Government Decree on Universities (770/2009)

Requirements for language skills

Holders of teaching and research positions at Finnish universities must be proficient in the language of teaching, either Finnish or Swedish. Proficiency in the teaching language can be demonstrated as laid down in the Regulations of the University of Helsinki.

Holders of teaching and research positions must also have at least satisfactory oral and written skills in the second national language, Finnish or Swedish.

The University may grant an exemption to these language requirements as provided in its Regulations.

For further information: Universities Act 558/2009