

Tuition fees and scholarships at Aalto University

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Agenda

- Tuition fee liability
- Tuition fees, study right and annual enrolment
- Scholarships at Aalto University

ADDED LINK: External scholarships:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/external-scholarships>



Guidelines for today's event

- **Principles for a safer space**
 - Remember to be respectful of others
 - Have an open mind and respect diversity
 - If something is not right – speak up!

All students at Aalto University are treated equally in terms of services and the university's academic regulations.

Tuition fee liability

Tuition fee liability

- **Decreed in the Universities Act.**
 - Concerns non-EU/EEA citizens who study in English-medium degree programmes.
 - Introduced in Finland in 2017
 - Changes to the Universities Act in 2024 and 2025
- **Tuition fee students at Aalto**
 - Paying students
 - Scholarship students
 - Exempted students (rare)

Tuition fees at Aalto

- Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology: EUR 12 000 / year
- Aalto Master's Programmes in the field of Technology: EUR 17 000 / year
- **Aalto scholarships:**
 - Excellence scholarship: allocated during the admission process (tuition fee waiver).
 - Scholarships granted during studies.

Before a tuition-fee student can enroll as attending each year, the tuition fee must be covered.

Study right and annual enrolment

Study right and tuition fee liability

- Tuition fee liability does not affect your study right!

Study right at Aalto University

- You have been granted a study right for a BSc degree and a MSc degree.
 - Target time to complete your BSc degree: 3 years
 - Target time to complete your MSc degree: 2 years
 - ➡ $3+2 = 5$ years

However, your study right at Aalto is valid for 7 years.

Study right and annual enrolment

Enrolment required each academic year.

- Attending
- Non-attending

➡ If you fail to enrol, you will lose your study right.

Non-attendance, study right, and tuition fee liability

- Non-attendance:
 - After first year of studies, possible for two terms *for any reason*.
 - Does not reduce the time that you have left to complete your degree.
 - Tuition fee is not charged.
 - Aalto Excellence Scholarship holders: scholarship put on hold for max. 2 terms.

Non-attending students:

- Cannot complete any studies, or have any grades registered into Sisu.
- Are not eligible for student discounts or benefits (incl. student housing – check with your housing provider).
- Non-attendance may also affect your residence permit.

Non-attendance, study right and tuition fee liability

- In addition to 2 terms, non-attendance possible, if:
 - You are on family leave
 - You are completing conscription in Finland*
 - Does not reduce the time that you have left to complete your degree.
 - Scholarship also put on hold.
- If you enrol as non-attending for more than 2 terms without a reason specified above, it will use up the time that you have left to complete your degree.
 - Scholarship (both BSc and MSc) affected!

