The University of Helsinki - among the best in the world

Founded in 1640, the University of Helsinki (UH) is one of the best multidisciplinary research universities in the world. The UH has an internationally diverse academic community of 40,000 students and staff members. It operates on four campuses in Helsinki and at 9 other locations nationally. The high-quality research carried out by the University creates new knowledge for educating diverse specialists in various fields and for utilization in social decision-making and the business sector.

In the University of Helsinki doctoral training is organized into four doctoral schools and 32 doctoral programmes (https://university.helsinki.fi/en/research/doctoral-education/doctoral-schools-and-programmes) that cover all disciplines and doctoral candidates of the University.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN CLINICAL VETERINARY MEDICINE IS SEEKING OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS FOR FUNDED DOCTORAL CANDIDATE POSITIONS STARTING IN 2017

The Doctoral Programme in Clinical Veterinary Medicine (CVM) within the Doctoral School in Health Sciences (DSHealth) is hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Helsinki. CVM is an internationally competitive doctoral program which educates doctors in veterinary medicine and philosophy. The research areas of the doctoral programme are clinical and translational veterinary medicine as well as animal health and welfare. Animal protection, supervision of animal protection, and research of environmental health are also included in the research focus of the doctoral programme. The goal is to achieve the doctoral degree (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or Doctor of Philosophy) at the University of Helsinki within a four-year net time period. The duties of a doctoral candidate are to work on his or her own doctoral thesis and to complete his or her postgraduate studies. The duties can include also teaching and other tasks up to 5% of the annual working time.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN CLINICAL VETERINARY MEDICINE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR UH-FUNDED DOCTORAL CANDIDATE POSITIONS STARTING IN 2017

Target group: all applicants working in the field of clinical, translational veterinary medicine and/or animal health and welfare

Duration: 1-4 years of full time research (*clinicians 6-48 months). The length of the employment contract is determined by the stage of the applicant’s doctoral thesis.

*Exception: Doctoral candidates pursuing specialist degrees in veterinary medicine can apply for half of a UH-funded position (6 months/year). These applicants are expected to commit to full time (100%) doctoral training for a six month period
and to specialist clinical training for the remaining six months of the same calendar year.

**Eligibility:** The applicant should have completed a Master’s degree or Veterinary medicine licentiate degree in a relevant field. Selected applicants must have the right to pursue a doctoral degree at the Faculties of Veterinary Medicine or Agriculture and Forestry, University of Helsinki by the end of 2016. Knowledge of either domestic language (Finnish or Swedish) and/or English is mandatory. The communication language of the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Veterinary Medicine is English.

**Employment:** The employment contract will be arranged with the University of Helsinki. The salary for the UH-funded doctoral candidate positions is on levels 2-4 of the demands level chart for teaching and research personnel in the salary system of Finnish universities. In addition, the appointees will be paid a salary component based on personal work performance. The total salary is EUR 2065–3022 per month, depending on the appointee’s qualifications and experience. The appointment starts with a probationary period of four months.

**Application and selection process**

**Application (September 2016)**
- The call is open from September 1-30, 2016 at 16.00 (EEST).
- Candidates are invited to apply online at https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/70967/lomake.html
- Application instructions are available at http://blogs.helsinki.fi/aniwel-graduate-school/application/.

All applications must be submitted online. A complete application includes:


and

The ‘Confirmation of Supervision’ e-form (https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/70984/lomake.html) completed by the supervisor by October 2, 2016.
Selection Process (October 2016)

All eligible applications will be evaluated by three external evaluators representing different fields in clinical veterinary medicine.

The external reviewers use the following criteria (1.-6.) for evaluation and applicants are ranked by division of all the applicants into 4 equal large priority groups according to their merits. The groups represent best quarter, second best quarter, third quarter and fourth quarter of applications.

1. Scientific input and significance to CVM research area
   - innovativeness
   - consistence of the literature review
   - methods and materials
   - societal relevance

2. Practical implementation of the research plan
   - time schedule and funding, are they realistic?
   - Is professional specialisation included in study plans in veterinary medicine?

3. Competence of the applicant
   - education of the applicant
   - publications

4. Applicant’s commitment and experience in research
   - has the applicant previous experience as research assistant or research scientist

5. Research group and research environment
   - research activity of the research group
   - competence of supervisors
   - Is the research environment adequate to the study plan to be carried out?

6. International research network
   - international supervisors and/or other international contacts

The board members of CVM doctoral programme will do the scientific evaluation of the applications. When preparing the final decision, the board may also use other criteria to help the decision making process. The applicant can get feedback from his/her application by request.

CVM Board will consider:
• Is the subject within the research strategy of CVM?
• General impression of the application
  o strengths and weaknesses
  o other remarks

CVM Board will note confidentiality and conflicts of interest.

Decisions (expected by the end of November 2016)

CVM Board proposes to the corresponding Faculties the applicants to receive the UH funded positions. All applicants will be informed of the selection by e-mail and the decision will be published on the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Veterinary Medicine webpage.

For further information about:
  • Doctoral Programme in Clinical Veterinary Medicine, please visit http://blogs.helsinki.fi/aniwel-graduate-school/application/or contact Ilkka Reenilä, Coordinator (ilkka.reenila [at] helsinki.fi).
  • DSHealth, please visit http://www.helsinki.fi/health/ or contact Eeva Sievi, Coordinator (eeva.sievi [at] helsinki.fi).
  • University of Helsinki International Staff Services, please visit www.helsinki.fi/intstaff/.

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