

**Evalveerimine 2010 Application EV28 Under and Tuglas Literature Centre, 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.	Positive	There is a concern that (large) grant capture is dependent upon one person -- it should be more broadly based.
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.	Positive	
Experts' summary assessment	Positive	

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

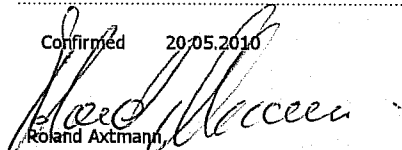
Subcriteria for evaluation	Evaluation	Comments
The institution's research groups in the field being evaluated have at their disposal the necessary working and auxiliary facilities (premises).	Positive	
The working facilities (premises) at the disposal of the institution's research groups in the field 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.**

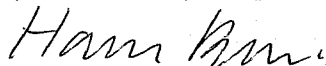
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A sufficient number of research staff are employed at the institution taking into account the volume and particularities of the R&D activities of the institution and the field being evaluated.	Positive	The committee considers the staffing level to be adequate; however, there is a need for stronger, strategic (research) leadership.
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.	Positive	We recommend that PhD topics should be more clearly related to research priorities in the Institute.
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.	Positive	A better balance between national and international publications should be achieved - 1.1, for example, is rather weak.
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	Positive	
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Final assessment	Positive	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); for supervising, guiding and supporting PhD students. We also recommend considering a closer affiliation with relevant University institutions.

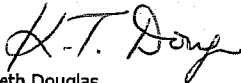
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