

Exchange info

Master's orientation

Questions?

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Key points of exchange at Aalto BIZ

- Exchange studies can be included to all degree programmes at Aalto University School of Business (Aalto Biz)
- Exchange studies form a minor to student's degree, called International Minor (30 ECTS / BSc and **24 ECTS/MSc**)
- Length of the exchange period approx. 1 semester
- Exchange studies can be included in both undergraduate (BSc) and graduate (MSc) degree
- Students who have GPA less than 3 cannot be selected



Why to apply for exchange?

- Possibility to study subjects that are unavailable at Aalto (without tuition fees)
- Studies completed on exchange transferred to degree in full > simple way to complete minor in one semester
- Employers appreciate the international experience
- High-quality exchange destinations
- Experiencing other countries and cultures
- Global Competence
- Language skills
- Networking, new friends etc.



When is the best time to go?

- **MSc: 1st or 2nd+ year**
 - ✓ **Suitable semester depends on your degree programme**
- Semester timing may vary depending on university
- If you are planning to graduate in the summer after the exchange
 - > Fall term recommended
- **If the exchange is the last component of your degree, please note that credit transfer takes time.** Credits are transferred only when transcript received from exchange > may take several months!
- Eg. Exchange in the spring, transcript comes sometime during summer -> credit transfer -> graduation
- Good planning= no delays on graduation!

Studies on exchange

- **Minor of the degree** – International Minor
- International Study Minor in Bachelor's degree 30 ECTS/
Master's degree 24 ECTS
- Content very flexible:
 - Studies mainly on student's own level (BSc / MSc)
 - From economics, business administration or related field OR from other fields of science if supporting business studies
 - Courses from the field of your study programme accepted, if the content differs from your programme studies at Aalto
 - Courses you have not yet completed for your degree
 - Max. 8 ECTS local language / culture studies
 - International minor can be a mixture of studies from different fields, e.g. marketing, finance, sociology etc.
- IDBM students > Contact your study planner when applying for exchange. If you wish to complete your compulsory 24 ECTS minor during exchange, make sure it's a complete minor. Individual courses will be transferred to electives



Where can I go? (1/2)

- Aalto University School of Business has 130 partner universities around the world ~ 100 UG / G level exchange




Where can I go? (2/2)

- Aalto BIZ offers exchange possibilities in 6 continents and 130 universities
 - ✓ altogether over 440 exchange places
 - ✓ Partner Universities can be found from Exchange finder in student guide
- Some destinations only for Bachelors (UG), some only for Masters (G) and some for both
- **Many of the graduate level exchange places *outside Europe* are in MBA programs (MSc vs. MBA) > require usually relevant work experience**
- Final list of available exchange places 2026-2027 will be available in student guide when application period begins in January
- Links to the web pages of the partner universities also listed in above mentioned *Exchange Finder*



Most popular places 2025-2026

University	Country	First choices	Total number of applicants	Available places
Bocconi University	Italy	25	111	12
Universidade Nova de Lisboa	Portugal	23	88	8
National University of Singapore (only BSc)	Singapore	19	60	20
Universität St.Gallen	Switzerland	15	62	8
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien	Austria	12	86	14
Universidad Torcuato di Tella	Argentina	12	37	6
University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business and Economics (Only BSc)	Australia	11	29	2
Columbia University (Only MSc)	USA	10	17	1
IE Universidad, IE Business School	Spain	9	73	6
Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy	Thailand	9	30	7
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Applying for Bachelor and Master exchange (1/2)

- Application period once a year in January, followed by second round
- **In January 2026 application period (Monday 12.1.-Friday 30.1.) for exchange places in fall 2026 and spring 2027**
- The results of the exchange selection will be out end of Feb/early March
- Selected students have to either accept or decline the place offered
- **Second round application for spring term 2027 places TBC**
- Students who have accepted a place in the 1st round cannot apply in the 2nd round
- It is possible to apply in the 2nd round even if the applicant have not applied in the 1st round

Applying for exchange (2/2)

- Online application through Moveon mobility system, link available in student guide
- Possibility to state **1-10 choices** in order of preference + 'wild card'(you don't lose anything by selecting wild card option as well).
- Appendices to the application
 - **Motivation letter**
 - **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
 - **Copy of HOPS/PSP**
 - Relevant language certificates or other certificates (if necessary, eg if language of study other than English)
- Remember to add **International Minor to HOPS/PSP!**
- **Application deadline on Friday January 30, 2026 at 16.00**
- Late applications are not accepted, all application deadlines are Finnish time

Selection criteria (1/2)

- The most important selection criteria is your **study success index**. It is formulated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{credits x GPA}}{\text{Number of present semesters}}$$

- GPA limit 3.0
- Study success index is calculated based on the studies **the student has completed during student's right to study towards a degree at the School of Business**, the average grade of these studies, and the terms of attending-student status.

Selection criteria (2/2)

- **Language skills**

- In most of the exchange universities studies can be completed in English
- Only few universities require official language test (TOEFL, IELTS) from Aalto BIZ students
- The required level in **the language of instruction** is *minimum B2* (CEFR)
- NB! If language of instruction *other than English* on exchange, please provide a statement of your skills e.g. from your language teacher.
- **Usually** no requirements for the local language of the country (however some knowledge of local language strongly recommended especially in Latin America and Japan)

- **Requirements set by the exchange universities**

- Some universities set their own requirements e.g. regarding age, GPA or work experience (

Costs / Scholarship

- **No tuition fees** in the exchange university if selected through the official Bachelor and Master application process > application/admission fees etc. possible
- Students are responsible for all the other costs concerning the exchange (accommodation, insurance, flights, study materials etc.)
- Scholarship **automatically** from Aalto BIZ for all the selected students

Depending of the exchange destination, scholarship is either bilateral or Erasmus

- ***Bilateral: 1st instalment 1500 €, 2nd instalment 500€.***
Total scholarship 2000 €
- **Erasmus destinations > Erasmus Scholarship** = individual amount

1st instalment 1726-1943 € (= 90 days /Erasmus country group 1 or 2 + two travelling days + travel support)

Rest in the 2nd instalment after the exchange based on the length of exchange (from days exceeding 90 days) + green travel support if applicable

Exchange infos in November

Infos in Finnish

Time: Wednesday 5.11. at 12-13.15

Place: Otakaari 1, classroom U4.

Time: Thursday 13.11. at 15-16

Place: Zoom <https://aalto.zoom.us/j/64004141353>

Infos in English:

Time: Thursday 20.11. at 11-12

Place: Ekonominaukio 1, classroom V001

Time: Tuesday 25.11. at 15-16

Place: in zoom <https://aalto.zoom.us/j/63909356585>

Application advising

in January on Tuesdays

**and Thursdays > drop
in without booking**

More info and contact

- From Student Guide > Other studies > Exchange Studies
- Exchange reports (Student Guide > Exchange finder)
- Web pages of the exchange universities
- Incoming exchange students at Aalto BIZ!!
- #aaltoexchange, #aaltovaihtarit

Please contact by email: outgoing-biz@aalto.fi
Book a meeting from MyStudies