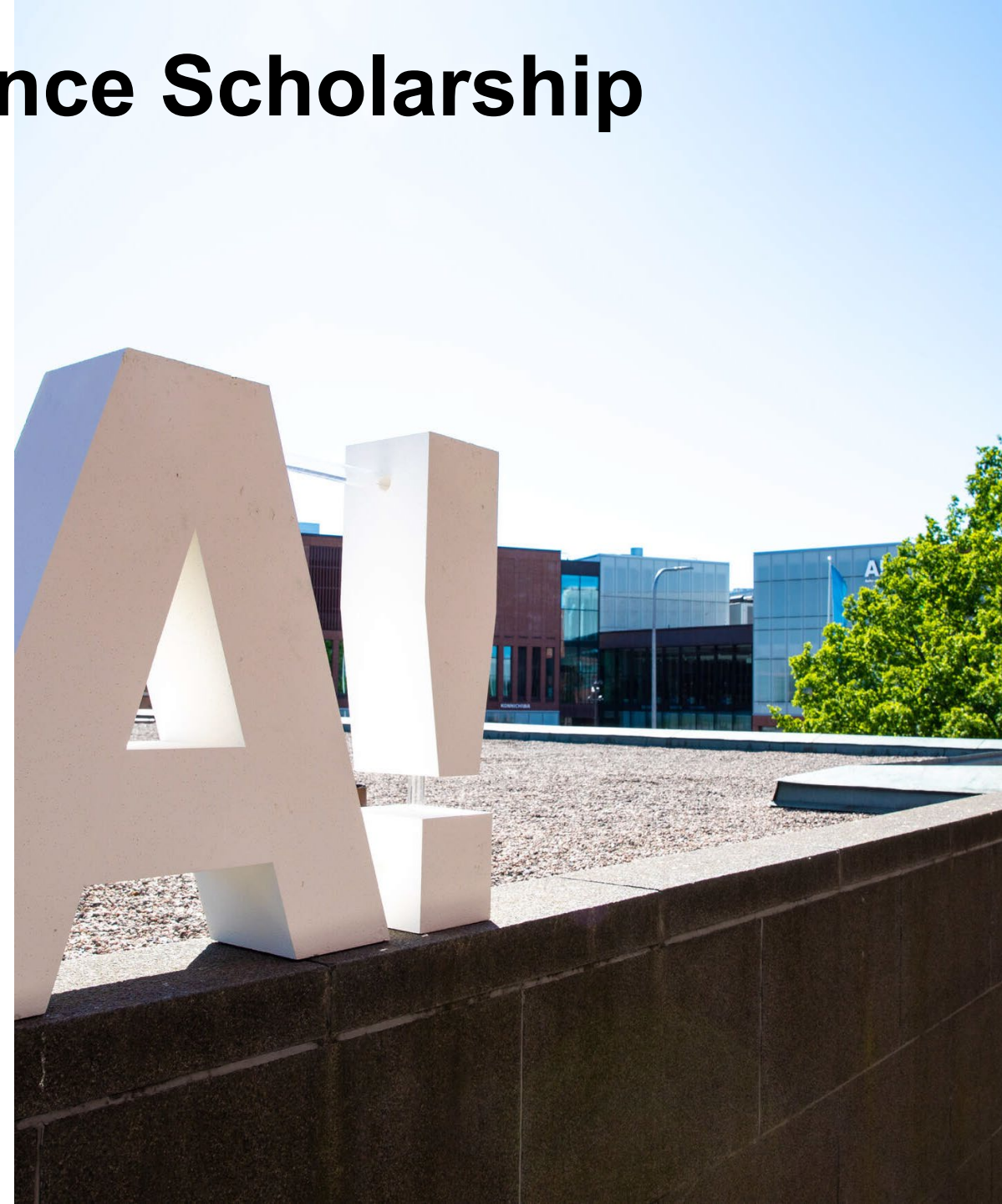
*Conscription outside of Finland

- **If your conscription is max. 1 year, enrol as non-attending.**
 - Uses up your right to enrol as non-attending, but does not affect your study right (or scholarship).
- **If your conscription exceeds 1 year, your study right and scholarship are affected.**
 - You may enrol as non-attending, but note that non-attendance that exceeds one academic year uses up your study right. **This means that you are no longer eligible for the MSc scholarship.**

Aalto University Excellence Scholarship

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- **100 % tuition fee waiver**
 - Allocated together with admission
 - Merit-based and granted on competitive basis
 - Not subject to appeals
- **The number of scholarships per degree programme is highly limited.**



Scholarship Terms - Duration

- “The scholarship is granted for one degree only and for *no more than the normative duration of studies for the degree*. The normative duration of studies is three (3) academic years for a Bachelor’s degree (180 ECTS credits). *The scholarship is to be used for the completion of degree studies only.*”

→ What does this mean?

