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The University of Tampere: some facts

- Founded in Helsinki in 1925 as Civic College, transferred to Tampere in 1960, state-owned in 1974
- 16,000 degree students
- 26 Finnish-language degree programmes and 10 English-language MA programmes
- 1,000 Master's degrees and 130 doctoral degrees per year
- About 2,000 staff of whom 1,100 in teaching and research
- EUR 187,2 million total funding in 2012
- Chairman of the Board Mr Kai Öistämö from Nokia



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9 Schools

Biomedical Technology

Communication, Media and Theatre

Education

Health Sciences

Information Sciences

Language, Translation and Literary Studies

Management

Medicine

Social Sciences and Humanities



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Profile and Research Strategy of the University (2010 – 2015)

- Multidisciplinary research on society and health are UTA's areas of strength.
- The objective of UTA is to be a world-class university in its areas of strength and a nationally significant university in all the other fields.



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Research at UTA

- The university has 15 research centres, all of them are located within the Schools
- EUR 69,5 million external research funding, 37% of budget in 2012
- The main financier of research is the Academy of Finland (consists of four research councils), other important financiers are the National Innovation Agency Tekes, the EU, ministries and cities, and foundations
- The university has a Centre for Advanced Study – one- and two-year appointments for post docs, senior researchers and professors



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Centres of Excellence (nominated by the Academy of Finland)

- UTA coordinates two Academy of Finland Centres of Excellence in research:
 - 2012 - 2017 Historical Research: History of Society: Re-thinking Finland 1400 - 2000
 - 2008 - 2019: Research Unit for Finnish Mitochondrial Disease and Ageing (FinMIT)
- UTA is a partner in two other Centres of Excellence



Challenges in research

- to attract more external funding
- to improve the quality of research, i.e.(?), to publish more on forums assessed to be of good quality in the national publication ranking system
- to become more international

The Ministry of Education rewards for high-quality publications, external competitive funding and internationalisation. UTA has its own internal funding model, which uses slightly different criteria (to allow for the variety of disciplines within UTA).



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UTA Research Assessment 2014: why?

- Comprehensive international assessment of research conducted in UTA

Why?

- to develop UTA towards a high level research university
- to support the strategic work of UTA and its schools and allocate resources for the best and most promising research
- to get up-to-date knowledge and perspectives on the current status and potential of the research conducted at the UTA in comparison to the international level



UTA Research Assessment 2014: how?

- 18 Units of Assessment
- Assessment period 2008-2013
- Self-assessments of the Units of Assessment are going on now: 15-page reports with a list of best achievements
- Self-assessment reports, publication analyses and statistical data will be examined by international panellists who will visit the campus in Oct 2014 for 3-4 days
- 42 panellists, 5 panels