



Tutkimusneuvoston kokous 3/2025

Aika 18.3.2025 klo 12.00–14.05
Paikka HR144

Tutkimusneuvoston jäsenet:
tutkimusrehtori Taina Pihlajaniemi, puheenjohtaja (pois lukien kohta 3.3)
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professori Juhani Juntila
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1§ Aavaus: Kokouksen laillisuus ja päätösvaltaisuus (esittelijä Mari Katvala)

Kutsu kokoukseen ja esityslista liitteineen on lähetetty 13.3.2025. Hallintoel on päätösvallainen, kun puheenjohtaja mukaan luettuna vähintään puolet jäsenistä on läsnä.

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto toteaa kokouksen laillisesti kokoon kutsuksi ja päätösvallaiseksi.

Päätös: Tutkimusneuvosto totesi kokouksen laillisesti kokoon kutsuksi ja päätösvallaiseksi.

2§ Kokouksen esityslistan hyväksyminen (esittelijä Mari Katvala)

Päätösesitys: Esityslista hyväksytään.

Päätös: Esityslista hyväksytiin.

3§ Professorinimitysten asiantuntijoiden hyväksyminen (esittelijä Mari Katvala)

3§ Esitykseen liittyvät dokumentit ovat nähtävissä tutkimusneuvoston Teams -työtilassa.

Ks. myös yliopiston ohjeet Patio-intranetissä: Palvelut ja ohjeet/Henkilöstö/Rekrytointi: Palvelukoritit "Rekrytointiohje" ja "Professorin rekrytointi".

3.1 Esitys asiantuntijoiden nimeämisestä: Tenure track -urapohjalla eteneminen (LuTK, Asikainen)

The Faculty of Science of the University of Oulu is inviting an application from Dr. Timo Asikainen to be evaluated for possible advancement from Associate to Full Professor level. Dr. Asikainen is currently an Associate Professor (tenure track) in the pertinent field, and he is now to be evaluated for a Full Professor position.

Subject field and description

The position is located at the Space Physics and Astronomy (SPA) Research Unit of the Faculty of Science. The field of the professorship is Space Physics.

The professorship is expected to advance top-level research in Space Physics and Space Climate with a focus on the atmospheric and climate effects of energetic particle precipitation from space into the atmosphere. The



position is also expected to promote international cooperation and networking in the field of the position at the SPA Research Unit.

Eligibility and duties

A doctoral degree in Space Physics or a related area and adequate post-doctoral experience are required.

The professor will be responsible for developing high-quality scientific research and international collaborations. Scientific excellence in the field of the position is expected.

The professor is expected to have a strong independent research direction in an area supporting the research of the Research Unit and to have sufficient and relevant experience in interdisciplinary scientific work. Moreover, the professor is expected to be competitive in attracting external research funding, publish in leading scientific journals, be an active member of the international scientific community, supervise doctoral students, mentor post-docs, and exhibit academic leadership.

The educational goals of the professor are expected to support those of the Research Unit. In addition to this, teaching, supervising bachelor's, and master's theses, as well as some administrative duties are included in the annual 1,612 working hours.

Good interaction and communication skills and, if necessary, practical familiarity with the task area are considered. Fluency in English is required as well as motivation to teach in Finnish after the tenure track period.

Grounds of assessment

The following merits are evaluated.

- Scientific activities and their reflection in the publication record, scientific presentations and other recognitions, e.g. awards and patents
- Teaching activities and their evaluation (teaching portfolio; including students' evaluation)
- Supervision of diploma and doctoral students
- Acquisition of competitive research funds
- International scientific activities and contacts
- Services for the academic community
- Academic and societal relevance and potential of activities

Each of the above merits is rated on a scale from 1 to 6. Only a person who indisputably meets the eligibility criteria may be nominated for the post. In particular, a rating of 5 (excellent) or 6 (outstanding) is required in the category "scientific activities" and as the overall rating.

Teaching skills may additionally be evaluated by a special demonstration lecture depending on whether the recruitment committee considers this desirable.

Reviewer Assessment

The evaluation of the merits will be carried out by three external experts, based on the applicant's CV, publication record, and other application documents.

Proposal for evaluators in a Professor recruitment

Regarding the recruitment of Professor, Timo Asikainen, in the Faculty of Sciences, I hereby propose the following experts to be the evaluators to conduct the external academic evaluation of candidates.

1. Prof. Daniel Marsh (male, Univ. Leeds, UK), expert in climate modelling. Prof. Marsh has no common publication with the candidate.
2. Prof. Kleareti Tourpali (female, Aristotle Univ. Thessalonki, Greece), expert in atmospheric physics. Prof. Tourpali has no common publications with the candidate.
3. Prof. Alexey Karpechko (male, Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland), expert in atmospheric sciences. Prof. Karpechko has no common publications with the candidate.

