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Instructions for promovendi 2026

Events:

1. Delivery of doctoral hats with boxes (your name on top of the box)

Please note: only new doctors who deliver their doctoral hats in advance will be admitted to the Act of Conferment's procession, be officially conferred on stage, and subsequently attend the dinner.

Please deliver your hat and box (your name on top of the box) to the hat collection desk in Dipoli's Juhla lobby on one of the following dates and times:

- a) Sunday 7 June at 16.30-19.00, or
- b) Wednesday 10 June at 17.30-20.00, or
- c) Thursday 11 June at 17.30-20.00.

Please attach a visible name tag – Write your first and last name clearly on a tag and attach it to the **top of the box**. **Do not place the tag on the side of the box or inside it.**

We expect to receive about 160 doctoral hats, most of them on Thursday 11 June afternoon between 17.30 and 18.00. Following this instruction will speed up the check-in process and help ensure that no hat boxes get mismatched. If you have lent your doctoral hat, make sure your name is clearly visible on top of the box. You may carry the boxes inside bags, but please **remove the boxes from the bags before delivering the hats**, as we will not store any bags.

Our assistants will place the hats in a locked room to wait for the event. You may leave your hat before attending the dance rehearsal or the general rehearsal. If you cannot deliver your hat at any of the above times, please email Producer Nicoletta Michieletto (Niki) at nicoletta.michieletto@aalto.fi or send her a WhatsApp message to +358 50 326 1049 to agree on an alternative time and place. **Important: Do not leave your hat unattended on tables.**

After the act of conferment, you will find your doctoral hat box in the cloakroom (Dipoli Juhla lobby). The boxes will be sorted in alphabetical order, and you must collect your own box.

2. Academic dances rehearsals

If you wish to take part in the dancing (traditionally the Polonaise, Cicapo, Mignon, and Grande Valse), please attend at least one of the rehearsals in Dipoli's Kaleva Hall. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

- Sunday 7 June at 17:00–19:00
- Wednesday 10 June at 18:00–20:00

3. Honorary Doctors' Talks – 11 June at 13:15-16:30

As part of the Ceremony Week programme, the Honorary Doctors' Talks will take place on 11 June at 13.15-16.30. The newly appointed Honorary Doctors in the field of technology give brief talks on the theme "Beyond Borders". The talks are held in English. There will be a short time for Q&A after each speaker. The event open for all and it is for free.

More information and registration (to avoid food waste) [here](#).

You can find the list of Honorary Doctors [here](#).

Venue: Marsio, Stage, Otakaari 2 A

4. General rehearsal of the Conferment – 11 June

The general rehearsal of the Conferment ceremony will take place on **Thursday 11 June, from 18.00 to 20.00**. Participation is **highly important** due event production to run smoothly on the day, and other practical arrangements. If you are absolutely unable to attend, please send an email to conferment@aalto.fi well in advance.

5. Moment of Reflection – 12 June at 12:00–12:30

Welcome to start the day with reflection themes of wisdom, human growth, and love. The moment consists of acoustic music and inspiring texts from various cultures and thinkers, and it is organised by Aalto University and the University Chaplains.

Venue: Dipoli, Lumituuli, Otakaari 24

Important practicalities:

1. Photography

- **Professional photography during the ceremony:** During the Act of Conferment, our photographers will take pictures of you as you step onto the stage to receive your doctoral hat. Within a week after the conferment, you will receive a link to a photo platform where you can download your pictures for free.
- **Taking your own photos:** You may take pictures and selfies before the Act begins and after it ends. However, please do not take photos during the procession or during the Act itself. Your guests may take pictures during the Act, but they must **not use flash** inside Kaleva Hall.
- **Sharing on social media:** Feel free to share your pictures on social media. Please use the hashtag **#AaltoUniversity** – this way you can also find photos taken by other participants.
- If you wish not to be present in the photos, please inform the photographers at the event (2 people). Please note that the event will be streamed live, and possibly we will publish the recording of it.

2. Guests and avecs

- **Act of Conferment:** each promovendi may registered 1–3 guests. Due to limited seating in Kaleva Hall, we have reserved the Lumituuli auditorium for guests, where the event will be streamed using multiple cameras. Families with children, in particular, are encouraged to use Lumituuli, as it offers a more relaxed space.
- **Dinner and ball:** Each promovendi may have registered one avec to the dinner and ball. Due to limited seating, please note that we cannot make exceptions, and you may not have more than one avec. The avec may be your partner, a family member, a friend, or a colleague. The dinner is solely intended for people who are over 18 years of age.

3. Changing rooms

Traveling promovendi may change clothes between the Act of Conferment and the evening banquet in the rooms reserved for this purpose: **Honko** for male and non-binary promovendi, and **Jokinen** for female and non-binary promovendi. The doors will be labeled; you can ask for their locations from the ushers or cloakroom personell.

Please remember not to leave any valuables in these rooms. We suggest you take your valuable personal belongings (e.g., jewelry, cell phones) to the cloakroom.

4. Streaming

The Act of Conferment will be streamed starting from 13.00 on 12 June.

We will publish the link on the [Conferment webpage](#) on 11 June after the rehearsals. Please, feel free to share the webpage link to your families, friends and colleagues who cannot participate in the live event.

5. Promovendi book

The digital Promovendi book will be downloadable to everyone on the [Conferment webpage](#) after 12 June.