Entrepreneurship infuses everything at Aalto University. Whether you’re a student interested in entrepreneurial education or a startup looking for an accelerator – or something in between – join our community!

Entrepreneurship as a career option is more popular than ever before — in the last four years, over 3000 students have studied through the Aalto Ventures Program.

Promoting entrepreneurship
- Research on entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurial education for all students
- Business incubators and accelerators
- Innovation scouting and support
- Student-led entrepreneurial activities
- Active collaboration with companies

70 to 100 companies are founded every year in our ecosystem.

50% of Finnish startups that originate from universities come from the Aalto community.
a community of game changers

AALTO VENTURES PROGRAM prepares students for high-growth entrepreneurship through top-level education and co-curricular activities. AVP also helps Aalto schools and other universities to include entrepreneurship in their teaching.

AALTO DESIGN FACTORY is a multidisciplinary environment for research and education on product development. Fostering entrepreneurship by problem-based learning, the concept has spread out to five continents through the Design Factory Global Network.

AALTO UNIVERSITY DEVELOPING ENTREPRENEURSHIP provides esteemed educational programmes for established entrepreneurs, aiming to help businesses thrive.

AALTO STARTUP CENTER runs a business generator programme, helping research-based and other startups to scale their businesses.

A GRID is one of the largest startup communities in Europe, housing startups, creative businesses and accelerator programs. A Grid functions as a contact point to the university’s infrastructures and vast talent base.

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AALTO ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIETY is Europe’s largest and most active student-run entrepreneurship community. It has started a significant movement by founding major concepts such as Slush, Startup Sauna and Junction.

DASH is the biggest design hackathon in Europe, encouraging participants to focus on design process at its purest and pay extra attention to research.

STARTUPLIFERS is an internship programme that provides students a chance to work in startups in San Francisco and Singapore. Aalto covers the travel and visa costs for students.

JUNCTION is Europe’s leading hackathon where teams have 48 hours to create solutions for real-life challenges, using the latest technologies. Organised also in Tokyo.

KIUAS is the leading startup accelerator in Finland. It provides startups with top-level coaching and mentoring from serial entrepreneurs and investors, supporting over 100 companies annually.

SLUSH has become a world-renowned startup event in the hands of Aalto students, attracting over 20 000 participants from around the world annually.

FALLUP is Europe’s largest entrepreneurship event for students, founded to inspire future entrepreneurs with keynote speakers, workshops and encounters with companies.

Aalto University Startup Center

With A Grid, we are able to offer startups a chance to keep connected with the university and its competence base, creating further good.” Leigh Ewin, Community Manager, A Grid

Courage is the first thing that comes to mind when I think about what I’ve received from this community.” Tiina Nyman, President 2018, Aaltoes

We try to break down barriers of all kinds: between disciplines and schools, but also between the university, companies and society.” Tua Björklund, Professor of Practice, Design Factory

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