The following expert is proposed as deputy evaluators:

4. Prof. Patrick Espy (male, Norwegian Univ. Science and Technology, Norway) expert in atmospheric physics. Prof. Espy has no common publications with the candidate.

In order to check possible disqualifications, shared publications were checked utilizing a report produced by the bibliometrics team of the university library. Moreover, the experts are asked to notify the recruitment committee of any disqualifications in connection with receiving the candidate details. To guarantee transparency and to recognize the risk of disqualification, the candidates are also notified of the evaluators beforehand.

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.

Päättös: Tutkimusneuvosto keskusteli asiasta ja hyväksyi asiantuntijat seuraavasti:

1. Prof. Daniel Marsh (Univ. Leeds, UK)
2. Prof. Kleareti Tourpali (Aristotle Univ. Thessalonki, Greece)

3. Prof. Patrick Espy (Norwegian Univ. Science and Technology, Norway)

Varalla:

4. Prof. Alexey Karpechko (Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland)

Mikäli rekrytointiohjeen mukainen sukupuolten edustus ei toteudu lopullisesti kutsuttujen asiantuntijoiden joukossa (kummankin sukupuolen edustus vähintään 30 %), valmisteluryhmän on tuotava täydentävä asiantuntijaesitys tutkimusneuvostolle.

Rekrytointiohjeen mukaisesti arvioijina käytetään professoritason asiantuntijoita Suomen ulkopuolelta. Tutkimusneuvosto edellyttää jatkossa huolellista perustelua, mikäli ohjeesta on esityksessä välttämätöntä poiketa.

3.2 Esitys asiantuntijoiden nimeämisestä: Tenure Track Advancement from Associate to Full Professor Level, Professor of Advanced Language Technologies and Multi-Modal Social Media Analytics (ITEE, Oussalah)

Field and Location

The position is in [the Center for Machine Vision and Signal Analysis \(CMVS\) research unit](#) at [the Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering \(ITEE\)](#). CMVS provides an inspiring and international research environment and is renowned worldwide for its scientific breakthroughs in machine vision and signal analysis. Many of its results, including the Local Binary Pattern, face analysis, and geometric camera calibration methodologies, are highly cited and have been adopted for different types of problems and applications worldwide.

The main research interests of CMVS are in computer vision and machine learning, affective computing, multimodal image and signal analysis, low-energy computing, natural language processing, and applications in affective human-computer interaction, biometrics, augmented reality, biomedicine, and social network analysis. In physiological signal analysis, basic, applied, and translational research in biomedical engineering is carried out to tackle key challenges of next-generation personalized medicine and wellness solutions. In its field, the research unit is globally highly ranked, and research activities are based on international collaborations. The partners of CMVS include three institutes of Chinese Academy of Sciences (Computing Technology, Psychology, and Automation), National University of Singapore, Stanford University (USA), University of Georgia (USA), Imperial College London, Czech Technical University (Prague), University of Maryland (USA), Idiap Research Institute (Switzerland), and EPFL (Switzerland). At the University of Oulu, the research unit and its leading experts



are responsible for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral education in the field.

A person appointed to this position will be responsible for developing the research, teaching, and societal impact of advanced and sustainable language-related technologies with a focus on social media analytics and text mining to uncover users and community behaviors, and, at the same time, contributing to multi-modality-based signal analysis research at the Centre for Machine Vision and Signal Processing. His/her task is to lead a multi-disciplinary team applying the above technologies to fields such as social sciences, health and environment science. Although the task is research-focused, it also includes teaching activities that demonstrate significant inputs to above research activities. The candidate is required to have in-depth knowledge and evidence of research-based teaching in the field. The candidate is expected to have leadership competencies, strong evidence of regional, national, and international networking, as well as planning of international, national, and regional projects, acquiring extramural funding (both at national, regional and EU level). The applicant is also expected to be active in the scientific community and to have experience in supervising doctoral dissertations as well as postdoctoral researchers in the field. The applicant should be able to show evidence of the societal impact of research.

When assessing the applicant, the merits that are taken into consideration include scientific publications and other research results with scientific value, success in acquiring supplementary research funding, experience in leading research groups, teaching experience, and supervision of doctoral theses, evidence of cooperation in the field.

Dr. Mourad Oussalah is currently an associate professor (tenure) in the CMVS research unit. According to the CMVS research unit, he has advanced in his career and exceeded the expectations set for an associate professor. The unit has requested that an evaluation process be started for his promotion as per the University of Oulu tenure track guidelines. Therefore, he is to be evaluated for a permanent full-professor position.

