Call for Outstanding Candidates for the Stanford University International Summer School 2019

Aalto University students have an excellent opportunity to apply for the Stanford Summer Session International Honors Program (IHP) organized in California on June 22 - August 18, 2019.

Aalto University, in conjunction with SSIHP, will provide a maximum of six full scholarships. The aim is to support the participation of one Aalto student from each School, provided that suitable candidates can be found. Each scholarship, worth approximately $15,000, covers tuition, insurance, room and board (meals) on campus. Additionally, the selected students receive a grant of €1000 for travel expenses. We are primarily looking for Bachelor’s level students. However, if suitable candidates from Bachelor’s level cannot be found, also Master’s level students can be chosen.

Located between San Francisco and San Jose in the heart of Silicon Valley, Stanford University is recognized as one of the world’s leading research and teaching institutions. Aalto University has developed partnerships with Stanford University on many fronts and now for the 9th time Stanford IHP invites Aalto students for the much praised summer program.

Students attending this program will benefit from an intense educational experience. On top of the advanced academic offering, extracurricular activities complement the educational program by providing opportunities to explore the rich cultural, social and geographical resources of the San Francisco Bay Area, including tours of Stanford laboratories, Silicon Valley technology firms, and San Francisco museums and historic sites. The Summer Honors Program is only available for students of Stanford’s partner universities.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application is open online from 15 Dec 2018 until 15 Jan 2019 (at 18:00) at https://aalto.moveon4.com/form/5a25096b3f5d66f1676f235e/eng (Aalto University - Stanford International Honors Programme (IHP)).

In order to apply, please write a personal statement in English outlining the reasons why you should be Aalto University’s representative at the Stanford summer program. A statement should include insight to your current studies at Aalto University, how this particular summer program would supplement that, and how you envision your future.
In your application, you should include, in addition to the personal statement:

- transcript of records (a digitally signed from WebOodi is sufficient)
- CV
- draft study plan for Stanford Summer Session IHP including 8-9 units undergraduate courses or 8-10 units graduate courses. Summer 2019 courses will be available in March, please make your study plan according to summer 2018 courses. Silicon Valley Innovation Academy courses or leisure classes (such as sports) are not covered.
- letter of recommendation from an academic (free format, in English or Finnish)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- the applicant must be enrolled as present at Aalto University both at the time of application and at the time of the summer school.

Successful candidates must also have:

- a very good command of the English language (Aalto students are exempt from providing the proof of English proficiency)
- motivation and vision
- selected applicants are also expected to participate in an interview. The interviews are going to take place in Otaniemi on February 11 and 13, 2019.

Aalto Schools make the preliminary selection of the candidates and the top candidates are invited for an interview. The selection is based on the personal statement, study plan, academic record and letter of recommendation. The aim is to have one candidate from each School. The interviews have a very important role in the final decision. Participation in the interview is required.

Based on our previous experience, we will receive a large number of applications from some of the best Aalto students and competition for a scholarship is extremely tight. Applications will not be returned to the applicants and unfortunately, we cannot comment on individual applications.

All selected participants must submit a travel report after the summer course.

MORE INFORMATION

https://summer.stanford.edu/ihp
http://summer.stanford.edu/academics/courses/ (courses)
https://blogs.aalto.fi/summersessionstanford2014/ (Travel reports by Aalto students)

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