

## The Guidelines for post-graduate education in the doctoral programme in Engineering and Natural Sciences

A student has to discuss on the study plan with his/her supervisor and the supervisor has to endorse the study plan. The Faculty council decides on the degree requirements that postgraduate students are expected to complete.

If a student takes more courses which are required to complete the degree, the studies cannot delay the graduation.

### Degree regulations (Approved by TUT's Academic Board)

Postgraduate studies shall comprise major subject studies and general scientific studies. The minimum scope of major subject studies shall be 25 credits and that of general scientific studies 5 credits. The total scope of postgraduate studies shall be no less than 40 credits. (28§)

The Faculty Council may require persons admitted as postgraduate students to complete a necessary amount of supplementary studies to ensure that they attain the competencies needed to pursue postgraduate studies. These studies shall not count towards the degree.(9§)

### Common guidelines concerning studies that may be accepted for credit toward a postgraduate degree are as follows:

- The field of a student's postgraduate studies must be connected to the research field of his/her dissertation. The studies and the dissertation must form a coherent whole.
- Only postgraduate studies completed at a university may be counted toward the degree. The requirements that are applied to studies completed at the university also apply to studies completed in other universities.
- Students complete part of general scientific studies in accordance with the degree regulations by attending the course "Orientation to Doctoral Studies" at the university. Students must complete the course at an early stage of their studies.
- Bachelor- and master-level studies can only be included in the student's main subject studies, if there is a justified reason to do so. Further conditions, such as minimum grade requirements, may be imposed on such studies.
- Publications and conference presentations cannot, per se, be counted toward the degree.