

LAPPEENRANTA-LAHTI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (HEREINAFTER LUT UNIVERSITY) REGULATIONS

consisting of the

1. LUT GROUP REGULATIONS, sections 1–15
approved by the boards:

LUT University 24 September 2020

LAB University of Applied Sciences 24 September 2020

AND

2. LUT UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, sections 16–55
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1. LUT GROUP

Section 1 LUT Group members

The Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology (LUT University) constitutes the LUT Group together with its subsidiaries (Accounting Act 1336/1997, chapter 1, section 6). An entity over which the university has control under chapter 1, section 5 of the Accounting Act is the university's subsidiary.

Section 2 Objective of the group regulations

The objective of these group regulations is to define the shared, high-level principles for the governance of the LUT Group and to enable the governance of the group as a successful entity of higher education institutions. The group regulations are approved by the boards of both institutions.

2. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Section 3 Legislation

Each member of the LUT Group shall primarily observe the legislation and other regulations that bind them. Especially the Universities Act (558/2009 including amendments) governs the activity of the university, and the Universities of Applied Sciences Act (932/2014 including amendments) governs that of the universities of applied sciences.

Section 4 Internal regulations of the LUT Group

The regulations of LUT University and the LAB University of Applied Sciences consist of

1. These group regulations and
2. The higher education institution's own regulations

The group regulations take precedence over the individual institutions' regulations. In addition, LUT University's rector or a person designated by the rector may issue group instructions.

3. UNIVERSITY COLLEGIUM AND GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 5 University collegium

The university collegium (Universities Act, section 22) consists of 12 members and their personal deputies. In addition to its statutory remit, the university collegium shall decide the grounds for the determination of fees for LUT University board members.

LUT University's professors shall elect four members for the university collegium from amongst their grouping. The university teaching and research personnel and other staff shall elect four members for the university collegium from amongst their grouping. The student union of Lappeenranta University of Technology shall appoint four student members for the university collegium. The deputy members for the university collegium shall be elected in connection with the election of the ordinary members.

The members of the university collegium shall be elected from among registered candidates, with the exception of the student members who are appointed by the student union. The term of office of the collegium and its members is four years, with the exception of student members, who are appointed for a two-year term.

In addition to the provisions of section 14, the university collegium must also assemble if at least four of the members so require in order to handle an issue within the collegium's competence that they have made known.

Section 6 General meeting and shareholder decisions

The highest decision-making body in the university of applied sciences is the general meeting under the Limited Liability Companies Act (624/2006), subject to limitations imposed by the Universities of Applied Sciences Act. In accordance with the Limited Liability Companies Act, unanimous shareholders may make a decision in a matter within the competence of the general meeting without holding a meeting. Hereinafter, the general meeting shall also refer to a unanimous shareholder decision. In addition to its statutory remit, the general meeting shall decide the grounds for the determination of fees for board members of the university of applied sciences. The general meeting selects the members of the board of the university of applied sciences, with the exception of the members representing the university of applied sciences community, whose appointment the general meeting confirms (Universities of Applied Sciences Act, section 17, subsection 2). The general meeting decides on proposals made to the Government regarding changes to the educational mission of the institution. Otherwise, the duties of the general meeting are defined in the Limited Liability Companies Act.

4. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

Section 7 LUT University's board

Provisions on the remit, composition, election and possible dismissal of members of the LUT University board are issued in the Universities Act (sections 14–16).

The remit of the university board shall be

1. That defined in the Universities Act
2. To decide who are authorised to represent the university
3. To award professorships to university staff members
4. To decide which school is responsible for each degree programme
5. To decide on honorary doctorates and university medals of honour
6. To decide on the foundation or acquisition of subsidiaries
7. To authorise a representative of LUT University to approve the articles of association or regulations of a subsidiary or their amendments on LUT University's behalf
8. To approve shareholder agreements of subsidiaries and affiliates
9. To authorise a person designated by the board to participate in shareholder meetings of the subsidiaries and to represent LUT University at shareholder meetings of the subsidiaries
10. To approve the investment policies according to which funds of the LUT Group are invested

The board members who are members of the university community shall be elected from among registered candidates, with the exception of student members who are appointed by the student union for a half term. The university collegium shall elect the board members who are not members of the university community.

