INFORMATION ON BACHELOR AND MASTER STUDENT EXCHANGE SELECTION 2020-2021

A total of 303 students applied for Bachelor and Master Exchange for the academic year 2020–2021 (2019 / 2020). There were 453 exchange places available in 124 universities around the world. **175 students applied for a Bachelor level exchange and 112 for a Master level exchange.** 17 applicants applying for MSc exchange had BSc status at the time of application. Applicants had a possibility to select up to 10 exchange preferences in their application.

The most important selection criteria was the so called “success in studies index”. The formula is credits * GPA / present semesters. Only the studies that are part of student’s degree and completed during the official study right at Aalto University School of Business were taken into account. These studies were defined based on personal study plans (eHOPS). For bachelor students only the studies that are part of their BSc degree were taken into account. For Master students both BSc and MSc degree studies were taken into account in the selection if the BSc degree was completed in Aalto University: (180 * BSc GPA)+(MSc credits * MSc GPA)/semesters attended.

The ranking of the students was done according to the indexes. After this, language skills and other requirements set by the exchange universities were evaluated.

Applicants who had a grade point average less than 3 were rejected. Applicants who did not meet the selection criteria or who had a lower index than required for selection in their exchange choices and did not want to be offered any other destination were not placed to any university. A Total of 2 applicants were selected to CEMS programme and were therefore not offered a place in the regular Master exchange programme.

Applicants, who are offered a place at a university that requires TOEFL language test or similar, must take the test and get the score required by the exchange university. Until then, the offered exchange place is conditional. Bachelor students who were selected to Master exchange will also be selected conditionally until they graduate with Bachelor diploma. A few applicants were selected conditionally until they meet the language skills required for the university in question.

**Most popular exchange universities according to the first choices in the applications** (total number of applicants in parentheses) were:

1. National University of Singapore   Singapore 25 (69)
2. Universität St. Gallen   Switzerland 14 (99)
   Universidade Nova de Lisboa   Portugal 14 (64)
3. University of Southern California   USA 13 (33)
4. Università Commerciale 'Luigi Bocconi' di Milano   Italy 12 (68)
5. Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien   Austria 8 (36)
   University of Otago   New Zealand 8 (30)

**The most popular countries** according to the first choices were USA, Australia and Singapore. On this application round 35 students applied to USA as their first preference, and 27 students to Australia or Singapore.
Places offered:

- Exchange place is offered to 277 applicants (96.5% of the applicants)
- 172 applicants are offered a place from their first choice (60% of the selected applicants)
- 227 applicants are offered a place from their first, second or third choice (82.5% of the selected applicants)

Four (4) applicants are offered a place based on the wild card option – the applicants did not get a place from any of the alternatives on their application, but they had marked on the application that they wish to be considered to other exchange universities as well.

All selected students will receive an exchange scholarship. The amount of the scholarship in bilateral destination (ie. destinations outside Europe and outside the Erasmus program) is 1500 euros. In Erasmus countries the minimum amount is 1500 euros. The total amount the scholarship in these destinations depends on the length of the stay (days). All of the scholarships will be paid in two instalments. The payment of the scholarship is dependent on separate requirements. Students will be notified of the requirements later.

All the applicants will receive an email regarding the application result. The exchange place offered can be checked from the application portal: (https://aalto.moveon4.de/form/520dd6ac0f9d309f06000000/eng) ('offered destination'). Please note that all the selected students will have to either accept or decline the offered destination in the portal by Friday March 13!

If you were not offered a place in this exchange selection, or you are not satisfied with the place you are offered, you can apply again in the second round application period. Before rejecting the place offered, we strongly recommend that you read travel reports written by students who have previously been in the same university.

Places that were not filled, or were cancelled in the first round will be opened in the second round, if possible. Please note that all the remaining places may not be opened due to e.g. time constraints or other reasons.

Students who accept the offer will receive acceptance letter later by email.

Second round application period will be organized on 18.3. – 25.3.2020 (closing time at 16.15). Places available on this round will be announced in Into as the application round opens.

If you have any questions, please contact

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