

Evalvearimine 2010 Application EV30 Institute of Theology of the EELC, Culture and Society

Expert's opinion: The volume and level of R&D activities in comparison to international criteria.

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The research and development in the field being evaluated is characterized by a sufficient volume of financing taking into account the particularities of the field of research and the profile of the Institution.	Negative	Lack of external research funding since 2009; and only one externally funded grant before. Low level of funding between 2005 and 2009.
Research and development at the institution is characterized by contemporary and innovative range of topics for research.	Positive	
The Institution has international cooperation projects in the field being evaluated and/or participates in various international cooperation networks.	Negative	There's no evidence of participation in R&D international cooperation networks; this aspect of research performance needs to be strengthened.
Experts' summary assessment	Negative	The major weaknesses are a lack of external funding and of a research programme that would be built around such funding together with international partners

Expert's opinion: R&D Infrastructure (working premises and auxiliary facilities).

Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The Institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	Positive	
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the Institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The Institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal, in the case of experimental themes, the necessary equipment and instruments.	Positive	
The equipment and instruments at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field being evaluated are, in the case of the experimental themes, modern and fit for purpose.	Positive	
The Institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have access to databases, specialized literature and other research infrastructures.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Positive	

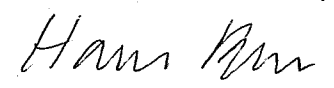
Expert's opinion: Qualification of researchers in comparison to international criteria.

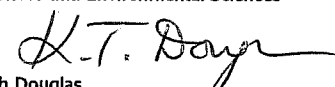
Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
A sufficient number of research staff are employed at the institution taking into account the volume and particularities of the R&D activities of the institution and the field being evaluated.	Positive	

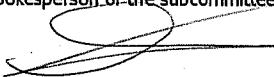
A sufficient number of the research staff have a recognized academic degree corresponding to Estonian legislative acts.	Positive	
Doctoral dissertations have been successfully supervised in the last five years.	Negative	
Research staff in the field being evaluated have received sufficient national or international honours and/or awards.	Positive	
Research staff have published per researcher in the last 5 years a sufficient number of articles in international journals or peer-reviewed research monographs taking into account the particularities of the field of research being evaluated.	Negative	There is a lack of research monographs and articles. We recommend a publication strategy that aims to speak to a wider international readership.
Research staff have filed applications for patents or for plant variety rights certificates in the name of the institution in the last 5 years.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Negative	There is no evidence that the Institute has put in place a research and publication strategy that would achieve two important goals: (1) to improve the quality of its publications (peer-reviewed articles and research-based books with international publishers), and (2) grant capture.
Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
Final assessment	Negative	The committee strongly suggests that the Unit of Assessment consider improving its internal mechanisms for research planning/strategy by setting up a steering committee that formulates and implements its research policy; for research quality assurance (wherever possible through international peer-review). We also recommend considering a closer affiliation with relevant University institutions. The Institute is encouraged to move beyond their relative academic isolation.

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