

1. BASIC INFORMATION

Gender *

- Male
- Female
- Other

Year of birth*

- 19__

Nationality*

- Finnish
- Citizen of another European Union country
- Citizen of a non-European Union country

From which university are you about to graduate?*

- Aalto University
- LUT University
- University of Oulu
- Tampere University
- University of Turku
- University of Vaasa
- Åbo Akademi University

Vain Aalto-yliopiston lomakkeelle:

From which School of the Aalto University are you graduating?*

- ENG
- SCI
- ELEC
- CHEM
- ARTS

What is the degree that you are about to graduate from? *

- Master of Science (Technology)
- Master of Science (Architecture)
- Master of Science (Landscape Architecture)
- Master of Arts (Arts and Design)
- Master of Science

- Master of Science (Economics)
- Other, which?

Your educational programme *

- Own options for every University / School

University studies in Finland

Starting year of your studies for the bachelor's degree

Answer only if your university level B.Sc. degree is done in Finland.

- 20__

Year of completion of your bachelor's degree

Answer only if your university level B.Sc. degree is done in Finland.

- 20__

Degree and location of graduation prior your master's level studies

Name the university if other than your current university.

- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) at your current university
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) at another university, please specify the university
- Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences, please specify the university of applied sciences
- Another degree, please specify

Starting year of your studies for your master's degree

- 20__

Studies or working abroad altogether during your B.Sc. and M.Sc. studies, months

During your studies at your current university in Finland

- I did not study or work abroad during my studies in Finland
- 1–6 months
- 7–12 months
- 13–18 months
- 19–24 months
- Over 2 years

Absence altogether during your B.Sc. and M.Sc. degree studies, semesters

During your studies at your current university in Finland

- 0
- 1
- ...

- 10
- Over 10

Do you feel that your studies or graduation were delayed by some reason? Please estimate the delay in months.

The delays are understood as external factors that have unintentionally postponed your graduation.

- No, I could not have graduated any earlier
- Yes, 1 month
- ...
- Yes, 12 months
- Yes, over a year

Reasons for delayed studies

Think about the reason(s) that caused your studies or graduation to be delayed. Choose a maximum of three (3) options from the list below.

My studies were delayed because of...

- ...insufficient study guidance.
- ...the overlaps and incompatibilities in the course schedules.
- ...a delay in finding a place or subject for the thesis work.
- ...insufficient Master's thesis guidance.
- ...other matters related to completing the Master's thesis, such as delay in the review of the work.
- ...my insufficient motivation for studies.
- ...my insufficient studying skills.
- ...I spent time as an exchange student.
- ...I took part in the student organization(s') activities.
- ...I worked during my studies.
- ...my personal health issues.
- ...military or civil service.
- ...family issues.
- My graduation was delayed because I had not yet found a job to take up after graduating.
- Other, what?

2a. EXPERTISE NEEDS AND CAREER

How important do you think the following areas of expertise are for your career?

0 = Not at all important

1 = Of very little importance

2 = Little importance

3 = Somewhat important

4 = Important

5 = Very important

CS = Cannot say

IMPORTANT TO MY CAREER:

Know-how related to my own field of studies

Skills in practical application of theories

Mathematical and natural science skills

Knowledge of the research in my own field of studies

Knowledge of the history and development of my own field

Abilities to work independently

Knowledge in sustainable development

Knowledge of the basics of business operations

Entrepreneurial capacities

Problem-solving skills

Information retrieval skills

Skills related to an international work environment (including language skills)

Project management skills

Skills in time management and prioritising tasks

Attitude towards developing own skills in working life

Career management capacities

Written communication skills (i.e. project plans, articles)

Oral communication skills (i.e. presentations, negotiation skills)

Visual communication skills (i.e. presentation graphics, information visualisation)

Skills in digitalisation and utilisation of data (i.e. machine learning, analytics, Big Data)

Leadership skills

Team working skills

Social skills

Self-knowledge

Self-confidence

Creativity

Critical thinking skills

Analytical thinking skills

Ethicalness

Capabilities to look after one's own well-being

Please compare how much the following areas of expertise developed in your studies and how much due to your work experience during your studies?

0 = Not at all

1 = Very little

2 = A little

3 = Somewhat

4 = A lot

5 = Very much

CS = Cannot say

DEVELOPMENT IN STUDIES

DEVELOPMENT DUE TO WORK EXPERIENCE

How useful do you consider the study-related practice / work experience that you gained during your studies?

- Very useful
- Useful
- Slightly useful
- Not at all useful

- Cannot say

Which of the following best describes your participation in the activities of the guild or student association in your field?

- I have been a board member or official in the guild or student association.
- I have actively participated in the guild's or student association's events, excursions, etc.
- I occasionally participated in the guild's or student association's events, excursions, etc.
- I very seldom or never participated in the guild's or student association's events, excursions, etc.

How much support for your studies or career management capacities have you gained from participating in the activities of your guild or student association?

- Very much
- Much
- Some
- Only a little
- Not at all
- Cannot say

3. SUPPORT SERVICES AND WELL-BEING

Please state to what extent you agree with the following statements about your studies.