The board may give the chair of the collegium the right to attend and speak at board meetings.

LUT University's rector, vice rectors, deans or other heads of units, management team members or collegium members or their deputies cannot be members of the board.

Section 8 Board of directors of the university of applied sciences

The remit of the university of applied sciences board shall be

1. That defined in the Universities of Applied Sciences Act
2. To decide who are authorised to represent the university of applied sciences
3. To decide on the foundation or acquisition of subsidiaries
4. To approve the articles of association or regulations of a subsidiary and their amendments before the decision-making body of the subsidiary decides on them
5. To approve shareholder agreements of subsidiaries and affiliates

Provisions on the composition of the board of a university of applied sciences are given in the Universities of Applied Sciences Act. In addition, municipalities in South Karelia have the right but no obligation jointly to appoint one (1) board member, and the City of Lahti has the right but no obligation to appoint one (1) board member. The chair of the board of the university of applied sciences is LUT University's rector or a person designated by the rector, and the vice chair is a person designated by LUT University's rector.

Section 9 Provisions concerning both boards of directors

The board has a quorum when a minimum of half of its members are present. The board may also hold meetings partly or entirely over the phone or electronically. In such cases, the board has a quorum when a minimum of half of its members take part in the procedure.

The board's working methods, such as how meetings are summoned, are provided for in the standing orders of the board. Thus, section 14 does not apply to the board.

Board members must have sufficient expertise and qualification to promote the interests of the higher education institution in question.

5. GROUP

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Section 12 University group

Provisions on the management of the university group have been issued in section 63 of the Universities Act. The university group's senior management includes the LUT University board, rector and other persons designated by the LUT University board. The university group's senior management is responsible for directing the university group and organising its oversight.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13 One over one principle

In decisions affecting the employment contracts, fees, salaries and other benefits of LUT Group employees, the so-called one over one principle is always applied.

Supervisors must subject decisions regarding their employees' employment contracts and/or fees, salaries or other benefits to their own supervisors, a person directly above them, or a person specifically assigned for the purpose. The person making the decision must also possess the power to sign documents for the university or have been delegated the right by the rector to decide such matters.

Decisions on the employment relationships and their terms of the rector's direct subordinates are made by the board or a person designated by the board based on the rector's proposal.

Section 14 Convening and quorum of a multi-member administrative body

Unless otherwise provided in the group regulations, the members of a multi-member administrative body of an LUT Group institution shall receive notice of a meeting at least five working days before the meeting. The notice must include an agenda. Upon a unanimous decision of the members and deputies in the meeting, also matters not mentioned in the notice may be handled.

Unless otherwise provided in the group regulations, a meeting can be called by the LUT University rector, the rector or CEO of the institution in question, a person designated by the rector, the chair of the administrative body or, in the absence of the chair, the vice chair.

Unless otherwise provided in the group regulations, a multi-member administrative body has a quorum when either the chair or vice chair and at least half of the members are present in the meeting.

A multi-member administrative body may also hold meetings partly or entirely over the phone or electronically. In such cases, the administrative body has a quorum when either the chair or vice chair and at least half of the members take part in the procedure.

Section 15 Entry into force

LUT University's board has approved these group regulations as a part of LUT University's regulations on 24 September 2020. The board of the LAB University of Applied Sciences has approved these group regulations on 24 September 2020 as a part of the regulations of the LAB University of Applied Sciences. These group regulations shall enter into force on 1 October 2020 and replace the previous ones. Before the entry into force of these group regulations, measures necessary for their implementation may be taken.

7. OBJECTIVE OF UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section 16 Objective of university regulations

The aim of the university regulations is to lay the groundwork for academically and financially productive management and high-level administration in LUT University's schools and support services.

Section 17 Mission of the university

LUT University specialises in scientific research and third-cycle education in its fields of expertise in technology, business and social sciences and provides academic education. LUT University promotes lifelong learning and operates in close cooperation with high-standard universities, businesses and the surrounding community, creating a competitive edge and well-being with its expertise in technology, business and social sciences.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Section 18 Administrative bodies

LUT University's administrative bodies are the university collegium, board, rector, provost, vice rector(s), academic councils, deans, vice deans, dissertation committee and degree board.

