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Eeva Kuoppala is a senior lecturer and project manager at Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences.

She graduated in Art Education from the University of Jyväskylä in 1998. In 1999 she graduated in her pedagogical studies from the HAMK University of Applied Sciences. Since then she has been working in Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences as a senior lecturer and from the autumn 2012 as a project manager. She is writing her dissertation about the collaboration and learning between educational organization and working-life organizations. She is a member of doctoral class 2010 at University of Helsinki, Center for Research on Activity, Development and Learning.

Eeva Kuoppala is an expert in the work-based pedagogy. She has been involved in different kinds of development projects and networks concerning the topic. Together with her colleagues they developed a new pedagogical model for the education of cultural managers at Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences. The model is based on authentic cases and collaborative learning.

Eeva Kuoppala has been a speaker or expert at national and international conferences to present the model of work-based pedagogy and her experiences of the pedagogical development work. At the moment she is leading the ESF –funded project KINOS which aim is to develop educational institutions' innovation competences. The project is led by Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences. Partner organizations are Mikkeli University Consortium, South- Savo Vocational College and Otavan Opisto vocational school. The goal of the project is to develop multi- professional and multi-organisational innovation communities and operations model to implement innovation activity in the future.