



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
FACULTY OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

Changing Education

Master Program's Quick Guide



About the program

Changing Education is a two-year full-time international English-language master's program from the University of Helsinki. In the 120 credits of the program, you get an understanding of education as a dynamic and transformable construct from the individual neural level to global policies. You also gain the knowledge and skills to analyse, develop and influence the practices and structures of education systems, institutions, teaching, and pedagogical issues.

You study a unique and research-based combination of studies that connect different views of diversity and equality in education, teaching, and learning. The three topic areas include:

1) Education, society and culture

In this content area, sociological, cultural, philosophical, historical, political, and economic perspectives are combined in order to provide the students with an understanding of education as societally contextualized. The focus is on analyzing the ways in which multidimensional inequalities, social exclusion and discrimination in education are constructed. Students will evaluate education-related issues of social justice by combining micro- and macro-approaches and analyse, interpret, and find solutions

2) Educational psychology and neuroscience

The recent advancements in educational psychology and the neuroscience of learning are taught in a manner that allows the students to understand learning, teaching, and education from a new viewpoint, highlighting individual differences and the basic common principles of learning. The students will have direct experience with the use of modern psychological and neuroscientific methodologies, including data analysis and the use of physiological measurements to support learning. The students will learn to evaluate the value and applicability of research results.

3) Pedagogy, educational institutions and research-based teacher education

The students will focus on pedagogical issues, Finnish research-based teacher education, and an analysis of different educational institutions and systems. Analyzing and assessing pedagogical phenomena is a central part of the studies. The students will also examine the Finnish educational system in its entirety. The studies also include developing professional experience and applying theoretical and methodological knowledge and skills in the field of education.

Who can apply?

This program is suitable for **anybody with a bachelor's degree in a relevant field of education sciences**. You will need basic knowledge of research methods as well as basic knowledge of education.

Classes period and language

All mandatory classes are on-site at the University of Helsinki's Education Science campus in central Helsinki - Finland during day time, **and in English**.

Tuition Fee and Scholarship

The **Tuition Fee for non-EU/EEA citizens is 18000€**. The payment for the first year must be done before the beginning of the first period.

Scholarships are intended for excellent students from outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland who want to complete a Master's program at the University of Helsinki. The Changing Education program offers scholarships of 50% and 100% of the tuition fee. The duration of the scholarship is two years. For all scholarships, students are required to study full time (earn at least 55 ECTS per year) to fulfill the requirements of the scholarship. After the first study year, the progress of your studies will be checked, and, depending on your progress, the scholarship will be continued.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

The Fulbright Center has a [Fulbright-University of Helsinki Graduate Award](#) intended for a US student admitted to one of the Master's programs at the University of Helsinki.

[COLFUTURO](#) offers loan scholarships to Colombian students admitted to study at the University of Helsinki.

How to apply

STEP 1: You must meet all eligible criteria:

- You have completed a first- or second-cycle (bachelor's or master's) degree or a postgraduate degree at a higher education institution in Finland or abroad in a relevant field for education sciences.
- You have sufficient skills in English proven by a language test.
 - IELTS Academic: Overall score 6.5, with a minimum score of 6.0 in the writing section.
 - TOEFL IBT: 92, a minimum score of 22 in the writing section
- Other language test performance requirements can be found [here](#)

STEP 2: Prepare the necessary attachments. The language test results, the bachelor/master's degree, the curriculum & performance on previous studies, and a motivational letter must be submitted alongside the application form. All documents attached must be in English.

STEP 3: Fill out the application during the application period. For the class of 2024, the application period begins on 01 December 2023 and ends on 03 January 2024.

STEP 4: In case of a scholarship request, **fill out the scholarship application** alongside the program application.

After submitting your application, the Admission Services will review every document, and the results will be published in a period of three months. In case of acceptance, you will receive an admission letter.

STEP 5: Apply for the Resident Permit in Finland. All instructions about the permit and the student houses service will be sent alongside the admission letter.

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