

Exchange studies

For Aalto students. If you're a student coming from another university to Aalto, please see the pages for [Incoming exchange students](#).

In the working life of today and tomorrow, everyone needs global competence and language skills. It is best to acquire strong international experience while studying. A great way to do this is international student exchange. As a student of Aalto, you have wonderful opportunities to study in top universities around the world.

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Why you should choose exchange studies

- You will get stellar career and life skills.
- You can study new, exciting courses. You will also experience a new academic culture from the inside.
- New environment, experiences and friends also bring new ideas. Many career plans have clarified in student exchange.
- After the exchange it will be easier to seize international opportunities.
- It is easy to go on exchange. You will get a grant and support in each phase.
- You will get first-hand, in-depth experience of another culture.
- Exchange studies are an investment in your future.
- It can also be an experience of a lifetime.

Exchange studies will build your

- practical language skills
- communication and interaction skills
- ability to adapt to new surroundings
- courage to take on new challenges
- international networks
- global perspective to your field of study
- multicultural team work skills
- cultural understanding
- problem solving skills
- knowledge of your own strengths
- global responsibility
- other intellectual and cultural capital.

The goals of exchange studies at Aalto

- personal growth – including academic and ethical growth
- developing intercultural and international competencies
- being ready for a career in the increasingly international working life
- fluency in a foreign language.

(applied from M. Steinberg in Bolen et al. 2007)

Accessible exchange studies

Exchange studies are for everyone. You can go on exchange even if you have a disability, including learning disability. If you have special needs in exchange, you might be entitled to accessibility support. Read more in [Funding](#).