

Career follow-up 2017 for doctoral graduates

Answer the questions by selecting the number of the most suitable option or by writing your answer down to the space reserved for it.

YOUR JOB MARKET SITUATION

1. Which of the next options best describes your situation before and after completing your doctorate?

Enter the number of the most suitable option into the A, B and C columns.

A 6 months before completing your doctorate	B 6 months after completing your doctorate	C Currently

Options:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Regular full-time job 2 Fixed-term full-time job 3 Regular part-time job 4 Fixed-term part-time job 5 Independent entrepreneur, self-employed or freelancer 6 Scholarship researcher or scholarship artist 7 Subsidised employee or practical work training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Unemployed job seeker 9 Labour market training or similar 10 Full-time student (studies leading to a degree or a grade) 11 On family leave (from work) 12 On family leave (no employment relationship) 13 Other, what? |
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2. Have you been an unemployed job seeker after completing your doctorate?

- 1 I have not been unemployed
- 2 Yes, in total _____ years _____ months

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND ITS TYPE

Answer the following questions based on your current main job.

- **If you are on family leave, for example**, please base your answers on the place of employment from which you are on leave.
- **If you are an entrepreneur, self-employed, a freelancer or work on a scholarship**, please answer to questions as they apply to you.
- **If you are not currently employed or you were not employed when you started your family leave, for example**, please move on to question 13.

3. Where is your place of employment/company located (municipality)?

If you are working abroad, please enter the country instead of the municipality.

4. Who is your main employer?

Choose one option

- 1 Private company or a public company, 1–249 employees
- 2 Private company or a public company, at least 250 employees
- 3 Government, government public enterprise
- 4 University
- 5 Municipality, municipal federation, municipal public enterprise
- 6 University of applied science
- 7 Organisation, a foundation, a congregation or a similar, independent institute or public administration community (such as Finnish Centre for Pensions, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health)
- 8 Your own company (or I am self-employed/a freelancer)
- 9 Other, what? _____

5. What is the name of your main employer?

The names of the employers are only used in the career guidance of doctoral students as examples of the field's employers. Employer data will not be linked to the respondents' personal data at any stage.

6. What is your professional/official title?

7. Which of the next options best describe the nature of your current work assignments?

You can choose several options.

- 1 Research
- 2 Teaching or education
- 3 Administrative duties
- 4 Management and supervisory duties
- 5 Consulting or training
- 6 Client/patient work
- 7 Marketing and sales
- 8 Planning and development duties
- 9 Communication and media work
- 10 Office duties
- 11 Artistic work
- 12 Legal work
- 13 Church work
- 14 Financial and financial administration work
- 15 Other, what? _____

8. From the options above, select the one that best describes your main work assignment.

Only note down the number of one of the options

9. Was a doctoral degree a qualification requirement or a prerequisite for your current job?

- 1 Yes, it was a formal qualification requirement
- 2 Yes, it was a prerequisite, but not a qualification requirement
- 3 No, but the degree and the competence derived from it have a key role in my work
- 4 No, and the degree or the competence derived from it do not offer any practical advantages in my work
- 5 I can't say

10. Assess the degree you completed in 2017 and your current job in comparison with the next statements.

Select the best option. 1 = fully disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = slightly disagree, 4 = slightly agree, 5 = agree, 6 = fully agree

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| 1. I am able to utilise what I learned during my doctoral studies well in my current work. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 2. The requirement level of my work corresponds well with my doctoral education. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

11. What is your average gross wage or monthly income in euros (including regular bonuses, tax values of fringe benefits and over-time compensation)?

_____ € per month

12. Does your work career meet your goals?

- 1 Yes, completely
- 2 Yes, in part
- 3 No
- 4 I can't say

DOCTORAL EDUCATION AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

13. Assess the significance of a doctoral degree in working life through the following statements.

Select the best option.

1 = yes, 2 = no, 3 = I do not know

Having a doctoral degree has given me...

1	A higher salary	1	2	3
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2	More demanding job assignments	1	2	3
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3	More meaningful job assignments	1	2	3
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4	Better status at my place of work	1	2	3
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5	A job with a new employer	1	2	3
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6	A better position on the labour market	1	2	3

14. From the perspective of your work career, how satisfied are you with the doctoral degree you completed in 2017?

- 1 very unsatisfied
- 2 unsatisfied
- 3 slightly unsatisfied
- 4 somewhat satisfied
- 5 satisfied
- 6 very satisfied

Please specify. What are the reasons for your selection?

