Family leave without consequences for the academic career at Hanken School of Economics

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- Stand alone business school founded 1909
- Number of students enrolled for bachelor’s or master’s degrees: 2349
- Number of doctoral students: 130 ~45% women
- Academic staff: 122 ~ 39 % women
- Supports staff: 107 ~ 76 % women
- Full professors: 28 % women
Family leave in Finland

» Parents can get
  » maternity leave 30 days from before the child is born to ca 3 months after the birth (with full salary)
  » paternity leave, at maximum 54 days (6 days with full salary, then with a allowance based on income)
  » parental leave, 158 working days, about six months (97-99% used by the mother) (with an allowance based on income)
  » child care leave, until the child is 3 years old (97% used by women) (with an allowance of 341,27 euro/month)
  » partial care allowance, when the child is in first or second grade at school (entitles to a smaller partial allowance)
Extension of fixed-term contracts

» For doctoral students and assistant professors fixed-term contracts are extended with the duration of the maternity/paternity/parental leave, at maximum 10 months.

» Scholarship holders that have been granted funding from the Hanken Support Foundation can pause their scholarship for the time of the family leave, including the child care leave.
Why?

» Included in the Personnel instructions since 2010

» Is in line with the spirit of the legislation

» Gives those who take family leaves, mainly women, less interruptions in the CV

» Enables a more coherent career development

» Hanken’s goal is to have about 50% / 50% men & women as researchers/teachers and also as full professors

» Creates a better work-life balance for all, men and women.