**Application for fixed-term doctoral student positions at Tampere University, MET**

Last name

First name

e-mail address

Basic degree and time of completion (month/year)

Grading of the MSc (or equivalent) thesis

Month/Year when doctoral thesis registered at the faculty

Field of study

Tentative title of doctoral thesis

Supervisor(s)

Thesis Committee Members

Fraction of thesis work completed (%)

Expected time (month/year) of dissertation

Current source of funding

I am applying funding for      months of which     months for 2023 and     months 2024.

Main employer if not Tampere University:

How does the applied funding help you in completing / progressing with your thesis work?

List of your published articles that will be included in your doctoral thesis (Authors, title of the article, journal, volume, year):

**1 Cover letter (max 1 page)**

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Description of your background and how that enables you to address your proposed research. Why do you want to complete your thesis in this research environment and how does the environment support your thesis and future career plans?

What are the supervision arrangements and how those support your thesis project?

**2 Research plan (max total length 3 pages inclucing subheadings 2.1-2.5)**

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Purpose of the research plan is to convince a researcher, who is generally knowledgeable but not an expert in your specific area that your research project is well planned and realistic to complete with available resources and that you are the right person to implement it.

**2.1 Summary (max 20 lines)**

In layman terms, what is the problem that you are going to solve in your thesis and why is this important (for the society)? What are the novel aspects of your work in relation to prior work in the field and what are the key methods you plan to use?

**2.2 Background (max 1 page)**

Describe state of the art in your field of research. What are the open questions and what is known? Mention the possible prior work in research environment that your project builds on.

**2.3 Aims (max ½ page)**

Itemized list of the aims or research questions of your thesis and possible hypothesis that they address.

**2.4 Material and methods (max 1 page)**

Describe the key materials and methods you plan to use and how these enable you to address your research questions. Focus on novel aspects in your approach. E.g. are there new methods that you plan to establish and what are the novel aspects of your research setting.

**2.5 Implementation (max ¾ page)**

Implementation timetable of your research work with break down of Aims into tasks. Present this in the form of a gantt chart reflecting the complete timeline of your PhD project (i.e. typically four years or whatever is the planned and currently realized duration). Publication plan including the status of each publication and its link to the thesis aims.

Describe support from research environment and collaborations. Mention planned research visits.

**3 Study plan (½ page)**

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List of theoretical studies included in the PhD with timetable for completion

**4 Key references**

List the used references (max. 10)