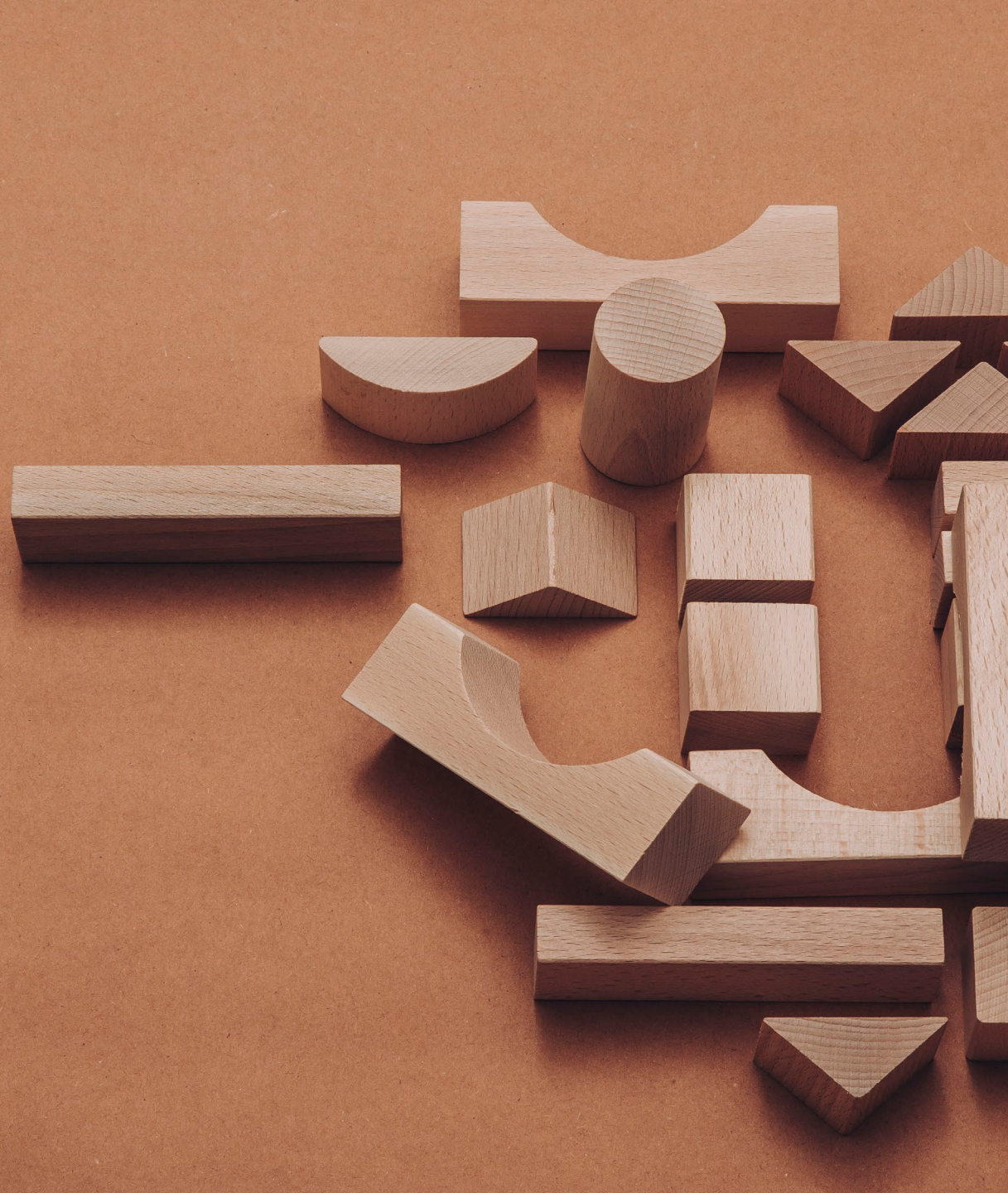
- Max. validity of your scholarship is 3 years
- Scholarship meant for degree studies



Study Planning

- First draft of study plan in autumn 2026.
- Finalise your study plan before May 2027.

→ You can make changes to your study plan anytime during your studies.



Study Progress

- **Study progress monitored in the Spring term of your first and second year.**
 - If your studies have progressed according to your study plan, no action is needed.
 - If studies have not progressed as planned, the student services will contact you.
- **If you have any issues that affect your study progress, contact the student services.**
- **To graduate in the normative time of three years, the *pace of studies is intense*.**
 - Take care of yourself and your ability to study – make use of Aalto's support services.

Scholarship for Master's studies

For Aalto Excellence Scholarship holders:

- Possibility to earn a scholarship for your MSc studies.
- Concerns MSc programmes that are within your original 3+2 study right.

Scholarship for Master's studies

Aalto Excellence Scholarship holders who...

- complete their bachelor's degree in the normative time (i.e. three years or six terms)
- with a final grade point average of 3.50 or above

will receive upon application a full scholarship for their Aalto Master's programme covered by the original 3+2 study right.

→ If the master's programme requires a separate application, it means that the programme has its own scholarship scheme with separate criteria!

Tuition fee payments

Paying the tuition fee

- Before you can enrol as attending, the tuition fee payment must arrive at Aalto in full.
- Tuition fee payment via Flywire. Instructions:
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/paying-the-tuition-fee>
- To ensure that you can enrol in time, pay the tuition fee at least 2 weeks before the enrolment period closes.

Paying the tuition fee

- After your payment has cleared at Aalto, you will be emailed instructions for the enrolment.
- If you want to enrol as non-attending, don't pay the fee – instead, contact tuitionfees@aalto.fi

Exemption from tuition fees

Exemption from tuition fee liability

As a non-EU/EEA citizen, tuition fees do not concern you if you have:

- a permanent residence permit card in Finland, type P permit
- an EU residence permit for third-country citizens with long-term residence permit card in Finland (type P-EU permit)
- an EU family member's residence card in Finland. You must hold the residence permit yourself, i.e. being a family member of a person who has a residence permit in an EU country does not grant you a tuition fee exemption.
- an EU blue card in Finland
- a Brexit residence permit card, type SEU-sopimuksen 50 artikla = Right of residence under the withdrawal agreement, or P SEU-sopimuksen 50 artikla = Right of permanent residence under the withdrawal agreement
- a residence permit based on temporary protection in Finland, as referred to in the Aliens Act. The permit has to be valid at the beginning of the study right, and the permit cannot have later been revoked.

