

# Incoming exchange students

## Welcome to Aalto University!

Studying at Aalto University is a challenging and exciting opportunity to enrich your academic knowledge and professional skills. Aalto University welcomes nearly 1000 exchange students a year. Exchange studies are based on exchange agreements. Your home university can provide you further information on your exchange possibilities at Aalto University.

Aalto University was founded in 2010 as Helsinki University of Technology, the Helsinki School of Economics and the University of Art and Design Helsinki were merged. Today, Aalto University consists of six schools with nearly 20 000 students in total. The main campus is located in Otaniemi in Espoo, Finland. One campus is in a city of Mikkeli.

## What makes Aalto University unique?

At Aalto University, we believe that the future of education exists at the crossroads of science, technology, business and art. We combine knowledge from different disciplines to identify and solve complex challenges, and to educate future visionaries and experts. The university emphasizes importance of multidisciplinary teaching and learning and has introduced Aalto cross-school courses and University wide arts studies (UWAS). UWAS courses offer access to design thinking for every discipline in the university. There are diverse opportunities available for all students to get involved in cross-disciplinary activities, project and courses in order to learn design thinking and gain insight to working in multidisciplinary teams. Focusing on student learning the university supports diverse student initiatives.

The multidisciplinary experts at the School of Arts, Design and Architecture create better living environments and change the world through artistic means.

Steeped in the deep and honored tradition of Finland's cultural heritage, Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture (Aalto ARTS) educates towards the future with a focus on fostering a more innovative society. Our programs prepare students to be global citizens; providing graduates who offer valuable contributions to their communities with a focus on collaborative, compassionate, and unconventional solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today.

Design in all scales of human environment and everyday life builds on our design tradition over many fields and embraces the expanding role of design in the development of products (large and small), the built environment, as well as services, for example, future transportation. Narratives are key to people gaining better understanding of their history, the present-age, and our shared existence. At Aalto ARTS the power of stories – meanings and expressions; storytelling – is understood and applied within diverse contexts, such as images, films, games, texts, and multi-sensory productions.

Research is core to Aalto ARTS' identity, we develop our artistic research practice as a strategic long-term, experimental, and academic activity which helps to pave the way for future art and cultural activities through greater insight and understanding in multicultural and multidisciplinary contexts.

The School of Business is the leading business school in Finland and ranks among the best in Europe. Aalto University School of Business is the first business school in the Nordic countries to have received all three labels of excellence from the world's leading business school accreditation bodies: AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS. This Triple Crown status is an honour held by only 0.5 % of the business schools worldwide.

The School of Business is also a member of the CEMS, Global Alliance in Management Education and the PIM, Partnership in International Management networks. The School is a comprehensive business school covering academic fields i.e. Accounting, Business Law, Finance, Economics, Marketing, Information System Science, Logistics, Management Science, Organization and Management, International Business, Entrepreneurship and Organizational Communication.

The School of Business operates on two campuses: Otaniemi and Mikkeli. The international network consists of over 150 partner universities in the world. More information on the School of Business is available at <http://biz.aalto.fi/en/>.

The strength of the School of Chemical Engineering is in combining expertise in natural sciences and engineering sciences. The research foci in the school include energy technologies, new materials, and sustainable processing of natural resources as well as products derived from these resources. The School of Chemical Engineering offers teaching in the following fields: Biomass Refining, Biotechnology, Chemical and Process Engineering, Chemistry, Fibre and Polymer Engineering, Functional Materials, Sustainable Metals Processing.

At the Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering, science and engineering meet society. The school's portfolio covers fields from natural sciences to engineering and information sciences. In parallel with basic research, the School of Electrical Engineering develops ideas and technologies further into innovations and services. The school educates experts in systems science who develop integrated solutions from the care of elderly to space robotics. The School of Electrical Engineering offers teaching in the following fields: Automation, Bioinformatics, Communications Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Nano and Radio Sciences, Space Science.

The School of Engineering conducts teaching and research in areas covering the entire built environment including its machines and equipment. Key research focus areas are multidisciplinary energy technologies, mechanics and materials, systems design and production, engineering in arctic regions and sustainable built environment.

The School of Engineering offers teaching in the following programmes: Building Technology, Energy Technology, Geoengineering, Geoinformatics, Mechanical Engineering, Real Estate Economics, Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering, Water and Environmental Engineering.

The School of Science offers a pioneering and applied approach to multidisciplinary research, which it closely connects to its inspirational teaching. The research conducted at the school meets all the world-class requirements [across a range of subject areas](#). We see it as our mission to boldly and responsibly expand the realms of scientific knowledge and understanding. Hence, our research aims at responding to a variety of sustainable development challenges.

The School of Science offers teaching in the following fields: Computer Science, Engineering Physics, Industrial Engineering and Management, Information Networks, Life Science Technologies, Mathematics and Operations Research.

Discipline-specific Information	Practical Information for Exchange Students	Aalto University	Helsinki Metropolitan Area & Finland
Arts, Design and Architecture	Living in Finland	Aalto on Facebook	Visit Finland
<a href="#">Fact Sheet 2020-2021</a>	<a href="#">Aalto Welcome Guide for International Students (webpage)</a>	Aalto @Twitter	This is Finland
Business	Map of U-wing (Otaniemi, Otakaari 1)	Aalto on YouTube	21 reasons to love Finland
<a href="#">Fact Sheet 2020-2021</a>	Campus map	Aalto on Instagram	Finland among the best in the world
Partner list	<a href="#">Getting to Otaniemi Campus</a>	<a href="#">Aalto University Magazine</a>	City of Helsinki
<a href="#">Why Aalto University School of Business student leaflet</a>	Aalto Marketplace	Aalto University Strategy 2016-2020	City of Espoo
Technology	HOAS - Foundation for Student Housing	<a href="#">SLUSH 2019 (video)</a>	<a href="#">My Helsinki</a>
<a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	YTHS - Finnish Student Health Service	Entrepreneurship at Aalto brochure	Visit Espoo
<a href="#">Information Sheet for incoming students (AY 2020-2021)</a>	Aalto University Learning Centre	<a href="#">Entrepreneurship and startups</a>	Weather
	Frank - student card	AYY	Finland timelapse (video)
	Public Transport Journey Planner (HSL)	<a href="#">Aalto Shop</a>	Yle News
			Helsinki Times