



WORKING IN FINLAND & AT THE UNIVERSITY



Not an employment relationship

Freedom to choose content and hours of work

Grant researcher

68 % of doctoral researchers have received working grants at some point

MELA payments

Possibility for a part-time employment?

For university staff, general collective agreement for universities applies

Employee

Ask for job requirement level increase when 50% and 75% of PhD thesis completed

Employment outside university: check applicable collective agreement

If unemployed, possibility for unemployment benefits

Recognition as a fully-fledged member of the academic community

Right to high-quality supervision, equal treatment and due credit

PhD studies

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

In Finland, 30% of ECRs have been unemployed at some point of their careers

Unemployment periods are usually short in duration

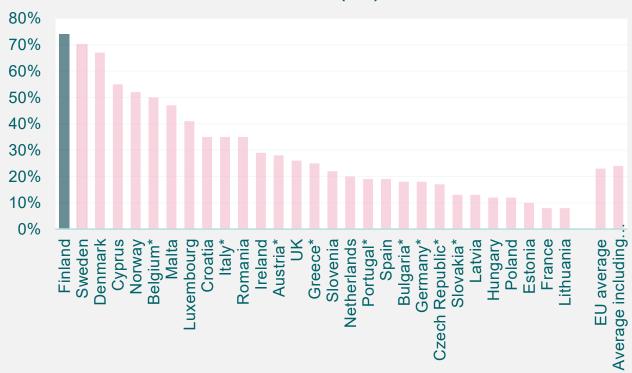
Unemployed



FINLAND IS THE MOST UNIONISED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

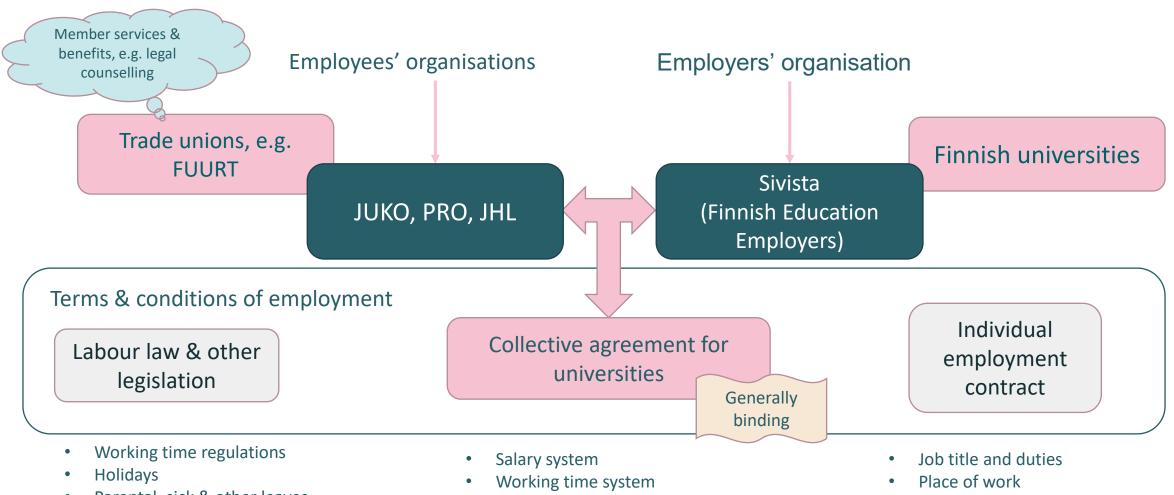
- Broadly independent unions are organised in three confederations
 - SAK ("blue collar")
 - STTK (mid-level education)
 - Akava (highly educated)
- The confederations are widely involved in preparing Finnish legislation
- Terms and conditions of work are negotiated between trade unions and employers' organisations
 - Usually by sector, sometimes on a local workplace level
 - Some 90% of workforce are covered by generally binding collective agreements
 - Workplace representation for union members

Professional organization of the labor force (%)





FINNISH LABOUR MARKET SYSTEM (UNIVERSITIES AS AN EXAMPLE)



- Parental, sick & other leaves
- Privacy, equality
- Occupational health & safety
- Etc.

- Holiday bonus
- Paid leaves & absences
- Employee representation
- Etc.

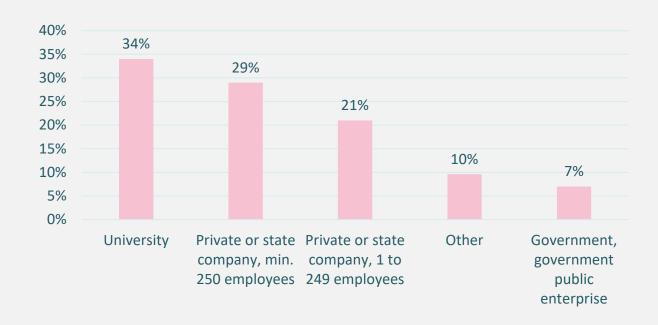
- Duration of contract
- Salary at the start of contract
- Applicable collective agreement



FINNISH JOB MARKETS FOR DOCTORS



AALTO
MAIN EMPLOYER OF DOCTORS 3 YEARS AFTER GRADUATION



2021, n=125

The Finnish Union of University Researchers and Teachers (FUURT) is an active trade union that represents all those working in science, research and higher education.

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Association of Aalto
University Researchers
and Teachers - ATTE

The membership fee is 1% of the primary wages subject to withholding tax, however for a minimum of 96 euro and maximum of 600 euro per year.



Where to find help at work?

- JUKO shop stewards: e.g. ATTE shop steward Stina Giesecke, stina.giesecke@aalto.fi https://www.aalto.fi/fi/palvelut/aalto-yliopiston-luottamushenkilot-kaudella-2022-2023
- <u>Health and safety representatives</u>

 https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/occupational-safety-committee-activities-and-members
- FUURT experts https://tieteentekijat.fi/en/home/
- ATTE Board 2023: Stéphane Deny, Felix Epp (chair), Mika Karhu, Tejas Kotha, Leena Tanner and Jorma Laaksonen, Frederick Gent as deputy members

