



Åbo Akademi

INVITATION TO CONFERRAL CEREMONY

Turku, November 2021

Dear *promovendi*,

You are hereby invited to take part in Åbo Akademi University's **doctoral conferral ceremony in May 2022**.

We have noted that you have completed a doctoral degree from Åbo Akademi University, or that you will be defending your doctoral dissertation during the academic year, but that you have not previously participated in any doctoral conferral ceremony. The next doctoral conferral will take place on **Friday 20 May 2022**. You can participate in the ceremony onsite in Turku (if the current Covid-19 situation makes it feasible) or you can choose to participate digitally – in which case you will be conferred *in absens*.

Doctoral conferral festivities

The festivities will begin on 20 May at 12.00 in the Concert Hall in Turku. The event is broadcasted online. We hope that it will be possible for each of you to invite one guest to the conferral ceremony in Turku. We are constantly following the Corona situation and we will keep you updated.

After the conferral ceremony the *promovendi* will make their way, together with the academic staff, from the Concert Hall to Turku Cathedral, where an ecumenical conferral service will be held. The service begins at 3 p.m. The subsequent banquet will be hosted at Logomo and will commence at 7.30 p.m.

In addition to conferring *promovendi* who have defended their dissertation at ÅAU, thirteen honorary doctorates will also be conferred.

Deadline for registration is January 28, 2022

This letter is the formal invitation to the conferral ceremony of Spring 2022. Doctoral students who intend to defend their dissertation in the coming months must earn their doctoral degree no later than 31 March 2022 in order to attend the conferral ceremony. For more information, please contact the conferral team, promotion@abo.fi

Binding registration electronically by using the form at

<https://www.lyyti.in/aapromotion2022/en>

The final date to register is January 28, 2022.

When registering you will be asked to submit your biographical data for the conferral book, which contains information about the honorary doctors as well as short curriculum vitæ of each participating *promovendi*.

Information on the conferral ceremony 2022 is available on the ÅAU web:
www.abo.fi/conferral-ceremony-2022

Doctoral hats and lyres

Each *promovendi* will have to order their own hat. This will require a personal visit to the hat maker's where the shape of the head will be carefully measured. This is necessary

because the hats are made to measure, and once formed, cannot be reshaped. For this reason, it is not possible only to submit one's usual hat size when ordering the hat.

Please note that several universities will organize doctoral conferral ceremonies next year in May. This means that you will have to order your doctoral hat in good time (in January at the latest).

With the exception of the Theology subjects, all faculties have a doctoral hat with a lyre. The hat maker generally knows which hat/lyre the various faculties and disciplines have, but illustrations of the insignia can also be found on the conferral website. There you will also find providers of doctoral hats in Helsinki and Turku, and the prices (**500–800 euro**).

The sword

At ÅAU, the Doctors of Philosophy, Education, Psychology and the Doctors of Caring Sciences will be presented swords at the conferral. ÅAU's sword has its own hilt engraved with the Brahe wings. The sword is sold in two sizes (85 cm and 95 cm); we recommend the shorter model. For the sake of convenience, ÅAU will place a general order for the swords. The swords are fitted with hilt and engraved (with initials). After inviting tenders, we have chosen to order the swords from **Au Holmberg**. Price: **255 €/sword** incl. V.A.T.

When registering, kindly indicate whether you wish us to order a sword for you. To facilitate the delivery, the swords will be delivered from the provider directly to the university. Alternatively, you can use a borrowed sword, in which case, please make sure that the sword you are wearing has the hilt of ÅAU (see picture on conferral website).

Collar and brooch for Doctors of Technology

According to conferral protocol, male *promovendi* of Technology should also wear a black velvet collar with an embroidered emblem sewn on to their tail-suit. Female *promovendi* of Technology can wear an embroidered brooch, which is to be worn at academic occasions and fastened on the left side of the dress. More information about the collar and brooch on the conferral website.

For instructions on attire, please see the conferral website.

Banquet at Logomo

The banquet will begin at 7.30 p.m. at Logomo. It will be a festive occasion with speeches, good food, and dancing. **The price of a ticket to the banquet is approx. 150 €/person.** Each person is responsible for the cost of their own ticket. Formal invitations (with *avec*) to the banquet will be issued to *promovendi* at a later date.

Lodgings

Each person wishing to attend the ceremony is responsible for the cost of their stay in Turku. More information about the hotels is available at the conferral website.

Please feel free to call us or send an e-mail if you have any questions or queries regarding the ceremony. We are at your service and look forward to an unforgettable conferral 2022!

For the conferral committee,

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