Section 19 Rector

The rector heads LUT University's academic activity and activities supporting it as whole and is responsible for the profitable execution of the university's mission under the Universities Act. The rector represents LUT University in matters related to his/her duties under the Universities Act.

The rector decides on the opening, closing and user rights of bank accounts of the university and university group.

The rector is authorised to sign documents on the university's behalf. Large-scale matters which the rector must submit to the board for decision-making include

1. Matters with risks or cost effects to the university exceeding three million euros
2. Taking loans that exceed an overall annual value of three million euros
3. Matters that are otherwise far-reaching for the university

The board decides on the process of appointing the rector and appoints the rector for a term of office that may be no more than one year longer than the term of the board. However, the term of the rector may be no longer than five years. The term of office of the rector ends either when the term of office was originally meant to end or when the board dismisses the rector.

Provisions on the qualification requirements of the rector are issued in the Universities Act, section 18.

The person appointed as the vice rector for education is the rector's substitute until 31 December 2026. After that rector's substitute will be provost. If both the rector and the vice rector for education or provost are disqualified or unable to perform their duties, the rector's substitute is the director, governance and risk management and in case they are disqualified or unable to perform their duties, strategy director.

Section 20 Provost and vice rectors

The University has a provost, who, assisting the Rector, is responsible for the academic management of LUT University and for the efficient performance of the academic tasks of the University in accordance with the University Act. The person selected for the post of provost must have a doctorate degree and have the ability and professionalism necessary to perform the duties of provost, as well as proven leadership skills.

The university may have zero to three vice rectors. A vice rector is required to have a professorship, a doctoral degree, the competence for discharging the duties, and proven good leadership skills.

The vice rector or vice rectors assist the rector in duties delegated by the rector.

Section 21 Schools and support services

LUT University has three schools, which are responsible for research and education: 1) LUT Business School 2) the LUT School of Energy Systems, and 3) the LUT School of Engineering Sciences. The more detailed duties of the schools are decided by the rector. Each school has one degree programme or more.

LUT University has a support service unit that provides the necessary support services for LUT University and the LAB University of Applied Sciences.

Section 22 Academic councils

The academic council is a multi-member administrative body, referred to in the Universities Act, section 27, chaired by the dean of the school, who has a vice dean as a deputy.

The duties of the academic council are especially:

1. To handle matters concerning the appointment of professors as ordered subsequently in these regulations
2. To make proposals to the rector on the appointment of docents
3. To decide on the initiation of dissertation processes and to appoint preliminary examiners for dissertations if the dissertation committee does not reach a unanimous decision on the initiation of a dissertation process or the appointment of preliminary examiners
4. To appoint opponents and a custos for dissertations and grant permission to defend a dissertation
5. To appoint examiners for licentiate theses
6. To assess dissertations and licentiate theses based on proposals by the opponents/examiners and to approve dissertations and licentiate theses
7. To decide on curricula and degree requirements based on instructions issued by the provost
8. To propose the annual intake quota for the school's degree programmes to the rector or a person assigned by the rector

The academic council consists of a chair, a vice-chair, and nine members elected from different groupings within the university. The members of the academic council and their personal deputies are elected from among registered candidates, with the exception of student members and their deputies, who are appointed by the student union.

The professors of a school elect three members for the academic council from their grouping. The school's teaching and research personnel not included in the grouping above and other staff shall elect four members for the academic council from amongst their group. The student union appoints three student members for the academic council from amongst the school's students.

The term of office of the academic council is four years. However, student members are appointed for a two-year term of office.

In addition to the provisions of section 14 of the group regulations, the academic council shall convene whenever at least three actual members of the academic council so request for the handling of a matter they announce. The issues to be handled by the academic council must be mentioned in the summons to the meeting, which must be sent no later than three working days before the meeting.

Section 23 Deans

A dean is responsible for a school's academic and financial performance, staff, and ensuring that the school's activity follows the university's strategy. Deans support the rector and the provost in the management of the university and the implementation of the university strategy.

