

Creativity

Innovation



Mission

Aalto University aims to change the world by means of high international standard research, leading edge teaching, self-renewal and boldly breaking boundaries. It educates responsible and broad-minded experts with a comprehensive understanding of complex subjects to act as society's visionaries. Aalto University will bring together the sharpest minds of each sector, achieving results of global significance.

Vision

The best people in their fields connect and succeed at Aalto University, an institution internationally recognised for its impact on science, art, business and learning.

Values

A passion for exploration

The freedom to be creative and critical

The courage to influence and excel

The responsibility to accept, care, and inspire

Founded on high ethics, openness, and equality

Towards globality, with individuality

Aalto University is composed of three of the most prestigious higher education institutions in Finland – *Helsinki University of Technology*, *Helsinki School of Economics* and *University of Art and Design*.

The new university is built on individuality and on Finnish values, and its goal is to develop as a unique entity to become one of the world's top universities.

The national mission of the University is to support Finland's success and contribute to Finnish society, its internationalization and competitiveness, and to promote the welfare of humankind and the environment through high-quality research and education.

Aalto University is a foundation-based university with a high degree of financial independence and a new leadership model, both of which create opportunities for the radical renewal of the modes of operation and for its own strategic investments.



Aalto University fosters a high-standard and inspirational culture of continuous learning.



Power of three

While Aalto University looks to the future, it builds on a total of three centuries of history between three prestigious universities.

The University's *School of Economics* was established by a group of business life visionaries in 1904, and it operated as a private business college until 1974. The School of Economics has all major quality accreditations in the field of commerce, and it is the largest unit engaged in business studies and teaching in the country.

The *School of Art and Design* in Aalto University was established in 1871. It is the largest university of its field in the Nordic countries and one of the most prestigious in the world.

The *School of Science and Technology* in Aalto University dates back to 1849. It is a significant promoter of science and technology, and a leading edge university in the field of technology and highly esteemed internationally.

A forerunner that will change the world

Aalto University bases its operations on long-term basic research and artistic activities which form a solid base for education as well as for creative development and innovation.

The corner stones of all University operations are promoting sustainable development and aiming at a high international quality. Aalto University is an internationally acclaimed interdisciplinary research university, dedicated to long-term high-quality research with a great impact on both science and society.

Aalto University is also an international and multicultural learning community, which inspires its members and encourages continuous learning. It understands, anticipates and influences the needs of society, while harnessing cutting-edge research and teaching to contribute to the wellbeing and enhanced quality of life.

The operating modes and working culture of Aalto University make it a unique cluster of research, development and innovation. The University, built on a solid foundation of long-term basic research and artistic activity, will have a major impact on the national and European strategies of research, education and innovation.

Aalto's operation is based on long-term basic research and artistic activities.

Aalto educates responsible and independent experts with a wide perspective to point the direction in the society.



Factories

Design Factory, *Media Factory* and *Service Factory* are Aalto University's first joint projects.

They act as an environment for learning, teaching, research and co-operation, in which academic teams and projects as well as private and public organisations work together. The factories support internationality, open innovation, new modes of teaching and learning, and multidisciplinary science. The starting point is areas in which the three universities have existing interdisciplinary co-operation. Design Factory focuses on product development, Media Factory on the media sector and Service Factory on high added value services.

Tribute to courage and creativity

The name of Aalto University is a tribute to architect Alvar Aalto, a renaissance man not afraid to break down disciplinary boundaries. Alvar Aalto is distinguished in the fields of technology, business and art alike and was also highly acknowledged internationally. During his life, Alvar Aalto was part of an exceptionally global network, including working as an MIT professor in the United States. This same brilliance is at the heart of Aalto University. The graduates of Aalto University are people who are curious and will be open-minded all their lives.

Aalto in figures

There are 17 000 undergraduate and post-graduate students in Aalto, as well as a staff of 4300, of which 300 are professors. The total budget for 2009 was about € 368 million. The number of degrees completed in Aalto was approximately 1 800, including 180 doctorates. The number of alumni amounts to 75 000.

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