



Aalto University  
School of Business



## Better Business – Better Society

Aalto University School of Business is the leading business school in Finland and ranks among the best in Europe. We offer our students multidisciplinary, international learning experiences and opportunities to solve real-world challenges in an international context. At the School of Business, we work for better business and a better society.

### Finland

Finland offers a great place for living with or without family. It is a safe, politically stable and well-organized Nordic society where equality is esteemed very high and corruption is very low. Finland's free high quality education system is acknowledged worldwide.

In Finland, a low level of hierarchy is considered a strong characteristic and that goes to studying at the university as well – the professors are very approachable and they can be addressed by their first name.

### Housing

The main student housing organization in the Helsinki region is [HOAS](#) (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region). Another student housing organization is [AYY](#) (Aalto University Student Union). Kindly note that AYY does not offer furnished apartments. Student apartments typically consist of 3-5 bedrooms, a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom. The apartments are situated around the Helsinki area and students apply for housing directly through the above mentioned organizations.

### Academic Calendar

#### Autumn Term:

Orientation: Last week of Aug  
Lectures and exams: Sept to mid-Dec  
Period 1: Sept - Oct  
Period 2: Oct - Dec

[Full academic calendar](#)

#### Spring Term:

Orientation: First week of Jan  
Lectures and exams: Jan to May/June  
Period 3: Jan - Feb  
Period 4: Feb - Apr  
Period 5: Apr - June (Optional)

\*In the spring term, students can complete full workload (30 ECTS) in teaching periods 3 and 4 finish their studies by beginning of May.

\*\*In the teaching period 5 there are also intensive courses offered that might finish already before June.

### Videos

[Exchange Experience at Aalto part 1](#)  
[Exchange Experience at Aalto part 2](#)  
[Introduction to School of Business](#)  
[KY - Student Association for Business students](#)

### Interesting information


[Virtual Campus tour](#)  
[Application instructions and deadlines](#)  
[Course catalogue for exchange students](#)

**“The integration by the tutors has been more than perfect. The events organized by the associations of Aalto especially KY-SUB were a substantial part of the experience and enhanced the exchange.”**

Exchange student  
Technical University of Munich  
Germany

### Departments at the School of Business

- Department of Accounting
- Department of Economics
- Department of Finance
- Department of Information and Service Management
- Department of Management Studies
- Department of Marketing



“KY-SUB is an incredible organization and did a fantastic job of integrating exchange students with local students as well as fostering friendships among exchange students.

Exchange student  
Queen's University, Canada

### Student culture and tutoring

Student Union [AYY](#) and Student Association for Business Students at Aalto [KY](#) organize many leisure time activities such as parties, field trips, sports and cultural activities. For example [KY-SUB](#) typically organizes a trip to Lapland for exchange students every semester. All the incoming students are assigned a tutor - a local student helping the incoming student with practicalities in Finland. Each tutor is tutoring a group of around 10 students. The tutoring service is organized in close cooperation with the Student Association.

### Benefits for the students and living expenses

Exchange students are entitled to discounts in transportation and student cafeterias. With the discount, transportation costs 44,30€/month (AB-ticket) and a meal in the student cafeteria 2,95€. Students can also join the Student Union AYY to receive more benefits. A rent in student housing in Helsinki costs around 400-600€/month and in the private market starting from 600€/month. Food and daily necessities in the capital region usually cost 200-250€/month.

### Volunteering in SLUSH

[SLUSH](#) is an annual event organized during the fall semester, where startups and technology talent meet with international investors. SLUSH started in 2008 as Aalto students' initiative with 300 participants. Since then it has grown into world's leading startup event with over 12,000 attendees. Every year there are over 2,000 volunteers helping to make the event happen. For exchange students, volunteering in SLUSH is a great opportunity to learn about the extensive startup scene and get a unique experience.

### Reasons to come to Aalto University and Finland

1. Quality of the education is high and acknowledged around the world
2. Activities organized by the Student Associations ensure good integration
3. Student benefits make living as a student in Finland more affordable
4. Tutoring program offers a smooth start to the life in Finland
5. Helsinki offers all the benefits of a capital city without being too stressful

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