6.



**Additional criteria that will affect the final decision for the doctoral research grants:**

- Progression (doctoral candidate advances in studies according to a time schedule which will allow graduation in 4 years)
- Previous funding will be taken into account before the final order of preference (general principle: doctoral candidates can get a total funding of max 48 months for a doctoral degree)

**Decision process**

- The evaluators grade each application individually, without discussing the grades with other evaluators. The grades are sent to Research Services, where an overall average will be calculated for each applicant. Based on the overall average grades, a list with an order of preference will be sent to the evaluators, who then will make a proposal for the awarding of the research grants per faculty.
- Decision regarding the Runar Eriksson grant will be made by the Board of the Graduate School on November 2, 2020.
- The Donner, Polin, Jacobsson and Klingendahl research grants will be discussed in the Donner, Polin and FSE grant committee respectively. Each committee makes a proposal that has to be approved by the Board of the Åbo Akademi University Foundation.
- The Board of the ÅAU Foundation meets on November 10, 2020, after which the result for all the research grants 2021 will be sent out to all applicants as soon as the decision has been made available to the ÅAU Research Services.