Exemption from tuition fee liability

In addition, a continuous residence permit (type A) **may** exempt you from paying tuition fees if it is granted on grounds other than studying. However, you are required to pay tuition fees in the following cases:

- If your first residence permit in Finland was granted for the purpose of studying, you must pay tuition fees, even if you later obtained a continuous residence permit (type A) on other grounds.
- If you have a continuous residence permit (type A) based on family ties in Finland, and your family member originally came to Finland on a residence permit granted for studying, you are also required to pay tuition fees.
- If your continuous residence permit (type A) is granted for studying, you are required to pay tuition fees.

Aalto reserve scholarship

- **If you are currently exempted, but your status changes:**
 - If you are exempted but your residence permit status changes in such a way that the new permit does not exempt you.
- **Aalto Reserve Scholarship.** This scholarship covers the tuition fee in full for the remainder of the target time for your BSc degree. Strict criteria!
- See https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/scholarships-study-right-started-on-or-after-1-august-2025?check_logged_in=1#15-aalto-reserve-scholarships

Permanent residence in Finland

- Completing a degree in Finland plus studying 15 ECTS of Finnish/Swedish open a path to Permanent residence in Finland.
- <https://migri.fi/en/application-for-a-permanent-residence-permit> --> scroll down for the “Application path: Higher education degree completed in Finland”

Exemption from tuition fee liability

Unsure of your status? Questions about exemption?

 Contact tuitionfees@aalto.fi

What if I cannot graduate on time?

Discontinuation of tuition fees for one term

Discontinuation of tuition fees (students whose study right began on or after 1 August 2026)

Collection of tuition fees may be discontinued for one academic term, immediately following the last term in the target period of the degree (7th term for bachelor's students)

- Available to all tuition-fee students, whose study right starts on or after 1 August 2026.
- You don't have to separately apply for the tuition fee discontinuation.
- Following the respective term, your tuition-fee payments will continue normally, and you will be required to pay tuition fees for any terms for which you want to enrol as attending.
- If you are planning on graduating during the term, when the collection of tuition fees has been discontinued, please bear in mind that all graduation procedures have to be fully completed by the end of that term.

