



Digimentors at the University of Oulu

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A photograph of two people in winter clothing standing on a snowy surface. They are both holding glowing yellow lightbulbs, which are suspended by thin wires. The person on the left is wearing a pink jacket and a purple beanie. The person on the right is wearing a dark blue puffer jacket and a brown beanie. The background is a dark, out-of-focus landscape.

Digimentors at the University of Oulu "Companions on teachers' journey" in the changing world

"Digimentors are pedagogy professionals who help the university staff adopt new digital tools. The task is important, since the digital pedagogical competence plays a key role in society. For this reason, the Digimentors' group was awarded at the Opening Ceremony of the Academic Year 2024-2025. "

<https://patio.oulu.fi/en/news/digimentors-play-key-role-adoption-new-digital-tools>



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The digital mentor works together with the teacher



Examples of utilizing digimentors with low threshold

- **Developing a course**, support during the course
- Choosing, building and guiding the use of **a suitable digital tool** for learning (Moodle, Howspace, Thinglink etc.)
- **Guidance** on topics such as AI, AI guidelines, accessibility, video learning materials
- **Practical help** with hybrid teaching



Example of a course planning

1. Problem/idea
2. E-mail
3. Meeting
4. Working
5. Course starts: support at the beginning
6. Feedback + thoughts for the next year: How to develop?



“Working with a digimentor can enhance teachers' well-being, save time, and develop digipedagogical skills.”





What else we do? Examples

- Coordinating digitalisation program to the faculty
- Community-wide tasks within the university, e.g. AI guidelines for theses
- Work for multidisciplinary collaboration to develop education



Current tips from digimentor

- AI in Education training in English will start in October | Patio (oulu.fi)
- As a teacher, you have several digital services in your use | Patio (oulu.fi)
- Digipedatip: Personal consultation on digipeda issues as a daily help of yours | Patio (oulu.fi)



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Please don't hesitate to pull my sleeve, drop by my office, or book a time (Walk in on Tu. 9-11 AM). Digimentors are here for you. Questions?