If necessary, there is more space to write on the last page.

15. What kind of skills or competences you would encourage the current doctoral students to acquire with regard to their future working life?

If necessary, there is more space to write on the last page.

16. How important are the following information and skills in your current job? How did your university studies develop these working life capabilities?

INSTRUCTIONS: If you are not working at the moment, base your response on your most recent workplace. Select the best options for each section.

	How important are the following information and skills in your current job?						How did your doctoral education develop these capabilities?					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1 = not important at all 2 = only slightly important 3 = has some importance 4 = quite important 5 = important 6 = very important						1 = not at all 2 = only slightly 3 = to some degree 4 = quite well 5 = well 6 = very well					
1. Knowledge and skills related to the research area	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. Knowledge and skills related to methodology and research methods	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Scientific communication skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. Funding applications	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. Popularising scientific results	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. Interdisciplinarity/working in multidisciplinary groups	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. Commercialising research results	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. Intellectual property rights competence	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
9. Entrepreneurial skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
10. Information acquisition skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
11. Analytical, systematic thinking skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
12. Problem-solving skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
13. Organizational and coordination skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
14. Performing skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
15. Negotiating skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
16. Project management skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
17. Cooperation skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
18. Supervisory or leadership skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
19. Teaching, training and guidance skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
20. Language skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
21. Ability to learn and adopt new information	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
23. Resistance to stress	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
24. Self-management / taking the initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
25. Basic knowledge of business/financial administration	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
26. Knowledge of legislation	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
27. Operating in a multicultural environment	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
28. International contacts and networks	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6

17. Assess how the following factors have affected your employment after graduation. Please base your answers on your entire work career after graduation.

Select the best option.

- 1 = not important at all
- 2 = only slightly important
- 3 = has some importance
- 4 = quite important
- 5 = important
- 6 = very important
- 0 = this section does not apply to me

PLEASE NOTE! If, for example, you have no international experience (section 7), choose option 0.

1	Doctoral degree	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	Topic of your dissertation	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
3	Other work experience	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
4	Higher university degree							
5	Other studies or education (not those included in your degree completed in 2017)	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
6	Experience related to NGO work or interests	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
7	International experience	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
8	Contacts/networks	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
9	Ability to tell about your skills and competences	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
10	Being active and having a high profile in social media	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
11	Other, what? _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	0

If you wish, you can give reasons for your answer. You can also share other factors that have affected your employment.

FUNDING DOCTORAL STUDIES

18. How did you fund your doctoral studies? You can choose several options.

- 1 Work contract with the university linked to the dissertation work (e.g. doctoral student, dissertation student, project researcher, etc.)
- 2 Other work contract with the university
- 3 Work contract with a research institute
- 4 Research and/or teaching roles at a university of applied sciences
- 5 Personal grant
- 6 Employment outside the university
- 7 Student allowance
- 8 Other source of funding, what? _____

19. Which of the funding sources above was the most important? _____ (option number)

20. Did you complete your degree primarily through

- 1 Full-time studies
- 2 Part-time studies where the share of studies was approximately _____%
- 3 During your leisure time in addition to your main job

Would you like to receive information about the results of the survey or upcoming career monitoring surveys?

Your e-mail address _____

E-mail addresses will not be linked with individual responses or used for any purposes other than communications relating to career monitoring



If you wish you can continue your answers from previous questions here (please include the number of the question). You are also welcome to give feedback on this survey.

THANK YOU!

The global coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions put in place by governments to stop the spread of the virus will have a significant effect on employment globally and in Finland in 2020. Universities will collect current information from 2017 graduates on how the crisis affected their employment and the content of their work.

1. Did the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions have any effect on your employment between 1 March and 30 September 2020?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. I do not know

2. If your answer was yes, please specify how the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions affected your employment between 1 March and 30 September 2020.

Please select the option best suited to your situation on each of the dates below.

Your situation on the following dates	1 March	1 May	1 August	1 October
1. Employed (not furloughed)				
2. Part-time furlough				
3. Full-time fixed-term furlough				
4. Full-time furlough for the time being				
5. Unemployed / closed down my business / stopped freelancing				
6. Entrepreneur / freelancer / self-employed				
7. Full-time student				
8. Not in working life (e.g. family leave, military or non-military service)				
9. Other, please specify				

3. Describe how the coronavirus pandemic and the government restrictions have affected your employment.

4. How did the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions put in place by the government to stop the spread of the virus affect the content of your work, your working methods or the skills required in your position?
