A COMMUNITY of GAME CHANGERS

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

MIT has rated Aalto’s ecosystem among the top-5 rising stars in the world.

Entrepreneurship is a more popular career option than ever — in the last four years, over 2000 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.

Aalto is ranked 14th university in the world for collaboration with industry.

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Head start with the Aalto ecosystem

Aalto Ventures Program

The program prepares students for high-growth entrepreneurship through top-level education and co-curricular activities. Aalto Ventures Program also helps Aalto schools and other universities to include entrepreneurship in their teaching.

Aalto Design Factory

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 Design Factory Global Network.

Aalto Start-Up Center

Aalto Start-Up Center provides high-quality business development services and support. Over 800 companies from Aalto and beyond have been put on track for growth and nearly 3000 new jobs created.

A Grid

A Grid is one of the largest community spaces in Europe providing a variety of services. It houses startups, creative businesses, and accelerators. Functioning as a contact point to the university’s infrastructures and vast talent base.

Aalto Entrepreneurship Society

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

Kiuas

Kiuas helps startups forward with its incubator, accelerator, and bootcamp – 24/7 and 365 days a year.

Startup Sauna

Startup Sauna is the leading business accelerator in Northern Europe. 30–40 top-notch companies are selected from nearly 1500 applicants to the free-of-charge program every year.

Fapup

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

Startuuplifters

Startuuplifters is an internship program that provides students a chance to work in startups in Silicon Valley and Asia. Aalto covers travel and visa costs for the students.

Junction

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

Slush

Slush has become a world-renowned startup-event in the hands of Aalto students, attracting over 15000 participants and 2000 startups from around the world annually.

"I've grown very enthusiastic about lean startup thinking. I believe my enthusiasm sparked last spring when we were demoing one of our new services here at Aalto Design Factory.”

Maarit Hannula, Smartum

“We wouldn’t be here without assistance from Aalto University. It all started with a 12 week course with interactive objects.”

Lisa Gerkens, Student, Co-founder, LeeLuu

"It's really an ecosystem where failure is okay. You treat it as a learning experience. And you can do all of this with the support of the university, which is totally awesome.”

Kasper Suomalainen, Student, Director of Community, Startup Sauna