1. = Disagree
2. = Somewhat disagree
3. = Somewhat agree
4. = Agree
5. = Cannot say

- I have felt comfortable at my university.
- I am satisfied with my studies
- There has been sufficient guidance available for the preparation of my master's thesis.
- There has been sufficient guidance available for the organisation of my studies.
- When needed, I have found a person from whom I can ask for help.
- I have been satisfied with the opportunities I've had to influence and participate in my study programme (e.g. participating in curriculum planning and opportunities to give feedback).
- I have been satisfied with the communication I have had with the teaching staff.
- The feedback I've received from the teaching staff has helped me with my studies.
- It has been easy for me to find information and support regarding different aspects of my studies.

Give your opinion on the following statements based on your experience during your studies.

- I completely agree
- I somewhat agree
- I do not agree or disagree
- I somewhat disagree
- I fully disagree
- I do not know

- I have often felt like I am in over my head with the amount of work related to my studies.
- I have often slept poorly due to matters related to my studies.
- Pressure from my studies has caused problems in my personal relationships.

Have you been worried about coping during your studies?

- No
- Yes, rarely
- Yes, several times
- Yes, constantly

Give your opinion on the following statements based on your experience during your studies.

Operability of student information systems

- I completely agree
- I somewhat agree
- I do not agree or disagree
- I somewhat disagree
- I fully disagree
- I do not know

- Electronic learning environments have supported by learning well.
- Student information systems have supported by learning well.
- During my studies, I have received enough induction to the learning environments, systems and digital tools used in my university.

During your studies, did you receive enough support for career planning and information on the job market in your own field?

- Yes, I did
- No, I didn't - What kind of information / support would you have needed the most?
- I did not need such information
- Cannot say

4. MASTER'S THESIS

Collaboration

Did your master's thesis involve collaboration within or outside your university?

Choose the most important partner for your thesis.

- No, I did my thesis on my own.
- Yes, within my own university (e.g. university research project).
- Yes, outside my own university (e.g. in-house development project).

4. MASTER'S THESIS

Collaboration

The non-university partner with whom I collaborated in my thesis was...

If needed, choose the most important.

- Private sector firm
- Public sector organisation
- Research institute
- Third sector organisation or association
- Other, please specify:

The size of the partnering organisation (number of personnel)?

- Less than 10
- 10–49
- 50–250
- More than 250
- Cannot say

4. MASTER'S THESIS

Duration, funding and support

How many months did it take to complete your master's thesis?

Calculate together the months of active thesis work.

- 0
- 1
- ...
- Over 15

How did you finance your master's thesis?

* Master's thesis as the focus of the job.

** Calculate the possible separate instalments.

- Thesis job with monthly salary - Please specify the salary (EUR/month) *
- Scholarship / Grant - Please specify the amount (EUR) **
- I did not get funding, but I was allowed to use my working time to do my thesis.
- Other, please specify:
- I did not receive any financing for my thesis.

Please assess the following statements about guidance of your master's thesis.

- I fully disagree
 - I somewhat disagree
 - I do not agree or disagree
 - I somewhat agree
 - I completely agree
 - Cannot say / Does not concern me
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- The guidance I received from the university was well organised and informative.
 - I received sufficient guidance from the university.
 - Cooperation between the university and the partnering organisation was carried out well in guiding my thesis work.
 - I received sufficient guidance from the partnering organisation for my thesis work.

If you wish, give additional feedback regarding supervision and guidance of your master's thesis.

5. WORKING DURING STUDIES

Estimate here the number of months worked during your studies in Finland and how working affected your studies.

During my studies, I worked a total of (months)

Excluding work related to my master's thesis.

- 0
- ...
- Over 60

How much of this was related to your studies (months)?

Excluding work related to my master's thesis.

- 0
- ...
- Over 60

Did working during your studies affect the progress of your studies?

- No
- Yes, I think it slowed down my studies - Please estimate by how many months:
- Yes, I think it accelerated my studies - Please estimate by how many months:

6a. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION

NOTE: Choose an option that with moderate certainty best describes your primary activity or situation after graduation.

Describe your situation at the time of graduation.*

- I have a valid work contract.
- I know where I'm going to be employed after my graduation (salaried work).
- I don't have a work contract, but I am looking for a job.
- I'm working as an entrepreneur or I'm otherwise self-employed (freelancer / practitioner, scholarship, etc.)
- Other, what?

6b. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION

Working as an entrepreneur / self-employed

What is the form of your entrepreneurship?

- Limited liability company or some other form of business
- Self-employed person / Sole trader
- Freelancer
- Grant

Do you have business partners?

- No
- Yes, how many?

Do you employ others in addition to yourself and possible partners?

- No
- Yes, how many persons? (counted as full-time employees)

How long have you been an entrepreneur / a self-employed person?

In your opinion, to what extent does the content of your job as an entrepreneur / self-employed correspond with your field of education?

- Not at all
- Very poorly
- Poorly
- Moderately
- Well
- Very well
- Cannot say

Please refine your answer if you wish.

