

GRANTS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

The Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation is prepared to grant 10 full year grants of 29 000 euros to first year postgraduate students of economics who begin their postgraduate studies in fall **2026** or spring **2027**. The grants are intended for full-time postgraduate studies. Those who receive the grant may also apply for an extension grant in the spring of **2027** for their second year of postgraduate studies. These extension grants are granted to those who perform best in their studies.

In stage 1 of the application process (in autumn **2025**), economics faculties applied to reserve a quota (a certain number) of grants for their beginning postgraduate students. It is possible to split one 29 000 euro grant in half to accommodate two students if both students are able to secure funding for the rest of their first year of postgraduate studies from other sources. Here are the instructions for stage 2 of the grant application process.

Instructions for economics units

1. Once being notified of the grant quota reserved for them, each unit is to name recipient candidates (within their quota) for the personal grant from among their beginning postgraduate students. The candidates must be students who are beginning their postgraduate studies in fall **2026** or spring **2027**. The person responsible for drafting the unit's application must send a list of the unit's candidates with a brief justification for each choice to the Foundation via email (toimisto@yjs.fi) by **30 April 2026**. If a unit suggests splitting a grant between two students, the sent information must specify which two students are to split the grant.
2. The named candidates apply for the grant from the Foundation *at the suggestion of their own unit* between **4–15 May 2026**. Then the Foundation will make the final decisions on grant recipients. The units must let their candidates know whether they are candidates for the full grant or a half grant. Only candidates named by the units may apply for grants in the second stage of the application process. The Foundation uses the candidates submitted by the units as the starting point, but final decisions on grant recipients are made according to the Foundation's regular grant conditions and criteria.

Instructions for grant applicants named by the units

The application period for postgraduate students named by the units is **4–15 May 2026**. The grant application is submitted via the Foundation's online service, which is available at: <https://www.yjs.fi/en/grants/#general-information>. The application must be submitted via the online service by **16:00 o'clock on 15 May** at the latest. The grant decisions will be made public at the beginning of June.

All sections of the application form are mandatory. Special instructions on filling out the form:

- The type of grant is “personal working grant (henkilökohtainen työskentelyapuraha)”, and its purpose is “1st year of postgraduate studies (1. vuoden jatko-opinnot)”.
- In the section reserved for the summary of the research plan, the candidate must write a) a preliminary schedule for the completion of the studies and b) a brief description of the initial topic and research question of the doctoral thesis.
- The beginning date is August **2026** or January **2027**. The period is 12 months if the candidate is suggested as a full year recipient, or 6 months if the candidate is seeking a half grant.
- Enter 29 000 euros as the sum for estimated living costs if the candidate is applying for a full year grant, or 14 500 euros if the person is applying for a half grant.
- A CV with the title, grade and supervisors of the candidate's master's thesis is to be attached to the application. If the candidate's master's thesis is not yet completed, a mention of its expected completion date must be included. The CV must also contain all the regular information regarding previous qualifications and achievements. No other appendices are to be attached to the application.

Further information: Research Director Terhi Maczulskij (tel. +358 50 3230180, firstname.lastname@yjs.fi) and the Foundation's website (<https://www.yjs.fi/en/grants/#general-information>).