Doctoral Students’ Section
of the Student Union (OYY)

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Facebook page: facebook.com/ouludoctoralstudentssection
Facebook group: UniOGS - PhD students, Oulu University
Questions or comments?

Ask us anything about PhD life, DSS, doctoral studies in Oulu – big or small. We’ll try to find answers!

https://padlet.com/riikka_tumelius1/DSS

We will collect questions and concerns to create an online resource of Questions & Answers for doctoral researchers in Oulu.
What is the DSS?

The voice of doctoral researchers

• The organization to contact when doctoral researchers need someone to speak up for them or when someone wants to know about doctoral researchers

• Represents doctoral researchers in the University administration through nominated representatives
  – Research Council, UniOGS Management Group and Education Group, Doctoral Training Committees
For example...

• Promoting more equal rights for doctoral students without a paid position
  – E.g. ”oulu.fi” e-mail addresses for all doctoral students

• Guide for doctoral students
  – E.g. living in Oulu, social security, sports

• Promoting the recognition of PhD research
What is the DSS?

The community of doctoral students

• Offers networking, news and events for all doctoral students across disciplinaries

• Offers opportunities for all doctoral students to influence their study experience
For example...

Networking events

Info sessions

PhD Afterworks
How do we reach and represent doctoral researchers?

- Monthly meetings and active communication channels
- Collaboration among DSS representatives in University administration – training and active communication
- Collaboration with other stakeholders (e.g. VTT)
- Events
Do I need to be a Student Union (OYY) member?

- The DSS equally represents all doctoral students—no sign-up or membership is required to attend our events.
- However, if you wish to become a representative in administrative organs, you need to be a member of the Student Union. See [https://www.oyy.fi/](https://www.oyy.fi/)
- Joining the Student Union supports our work and offers many benefits,
  - e.g. legal advice, help from specialists in Academic or International Affairs, events, news, info sessions
  - 57 € / year, 28.5 € / semester
How to get involved and stay tuned?

• Join our events and monthly meetings
• Facebook “Oulu Doctoral Students Section” LIKE NOW!
• Facebook group “UniOGS - PhD students, Oulu”
• E-mail to chair: riikka.tumelius at oulu.fi
• Become a doctoral student representative
• Join the student union, see: https://www.oyy.fi/for-students/membership/?lang=en#1541964911278-a86c1c8aecca
Interested in becoming a representative?

- Open positions in doctoral training committees for 2020:
  - Human sciences DTC: 1 deputy member
  - Health and Biosciences DTC: 2 deputy members
- Application period will be advertised by email and in other channels
- For more information (and current representatives), see https://www.halloped.fi/en/oulu/organs
Up-coming events

• In our monthly meetings we discuss over a cup coffee or tea
  – news from student representatives, and other issues concerning doctoral researchers, and decide what actions to take.

• Distant access available via Zoom

• Meeting materials: https://tinyurl.com/DSSmeetings

• Meeting times for spring 2020:
  Wednesday 18/03/2020 at 13-15, OYY meeting room
  Monday 20/04/2020 at 13-15, Kontinkangas
  Friday 15/05/2020 at 16-18 & Afterworks
  Tuesday 16/06/2020 at 15-17 & Afterworks/Summer sauna / Picnic
Up-coming events

DSS & UniOGS Afterworks - today!
Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} March at 17:00
Teerenpeli, Kauppurienkatu 8

Light snacks provided by UniOGS.

Sign up: [https://forms.gle/4mA9XDcjamP2DrLg6](https://forms.gle/4mA9XDcjamP2DrLg6)
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