In your opinion, to what extent does the level of demand in your job as an entrepreneur / self-employed correspond with your level of education?

- Not at all
- Very poorly
- Poorly
- Moderately
- Well

- Very well
- Cannot say

Please refine your answer if you wish.

Do you agree with the following statements about entrepreneurship?

Totally agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Totally disagree
Cannot say

- For me, becoming an entrepreneur was planned and carefully thought out.
- Acting as an entrepreneur is the only way to employ oneself in this field.
- I had thought about becoming an entrepreneur and had a suitable opportunity to do so.
- Paid employment was not available and entrepreneurship offered me the chance to employ myself.
- My employer informed me that it will replace my employment relationship with an entrepreneur scheme in the future.
- Becoming an entrepreneur was a coincidence.
- Receiving a grant was the only possibility to focus on arts or science.
- The authorities classified me as an entrepreneur.

Would you like to do the same work rather as a salaried wage-earner than as an entrepreneur?

- Yes
- No
- It is not possible to work as a wage-earner in this field
- Cannot say

I am satisfied with my current situation as an entrepreneur / a self-employed person.

- Totally agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Totally disagree
- Cannot say

Do you have a part-time salaried job as well?

- Yes
- No

6b. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE TIME OF GRADUATION

NOTE: If you have a job where you know that you will start working, but your employment has not yet started, give the information about your future working place to the extent that you know right now.

Type of your current employment

- I have a permanent contract
- I have a fixed-term / temporary contract
- Other, what?

Fixed-term contract, duration in months

Your work is

- full-time
- part-time

Your employer operates in which sector?

- Private sector
- University
- Research institute
- Local government
- Central government
- Association/Third sector
- Other, please specify?

I work as a full-time doctoral candidate

- Yes
- No

Size of your employer based on the number of personnel?

- Under 10
- 10–49
- 50–250
- Over 250

Starting salary after graduation (total gross)

NOTE: Please enter a whole number to the nearest euro without a thousand separator.

a) Basic wage or salary, EUR/month

Not including employee benefits or other non-wage compensations.

b) Employee benefits, EUR/month

Including other regular non-wage compensations. Not including over-time compensations.

Do you have a previous relation with your employer?

- Yes, I did my master's thesis for the organisation.
- Yes, I have previously worked in the organisation (excluding the work related to my master's thesis).
- No, I don't have a previous relation with the organisation.
- Other, please specify

How did you get your current job?

- I replied to a public job advertisement.
- I contacted my employer with an open application.
- I was contacted by a headhunter.
- I used my existing personal contacts and networks.
- I utilised the recruitment services of my own university.
- I utilised some other recruitment services, please specify.
- Some other way, please specify.

The province where your workplace is located?

- Uusimaa
- Varsinais-Suomi
- Satakunta
- Kanta-Häme
- Pirkanmaa
- Päijät-Häme
- Kymenlaakso
- South Karelia
- Etelä-Savo
- Pohjois-Savo
- North Karelia
- Central Finland
- South Ostrobothnia
- Ostrobothnia
- Central Ostrobothnia

- North Ostrobothnia
- Kainuu
- Lapland
- Ahvenanmaa - Åland
- Abroad, in which country?

What are your principal duties at work? Choose the 3 most important.

- Strategic planning and leadership
- Administration and finance
- Sales and marketing
- Logistics and procurement
- Production, manufacturing and maintenance
- Product development
- Research and development
- Quality management
- Teaching and training
- Consulting
- Industrial arts, production and design (i.e. design, architecture)
- Other, what?

Your position

- Management
- Middle management
- Expert
- Other, please specify

How well does the content of your job correspond with your field of studies?

- Not at all
- Very poorly
- Poorly
- Moderately
- Well
- Very well
- Cannot say

Please refine your answer if you wish.

How well does the level of demand in your job correspond with your educational level?

- Not at all
- Very poorly
- Poorly
- Moderately

- Well
- Very well
- Cannot say

Please refine your answer if you wish.

7. INTERNATIONAL CAREER

Working abroad after graduation

In your opinion, how likely it is that you will work somewhere other than in Finland within 5 years of graduating?

- Very unlikely
- Unlikely
- Possible
- Likely
- Very likely
- Cannot say

8. SATISFACTION

Choosing again and satisfaction with your studies

If you could choose again, would now you choose the same basic degree and degree programme / major subject?

- Yes, I would choose the same basic degree and degree programme / major again.
- I would choose the same degree, but a different degree programme/major subject than my current one. Please specify the programme you would prefer.
- University education in an industry other than technology (e.g. M.Sc. Econ, Business Administration), please specify.
- Other, please specify.

Please state to what extent you agree with the following statements about your studies.

- Disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Agree
 - Cannot say
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- The competences I have developed in my education meet my expectations.
 - My education meets the set goals.
 - The teaching has been, to a large extent, of good quality.
 - I have been satisfied with the teaching methods used.
 - The content of the studies was up to date.
 - Research results from the field were applied to teaching.
 - I am satisfied with the education I have received.

9. OPEN FEEDBACK

If you wish, please give feedback on your university:

If you wish, please give feedback on this survey: