PRE-TASK, TAMK Master’s Degree Program of Educational Leadership

Pre-task instructions

The application period opens on 4 December 2019 and ends on 22 January 2020. The pre-task has to be uploaded to the application by 29 January 2020 at 3 pm Finnish time (GMT +2 hrs) at the latest. For further information on how to deliver the pre-task see step 2.

Assessment of the pre-task

The pre-task is graded with a maximum of 50 points available. Based on the pre-task results, the best applicants will be invited to an online interview. We will not provide any further information about the pre-task. The pre-task must be uploaded as detailed below by the deadline.

When applying, complete the following steps.

Step 1. PRE-TASK: An essay

The applicant is required to write a short essay answering all three of the following questions:

- Reflecting on an education organisation that you know or work for, what are the current and future strategic challenges concerning pedagogy, technology, economics, leadership or other areas?
- When you take a critical look at this organisation, what are the most important areas for change and why?
- What are the skills and knowledge that you would like to develop in yourself to enable these changes?

Each question has equal weighting, so be sure to answer all three within the space available.

The evaluation criteria for the essay are:

- the candidate’s ability to identify and justify issues relevant to their context, clearly and concisely expressing reasoned arguments for the need for change within their selected institution.
- critical thinking and innovation of the proposed ideas
- analytical suitability of the applicant to study in an international Master’s level programme
- capability for self-evaluation and motivation for developing oneself

Please note that the minimum amount is 1000 characters and the maximum 6000 characters (not words). If the pre-task is under the minimum or over the maximum character count, it will affect the assessment negatively. (1 character = 1 number/1 space/1 letter)
Step 2. Fill in the online application via studyinfo.fi and upload the pre-task on the application


1) Fill in the application form on Studyinfo.fi
2) Upload your pre-task files (+ other application attachments) on the application. Please see how to name the files below.
3) Send your application.

Name the pre-task file this way:
Lastname_Firstname_Pretask_Educational Leadership.pdf

The application form closes 22 January at 3 pm Finnish time. You can upload attachments to the application after you send your application by using the secure link you receive in the confirmation email. The pre-task attachments must be uploaded on the application on 29 January 2020 at 3 pm Finnish time (GMT +2 hrs) at the latest. Make sure to meet the deadline and we recommend uploading the assignments well before the deadline to avoid possible server overload. Only the pre-tasks submitted by the deadline will be considered in the admission.

All the best with your application process!