Arvioijaesitys professorin rekrytointiin tenure trackilla edettäessä

Tieto- ja sähköteknikan tiedekunnassa associate professor -tasolta professor -tasolle arvioitavan Mourad Oussalahin tehtävään alalla ”Advanced Language Technologies and Multi-Modal Social Media Analytics” esitetään seuraavia asiantuntijoita toteuttamaan tehtävän täytöön kuuluva akateeminen arviointi.

1. Prof. Anna Korhonen, University of Cambridge
2. Prof. Josiane Mothe, University of Toulouse
3. Prof. Jörg Tiedemann, University of Helsinki

Varalle esitetään:



1. Prof. Éric Granger, Ecole de Technology Supérieure, LIVIA

2. Prof. Yacine Rezgui, Cardiff University

3. Prof. Eleni Gregoromichelaki, University of Gothenburg

Valmisteluryhmä esittää kolmanneksi asiantuntijaksi suomalaisesta yliopistosta olevaa ulkomaista asiantuntijaa, koska hänellä on juuri arvioitavan alalle sopiva kokemus ja osaaminen.

Mikäli kolmas varsinainen asiantuntija kieltyy tehtävästä, varalistalla edetään järjestyksessä. Mikäli kaksi ensimmäistä varsinaisista asiantuntijaa kieltyvät tehtävästä, kutsutaan varalistalta tasa-arvotekijöiden varmistamiseksi kolmas asiantuntija, joka on nainen, ja sen jälkeen edetään varalistalla järjestyksessä.

Esteellisyydet yhteisten julkaisujen osalta tarkistettiin kirjaston bibliometrikkatiimin tuottaman raportin avulla. Professori Yacine Rezguilla on yksi yhteisjulkaisu arvioitavan kanssa, mutta se on vuodelta 2009, joten valmisteluryhmä ei pitänyt tätä esteellisyystekijänä. Asiantuntijoita pyydetään ilmoittamaan esteellisyydestään hakijatietojen toimittamisen yhteydessä. Läpinäkyvyyden takaamiseksi ja esteellisyysriskien tunnistamiseksi myös arvioitava saa arvioijat tietoansa jo etukäteen.

Päättöesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.

Päättös: Tutkimusneuvosto keskusteli asiasta ja hyväksyi asiantuntijat seuraavasti:

1. Prof. Anna Korhonen, University of Cambridge

2. Prof. Josiane Mothe, University of Toulouse

3. Prof. Éric Granger, Ecole de Technology Supérieure, LIVIA

Varalle:

1. Prof. Yacine Rezgui, Cardiff University

2. Prof. Eleni Gregoromichelaki, University of Gothenburg

Helsingin yliopistossa työskentelevää professori Jörg Tiedemannia ei hyväksytty asiantuntijaksi, sillä tutkimusneuvosto ei nähtyn esitettyä perusteltua riittävän vahvana kotimaisen asiantuntijan hyväksymiseksi.



3.3 Esitys asiantuntijoiden nimeämisestä: Tenure track advancement, Professor, DigiHealth Bioinformatics (Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, Izzi)

Professor, DigiHealth Bioinformatics, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine

The Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine is inviting an application from Dr. Valerio Izzi to be evaluated for possible advancement from Associate to Full Professor level. Dr. Izzi is currently an Associate Professor (tenure track) in the pertinent field, and he is now to be evaluated for a Full Professor position.

Subject field and description

The position is located at the Research Unit of Extracellular Matrix & Hypoxia in the Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine. The field of professorship is DigiHealth Bioinformatics.

Professor in DigiHealth Bioinformatics will join our dynamic teams focusing on interdisciplinary research that enhances health care services, diagnostics, and therapies in the digital era. The Professor will play a pivotal role in a vibrant research program, which aims to develop and validate innovative digital technologies for data-driven health applications.

The position has been open as a hidden call in the University of Oulu, the Faculty on Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine during 23.1.–6.2.2025.

According to the job advertisement, the selection criteria for the position are:

The Professor will play a pivotal role in a vibrant research program, which aims to develop and validate innovative digital technologies for data-driven health applications.

Eligibility and duties

We expect from you:

- Doctoral degree
- High level of scientific qualification
- Experience in conducting scientific research
- Ability to provide high-quality research-based teaching
- Experience in supervising theses
- Proof of international cooperation in the field of research he represents
- Ability to act as an academic leader



We also appreciate:

- Finnish language skills
- Experience in Extracellular matrix biology and hypoxia research

A strong background in bioinformatics and expertise in areas such as artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and the integration of digital technologies in health care are required. The position is also expected to leverage the University of Oulu's strengths in medicine, wireless solutions, and business to conduct groundbreaking research that predicts disease progression and offers personalized therapies in a cost-effective, patient-centric manner.

The position offers a unique opportunity to contribute to transformative interdisciplinary collaborations that strengthen the health technology eco-system in Oulu. The professor is expected to have a proven track record of research excellence and the ability to foster partnerships across various fields.