A dean approves master's theses.

A dean must have a doctoral degree and the competence required for discharging the duties as well as proven good leadership skills.

Section 24 Vice deans

Schools have a vice dean who, together with the dean, develops the school, implements the university strategy and is the deputy of the dean in the dean's absence.

A vice dean must have a doctoral degree and the competence required for discharging the duties as well as proven good leadership skills.

Section 25 Dissertation committee

The university has a dissertation committee appointed by the rector. The dissertation committee shall have members from all the university's schools. The more detailed composition of the dissertation committee is decided by the rector. The dissertation committee decides on the initiation of dissertation processes and the appointment of preliminary examiners and gives statements on whether a dissertation meets its requirements. If the dissertation committee is not unanimous or it unanimously decides against the initiation of a dissertation process and the appointment of preliminary examiners, the matter shall be decided by the academic council of the postgraduate student's school.

Section 26 Degree board

The rector shall decide on the composition, remit and term of office of a degree board or another equivalent administrative body that handles requests for rectification under the Universities Act, section 27, subsection 4 regarding study attainments, and shall appoint its members with the exception of student members if he or she considers the administrative organ necessary. The student union shall appoint one student member or more for the administrative organ.

9. MANAGEMENT TEAM

Section 27 Management team

The university may have a management team with members appointed by the rector. The management team supports and assists the rector in the management of the university.

10. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND COOPERATION

Section 28 General qualification requirements

A person appointed to a position at LUT University is required to have the education, experience and language skills needed in the successful discharge of the duties in question. These conditions shall be defined for each position before the beginning of its appointment procedure. Language skills may be demonstrated case-specifically: in the appointment of a professor with a language certificate approved by the academic council and/or with an interview, and for other vacancies with a language certificate approved by the supervisor and/or with an interview. Foreign or Finnish citizens who are not natives of Finland may be appointed to a teaching or research position regardless of the fact that they have not demonstrated skills in Finnish and/or Swedish.

The qualifications of certain management positions are provided for in the Universities Act and in these regulations.

Section 29 Qualification requirements for a professor

A person appointed as a full professor (tenured) is required to have a doctorate, high-level scientific qualifications, experience in heading scientific research, the ability to acquire funding, the ability to provide high-level instruction based on research, the ability to supervise final theses, proof of international cooperation in the field of research in question, and when relevant to the duties of the position, practical experience in the field of the professorship.

Further provisions on the appointment procedure of professors are issued in chapter 11 of these university regulations.

Section 30 Qualification requirements for an associate/assistant professor

The qualification requirements for an associate/assistant professor (tenure track) are the same as those for a professor in section 29.

Section 31 Qualification requirements for an associate professor (non-tenure track)

An associate professor (non-tenure track) is required to have a doctoral degree, the pedagogical competences and teaching skills necessary for the position, proof of high-level research work and publications, and the ability to lead a research group and raise research funding.

Section 32 Qualification requirements for a post-doctoral researcher

A post-doctoral researcher is required to have a doctoral degree, the ability for independent scientific work, and teaching skills needed in the performance of the duties.

Section 33 Qualification requirements for a university instructor

A university instructor is required to have an applicable master's degree and experience in teaching. Especially pedagogical competence, proof of teaching merits and the ability to provide high-quality education on a wide range are taken into consideration.

Section 34 Qualification requirements for a junior researcher

Junior researchers are required to have a master's degree, the ability to complete the doctoral degree within the normative duration of the studies for the degree and a right to complete third-cycle studies at LUT University. In addition, junior researchers need to have a valid right to complete third-cycle studies at LUT University after three first months of their employment relationship.

Section 35 Staff appointment process

Provisions on the appointment of professors are issued further on in these regulations. For other positions, a procedure relevant to the position and situation shall be applied.

Section 36 Cooperation matters

The university observes the Act on Co-operation within Undertakings, which defines issues that require employee participation and consultation. The objective of co-operation is to strengthen interaction between the employer and the personnel, and to develop operations of an undertaking and the employees' opportunities to exercise influence in the decisions relating to their work, their working conditions and their position in the undertaking.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSOR

Section 37 Scope of application

This procedure shall be applied to the appointment of a professor. This procedure shall not be applied when a fixed-term employee is appointed to a vacant professorship for the duration of the appointment process.

