

Thule Institute's Doctoral Program

Thule Institute's Doctoral Program is one of the [UniOGS](#) doctoral programs, focusing on natural resources, environmental and northern issues, and it is open for all Doctoral students in these research fields. Thule Institute actively organizes/co-organizes the international conferences and seminars which are held in Oulu but also in other national and international locations.

The doctoral program arranges international training courses and seminars on multidisciplinary issues in the Institute's focus area. The goal of the program is to educate international, scientifically competent researchers and experts for different sectors of society.

The doctoral students have the possibility to apply for

- travel grants
- fully funded student positions (by special calls)
- infrastructure support
- support in methodological skills
- exchange period or field work (e.g. through INTERACT-EU infrastructure program)

Education

Education offered at Thule Institute's Doctoral program is based on the Institute's research programs, international co-operation such as PhD training program Arctic Health and Well-being and Barents Cross Border University co-operation (<http://bcbu oulu.fi>) and University of Arctic networks (www.uarctic.org). The faculties and departments of the University of Oulu, [NorNet](#) and [LYNET](#) research networks are our main local co-operators.

The doctoral program offers e.g. (details in the [Events Calendar](#)):

- *Methodological courses*, both qualitative, quantitative and statistical analysis courses (1 – 3 courses per year/semester)
- *Scientific Doctoral training courses*, including summer and winter schools (1 – 2 per semester).
- *Annual Thule Seminar* (International Kastelli Symposium, Thule Research Seminar)

Applying in the doctoral program

Applying in Thule Institute's Doctoral Program is arranged in co-operation with UniOGS. The student has to be accepted both in the Thule Institute's Doctoral Program and in [UniOGS](#).

- To apply in the program, please fill in the [form](#).

To be accepted in Thule Institute's Doctoral Program the student has to include in her/ his personal study plan courses worth 5 -10 ECTS, which are arranged by Thule Institute's Doctoral Program, including at least one Thule Seminar (min 1 ECTS). These credits can be included either in optional or mandatory studies.

International mobility

Thule Institute's Doctoral Program encourages students to international mobility by offering financial and administrative support in exchange processes. In addition to the wide exchange network of the University of Oulu, Thule Institute has bilateral agreements, e.g. on Graduate Student Research Exchange with University of Alberta and its Canadian Circumpolar Institute. Good research collaboration is also with universities in Japan (Hokkaido), Russia, Nordic countries, USA, and other countries.

Organization of the program

Thule Institute's Doctoral Program is led by Research Professor Arja Rautio. The Board of the program reviews and selects students for the funded doctoral positions (based on applications), reviews and awards travel grants, approves individual study plans and follow-up groups on behalf of Thule Institute's Doctoral Program, provides scientific guidance, and comments issues relevant for the doctoral program.