The professor will be responsible for developing high-quality scientific re-search and international collaborations. Scientific excellence in the field of the position is expected.

The educational goals of the professor are expected to support those of the Research Unit. In addition to this, teaching, supervising bachelor's, and master's theses, as well as some administrative duties are included in the annual 1612 working hours.

In accordance with the competence decision, Dean Peppi Karppinen nominated the following recruitment committee to prepare the recruitment: Professor Thomas Kietzmann (chair), Dean Maarit Järvenpää, Professor Caglar Elbuken, Professor Simo Saarakkala, Professor Krisztian Kordas, Re-search Director Minna Ruddock, and as Secretary HR Manager Tiina Pääkkönen. In addition, HR Partner Nina Tuohimaa was involved in familiarizing herself with the process.

Proposal for evaluators in a Professor recruitment/Tenure Track Evaluation

With regard to the recruitment of Professor, DigiHealth Bioinformatics, in the Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, I hereby propose the following experts as evaluators to conduct the external academic evaluation of the candidate.

1. Ambra Pozzi
2. Arne Östman
3. Christopher J. Bakal

The following experts are proposed as deputy evaluators:

4. Tom Van Agtmael



5. Brigitte M. Pützer

6. Jean E. Schwarzbauer

In order to check possible disqualifications, shared publications were checked utilizing a report produced by the bibliometrics team of the university library. Moreover, the experts are asked to notify the recruitment committee of any disqualifications in connection with receiving the candidate details. To guarantee transparency and to recognize the risk of disqualification, the candidate is also notified of the evaluators beforehand.

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Päätös: Tutkimusneuvosto keskusteli asiasta ja päätti hyväksyä esitetyt asiantuntijat siten, että esitetyistä varalla olevista asiantuntijoista Tom Van Agtmael ja Brigitte M. Pützer vaihtavat paikkaa. Mikäli joku varsinaisista asiantuntijoista kieltyy, tällöin kutsuttavien asiantuntijoiden joukossa on molempia sukupuolia.

Tutkimusneuvoston hyväksymä järjestys asiantuntijoille on:

1. Ambra Pozzi

2. Arne Östman

3. Christopher J. Bakal

Varalla:

4. Brigitte M. Pützer

5. Tom Van Agtmael

6. Jean E. Schwarzbauer

Taina Pihlajaniemi, Johanna Myllyharju ja Juhani Junttila eivät osallistuneet keskusteluun eivätkä päättöksentekoon kohdassa 3.3.

Kohdassa 3.3 puheenjohtajana toimi Heli Jantunen.

4§ Alueellinen FIRI2025-haku (esittelijät Emma Pirilä ja Terhi Kuusisto)

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.



Päätös: Tutkimusneuvosto päätti palautteesta alueellisen FIRI2025-haun ideahakuun lähetetyille hakemuksille. Tutkimuksen tukipalvelut koordinoi hakua.

Sanna Järvelä ei osallistunut keskusteluun eikä päätöksentekoon kohdassa 4§.

5§ Väitöskirjatutkijoiden ja heidän ohjaajien tulokset koulutuksen sisäisessä arvioinnissa (esittelijä Annu Perttunen ja Johanna Flyktman)

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.

Päätös: Asian käsitteily siirrettiin seuraavaan kokoukseen.

6§ Unifin visiötön jatkotyöstö (esittelijä Taina Pihlajaniemi)

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.

Päätös: Tutkimuksen vararehtori esitti tutkimusneuvostolle Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön visiötön pääkohdat ja Unifin pääviestit visiöön.

Osana OKM:n visiötön valmistelua järjestetään kansallinen kysely, joka on avoinna 4.4. saakka ([uutinen Patioissa](#)).

7§ Vuosikello (esittelijä Mari Katvala)

Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee tulevista tehtävistään ja päivittää tarvittaessa vuosikelloa. Vuosikello on nähtävissä tutkimusneuvoston työtilassa.

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto päivittää vuosikelloa.

Päätös: Tutkimusneuvosto päivitti vuosikelloa.



8§ Muut asiat

(esittelijä Mari Katvala)

8.1. Tutkimusneuvoston seuraava kokous

Tutkimusneuvoston seuraava kokous pidetään 23.4. klo 9–11 Teams-kouksena.

Päätösesitys: Tutkimusneuvosto keskustelee asiasta ja tekee tarvittavat päätökset.

Päätös: Esityksen mukaisesti.

8.2. Muut asiat

9§ Kokouksen päätäminen

Taina Pihlajaniemi
puheenjohtaja (pois lukien kohta 3.3)

Heli Jantunen
puheenjohtaja (kohta 3.3)

Mari Katvala
sihteeri

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