Section 38 Appointment of a professor

Professorships are filled through an open, international application process. Also a distinguished person working or has previously worked as a professor at another university and deemed indisputably qualified by experts may be invited to a professorship without an open, international call. In addition, a distinguished individual who has received funding from the European Research Council (ERC) and is deemed indisputably qualified for the position by experts may be invited to the position of professor without an open international call.

For positions related to the initiation of research and education in civil and environmental engineering at LUT University, a distinguished person who, at the time of invitation, is working or has previously worked at least as an assistant/associate professor at another university and who is deemed indisputably qualified for the position of professor or assistant/associate professor by experts, may be invited to the position of professor, associate professor or assistant professor (tenure track) without an open international call. This procedure may be used until 31 December 2026.

Professors and/or assistant/associate professors (tenure track) recruited with funding from the Academy of Finland's Profi9 programme may be invited to the position without an open international call, provided that the individual is distinguished and deemed indisputably qualified for the position of professor or assistant/associate professor by experts. This procedure may be used until 31 December 2026.

LUT University employees may be invited to a professorship in accordance with the tenure review process without an open, international call if they have passed one in their previous position at LUT University and are indisputably qualified for the position or if they have been selected for the position of professor or assistant/associate professor

- under the temporary exception concerning social sciences valid until 31 May 2025
- under the temporary exception concerning civil and environmental engineering valid until 31 December 2026, or
- under the temporary exception concerning the Academy of Finland's Profi9 funding valid until 31 December 2026.

Section 39 Appointment of a selection committee

The dean appoints the members and chair for a selection committee for the appointment of a professor. The members of the selection committee shall represent a wide range of expertise in the field of the professorship and/or in closely related fields.

Section 40 Duties of a selection committee

The selection committee prepares:

- a specified field for the professorship, including grounds
- a description of the appointment procedure of the professorship
- if possible, a proposal concerning the experts for the process to the dean

Section 41 Rector's decision on initiating the appointment procedure of the professorship

Based on the dean's and provost's joint proposal, the rector decides whether to initiate the appointment procedure for the professorship. If the rector decides to initiate the process, the rector will also decide the field of the professorship, the process and the content of the description of the appointment procedure. The academic council of the school in question shall be informed of the rector's decision.

If the applicant's documents have not been delivered to the experts within three months of the rector's decision, the rector's decision will lapse. The rector may, based on the dean's justified proposal, extend the validity of the decision before it lapses.

Section 42 Application stage

In an open application process, the dean or a person assigned by the dean announces the vacancy in the media and other applicable channels the person deems the most suitable.

The provost decides how many applications will be assessed by the experts. However, the experts must assess a minimum of three applicants. If the number of applications is limited, it must be based on the decision-maker's view of who the most suitable candidates are for the position. The applicants whom the experts deem qualified will be invited to an interview. Provost shall decide whether the applicants selected for expert evaluation need to give a trial lecture.

Section 43 Appointment of expert evaluators

The dean or a person appointed by the dean selects at least three expert evaluators and gives the appointment decision in writing. However, in case a person is promoted from an associate professor to a tenured professor position in the tenure track system, at least two experts are selected and appointed. To the extent possible, the experts should be chosen with the applicants' fields of specialisation in mind and with a view to impartiality. Before the selection of expert evaluators, the applicants must be provided the possibility to comment on their possible disqualification. The experts must be impartial.

The experts shall be requested to provide a written statement within no more than two months especially on the scientific qualification of the applicants, and if possible, also on other merits relevant to the professorship, and to rank the applicants in order of preference according to which of them they consider the most qualified.

If a position is being made permanent, the experts are asked within two months to express in their statement whether they consider the candidate to be indisputably qualified for the position.

Section 44 Presenting an appointment proposal for a professorship

The dean and provost proposes jointly the appointment of an applicant to the rector, or when a position is made permanent, whether the intended candidate should be appointed and is indisputably qualified for the position. The proposal shall be based on the merits presented by the applicants, expert statements, possible trial lectures and other related matters. The dean may also propose to leave the position vacant.

