



# DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN DRUG RESEARCH (DPDR)

DPDR, Doctoral programme in the Doctoral School in Health Sciences (DSHS)

Dear Doctoral candidate,

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Welcome to the Doctoral Programme in Drug Research (DPDR) in the Doctoral School in Health Sciences (DSHealth, <http://www.helsinki.fi/health/>).

The aim of DPDR is to train experts having wide view of drugs and toxicology. DPDR has approximately 130 Doctoral students and about 15 doctoral theses are published annually.

Research, national and international scientific education in DPDR covers the life cycle of the medicines and toxicology. Suitable scientific training courses are presented in DPDR web site (<http://blogs.helsinki.fi/reenila/>). Mobility (work, courses and congresses outside home unit) of the Doctoral candidates is supported by travel grants.



In addition to Faculty of Pharmacy (host faculty), other faculties and institutes in the University of Helsinki and outside organisations are part of the DPDR network. DPDR works as core unit in the national FinPharmaNet (earlier FinPharma Doctoral Program, FPDP) network (<http://finpharmanet.fi/>).

Updated information of DPDR can be found in web site. Most of the doctoral training related information and announcement in drug research and toxicology are e-mailed by DPDR-candidates @ helsinki.fi mail list for doctoral candidates. To join the list contact Coordinator Ilkka Reenilä ([ilkka.reenila@helsinki.fi](mailto:ilkka.reenila@helsinki.fi)).

Besides DPDR courses, participation of doctoral candidates and supervisors to annual meeting of FinPharmaNet is recommended. In addition, transferable skills courses are provided by, for example, DSHealth. Doctoral candidate colleagues in health sciences meet in Student council's and DSHealth's events.

Doctoral candidate has a group consisting of supervisor(s) and external specialist(s) who guide and support candidate until the doctoral degree. Follow-up group /thesis committee meetings are organized annually to verify previous year's progress. Career planning and networking are important already in the beginning of thesis work since majority of the doctors are employed outside University. Familiarise yourself to the guidelines.



Welcome to the fascinating research world of medicines and toxicology!

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