

**Dear representative of a university of applied sciences,**

In 2023, the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) will evaluate the competence produced by vocational education and training (VET) in relation to the requirements for studies at universities of applied sciences. The evaluation will focus on how the strengthening of the abilities required in studies at universities of applied sciences is supported in VET by the education system and, on the other hand, on how universities of applied sciences support success in the studies and recognise the strengths and challenges in the competence of students whose background is in VET. The topic of the evaluation will be examined from the point of view of VET providers, universities of applied sciences and students. Apart from the Police University College, all universities of applied sciences operating in mainland Finland will participate in the evaluation.

Active participation by the target groups of the evaluation is important for the development of education. Thank you for your participation!

**Gathering of information related to the evaluation and feedback to higher education institutions**

We will collect evaluation data from different groups to obtain a comprehensive picture of the topic of the evaluation. Information from the management and personnel of all universities of applied sciences will be gathered in a survey in April–May 2023. More information about the survey will be sent to the institutions in March 2023.

Information from students of universities of applied sciences who have completed vocational education and training will be gathered with interviews in September 2023. This information gathering will be implemented in only some of the universities of applied sciences. The institutions whose students will be interviewed will be informed of it separately later in the spring.

In addition to the survey and interview data, the evaluation will make extensive use of the existing statistical and register data, such as the student admissions register and the University of Applied Sciences Graduated Feedback Questionnaire AVOP.

The evaluation will be based on the principles of enhancement-led evaluation. Through the evaluation, universities of applied sciences will have the opportunity to identify strengths, development areas and good practices in their activities. In addition, the interviews will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their own abilities and educational pathway.

We will not report the responses of individual higher education institutions as part of the national evaluation, neither can an individual institution or student be identified in the national evaluation report. Instead, the institutions will receive feedback on their own results in relation to the national state.



**Coordination of the implementation of information gathering in the higher education institution**

To be able to carry out the collection of evaluation data, we need your help. If you wish, you can name a separate contact person for the evaluation. The contact person's task will be to coordinate the implementation of the information gathering and send the instructions and links related to the surveys and interviews to the respondents. Please let us know the name, email address and telephone number of the possible contact person by 28 February by e-mailing the information to us ([raisa.hievanen@karvi.fi](mailto:raisa.hievanen@karvi.fi)).

If you do not provide a separate contact person for this evaluation, we will send all the messages and instructions related to this evaluation to the recipient of this information letter.

**For more information on the evaluation project, contact**

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We will be happy to answer if you have any questions.

More information about the evaluation will also be updated on [the website of the evaluation](#).

Thank you for your cooperation!