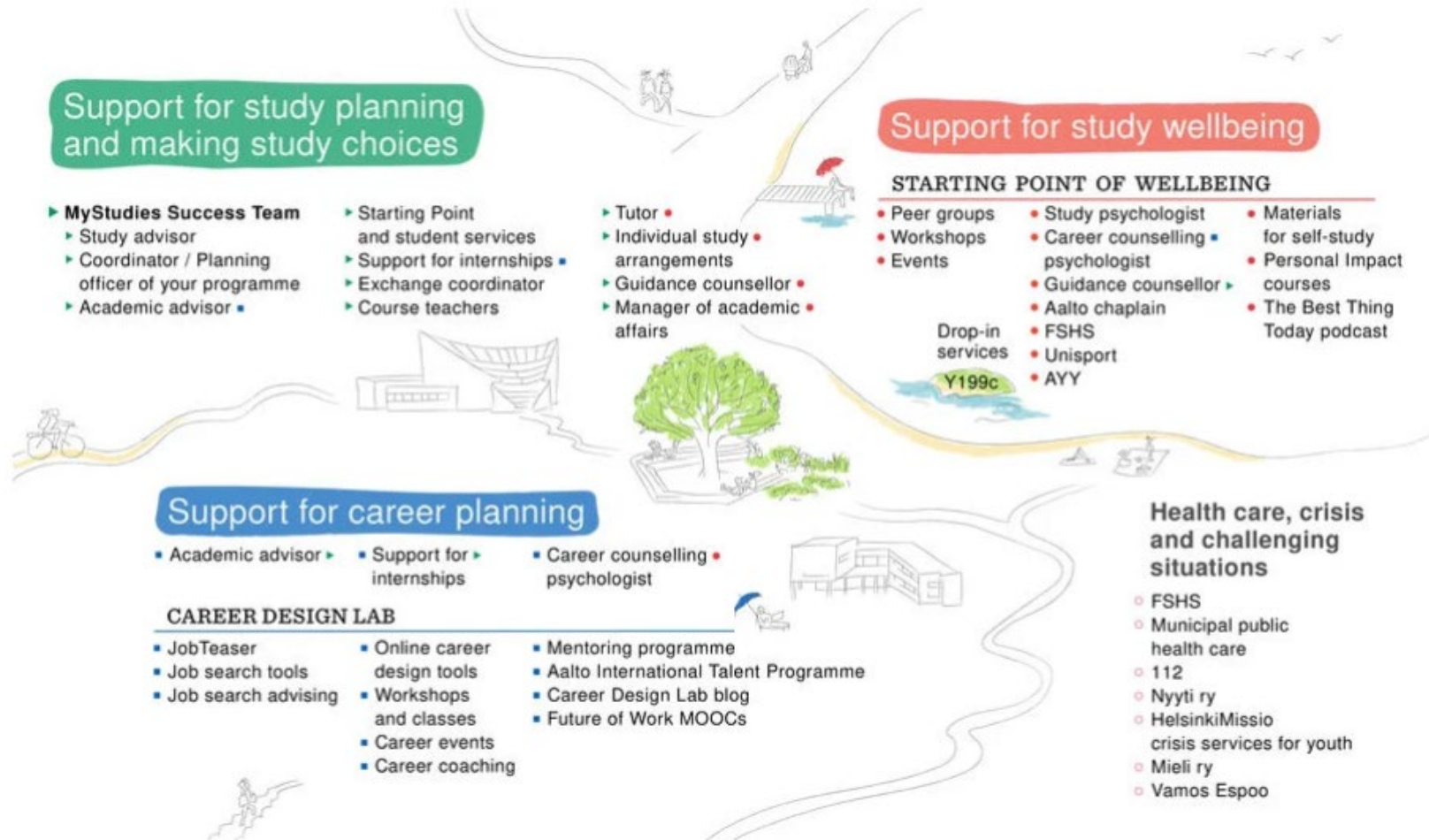
Note: if you have received the Aalto University Excellence Scholarship for your bachelor's programme, please note that by extending your studies to the 7th term, you will not meet the scholarship criteria for obtaining the Aalto University Excellence Scholarship when continuing to the Aalto master's programme covered by your original 3+2 right to study.

For students whose study right at Aalto began on or before 1 August 2025:

- A scholarship (100% waiver) for one additional term available.
- The additional term scholarship can be granted if you are able to graduate within the scope of the scholarship, ie one term.
- You have to separately apply for this scholarship. You will receive instructions by email during the Spring of your third year of studies.
- More information: https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/scholarships-study-right-started-on-or-after-1-august-2025?check_logged_in=1#11-scholarship-for-one-additional-term-following-the-standard-period-of-study--5th-or-7th-term-scholarship-

Tuition fee liability in your life

Support services



Aalto's guidance services are thus divided in three categories: (1) 'Support for study planning and making study choices', (2) 'Support for study wellbeing' and (3) 'Support for career planning'. Graphic design: Evgeniia Markevich.

Peer advice for international students

- **International Student Peer Advice (ISPA) offers support for international degree students. They can help with e.g:**
 - Practicalities after admission (tuition fees and scholarships, residence permits, health and insurance, housing etc.)
 - Practicalities after moving to Finland (registering with the authorities, local transportation, student healthcare etc.)
 - Other topics related to living and studying in Finland.

Undergraduate Centre, Otakaari 1, room Y199a

Open Mon-Wed 12-15



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int-studentadvice@aalto.fi

Support services

- **Student Services, study planning**
 - International Student Peer Advice
- **Wellbeing and Study Skills:**
 - Starting point of Wellbeing
- **Career Services (Career Design Lab)**
 - JobTeaser portal, events, career counseling, online courses, CV clinics...
- **Studying Finnish:** <https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/studying-finnish>
- **Join your guild, a student association, or any club of your interest!**
 - Social wellbeing
 - Excursions to companies
 - Key networks to support you in your career

Contact details

- **anna.lampivuo@aalto.fi, +358 50 5699 264**
- **Book a time:**
 - MyStudies → Services for students → Tuition fees and scholarships
- **General questions about tuition fees and scholarships:**
tuitionfees@aalto.fi
- **Questions about study plan, studies in general: bsc.tech@aalto.fi**
 - Book a time: your success team in MyStudies
- **Wellbeing → [Starting Point of Wellbeing](#)**

Thank you!



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