The assessment of the merits of the applicant takes into account scientific publications and other research results with scientific value, pedagogical expertise, teaching experience and other merits related to teaching, a trial lecture if needed, the number of dissertations supervised, and leadership skills. In addition, the applicant's activity in the scientific community, success in raising research funding, scientific work abroad and international positions of trust are considered.

Section 45 Appointment of a professor

After receiving the proposal, the rector decides whether to appoint an applicant or leave the position unfilled.

12. STUDENTS

Section 46 Equality

All LUT University students and applicants to LUT University studies will be treated equally and following the same principles. LUT University's student admission process is open and transparent. Regulations concerning LUT University's studies issue more detailed provisions on studies, students and student admissions.

Section 47 Student union

The university has a self-governing student union in accordance with the provisions of the Universities Act. The governing of the student union is provided for in the Universities Act and the student union rules confirmed by the rector.

13. ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

Section 48 Required qualifications for members of administrative bodies

In the election of members for the university's administrative bodies, a staff member refers to a full-time employee with a valid employment relationship during both the candidate registration period and the election. An employee's employee group is determined in the employment contract.

Undergraduate students who are members of the university student union, who are appointed by the student union and are not in a full-time employment relationship at the university are eligible as student members.

Employees in a full-time employment relationship work on an average a minimum of 50% of the working hours defined in the employee group's collective agreement. In unclear cases, the election organiser appointed by the rector shall decide whether the employment relationship can be considered full-time and whether the person is otherwise eligible for membership in the administrative body.

Members of an administrative body who are no longer permanent members of the grouping in the university community from which they were elected into the administrative body or who no longer permanently meet the eligibility criteria are obligated to inform the chair of the administrative body of it without delay and to resign from the administrative body without delay, if necessary. Members of an administrative body who temporarily fail to meet the eligibility criteria herein may inform the chair of the administrative body that they will withdraw from duties as a member of the administrative body for a maximum of three months. Such members will be replaced by a deputy member for the period in question.

Section 49 Changing the composition of administrative bodies

If an LUT University employee's term as a member or deputy member in the university collegium or an academic council ends before the term of the administrative body ends, the first deputy will replace the member. A deputy member is the candidate next in line in the number of votes. If a student member's term in the university collegium or an academic council ends before the term of the administrative body ends, the student union shall appoint a new member and deputy member.

Section 50 Election

For the election of representatives of LUT University staff members, the rector shall charge a person with the practical implementation of the election and decision-making regarding the election. If possible, the election shall be organised in such a way that the representatives elect are known no later than a month before their term of office begins.

A person may be a candidate and have the right to vote in no more than one grouping in the university community. Those who are eligible for membership in an administrative body under section 48 also have the right to vote. In unclear cases, the organiser of the election shall resolve to which grouping the person belongs and whether they have the right to vote.

Section 51 Selection of student representatives

Student representatives for administrative bodies are selected in accordance with the student union rules.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 52 Terms of office of certain administrative posts

The terms of office of vice rectors, deans, vice deans, heads of degree programmes, and heads of doctoral programmes end when the rector's term of office ends, unless otherwise decided by the board. The term of office of the provost is decided by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Section 53 Number of auditors

The university collegium elects two auditors for the university in accordance with the Universities Act. If the auditor is a natural person, a deputy auditor shall be appointed. The university collegium annually evaluates the activity of the auditors.

Section 54 Awarding the title of professor or docent

The rector or a person appointed by the rector initiates the awarding of the title of professor. The decision to award the title of professor is made by the board based on a proposal by the rector or a person appointed by the rector. The title of professor may only be awarded for a fixed term.

A dean initiates the awarding of the title of docent after hearing the rector. The decision to award the title of docent is made by the rector based on a proposal by the academic council. The title of docent may only be awarded for a fixed term.

Section 55 Entry into force and transitional provisions

The LUT University board has approved these regulations on 2 April 2026. These regulations will enter into force on 7 April 2026 and replace the previous ones. Before the entry into force of these regulations, measures necessary for their implementation may be taken.