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Aalto University

Leading university in Finland – the happiest country in the world



Shaping a sustainable future

Aalto University is an international community of bold thinkers, where science and art meet technology and business. By combining research, hands-on learning and cross-disciplinary collaboration, our students and staff turn ambitious ideas into real-world impact.

Collaboration across study fields

We offer degree education at all levels in business, technology and arts. However, our students don't have to choose only one discipline, but instead they can combine multiple fields in their curriculum and get different perspectives on real-world challenges. In our multidisciplinary student community, you will certainly gain new insights and learn to work with people from different backgrounds.

At Aalto, an engineer can work with filmmakers, a designer with economists, and a business student with software developers. This cross-disciplinary spirit, where imagination and theory meet practice and reality, makes Aalto a unique place for solving challenges that most would consider impossible.

Business and Economics

Business studies at Aalto focus on how organisations, markets and societies work, and how to develop them in a sustainable and responsible way. Our 18 study programmes, our students explore topics such as international business, economics, finance, marketing, management and entrepreneurship, with a particular emphasis on sustainable business, digital business models and data-driven decision-making.

Whether you are interested in understanding global markets, growing new ventures, steering corporate strategy or driving sustainable change, at Aalto you learn to analyse complex problems and make informed decisions in a global context. Our **School of Business** is a Triple Crown accredited institution and one of Europe's leading business schools with deep, long-term partnerships across society.

Science, Technology and Engineering

Our offering spans core science, computation and engineering. You'll build foundations in mathematics and physics, think with data, algorithms and AI, and apply them in mechanical, electrical and automation engineering, in materials and chemical technologies, and in energy and the built environment. From quantum technologies and intelligent devices to bio-based materials and smart power systems, you get to create solutions for sustainable development and wellbeing.

State-of-the-art laboratories and workshops are central to learning. We give our students access to the same tools and environments used in our research and in the industry. **The Schools of Science, Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Chemical Engineering** offer over 40 study programmes as well as world-class research opportunities, enabling students to build strong expertise and shape the technological foundations of tomorrow.

Art, Design and Architecture

At Aalto, creative practice is combined with critical thinking and hands-on experimentation to address today's complex challenges. Students shape the future ways of living in the fields of architecture, product and industrial design, fashion and textiles and visual communication. From game design to filmmaking, there are over 20 study programmes to choose from.

Our **School of Arts, Design and Architecture** is internationally renowned for creative excellence and world-class research. Our studios and workshops offer spaces to prototype ideas – from sustainable living concepts and new material applications to compelling visual narratives and immersive experiences.



Read more:
aalto.fi/studies

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in Finland in (QS 2026)

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globally (QS 2026)

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in sustainability
(QS 2026)

Aalto community in numbers:

16 000

degree students

5 200

staff members

446

professors

Finland as a unique study destination

Finland scores high in international comparisons in quality of education, safety and quality of life. As a place to study and live, it's hard to beat!

Balanced everyday life: We value a healthy balance between work, studies and leisure. The Nordic working culture makes room for hobbies and spending time with friends and family.

Safety and trust: In Finland, there is a high level of trust among people; 11 out of 12 lost wallets are returned to their owners.

Strong welfare state: Happiness is built on trust in democracy and good governance. People have the freedom and support to strive for happiness.

Equality: Our society respects full equality, rights of minorities and freedom of speech.

Having equal access to education and health-care guarantees that no one is left behind.

Breathtaking and accessible nature: Around 75% of Finland's surface is covered with forests, and there are 180 000+ lakes. Nature is close even in the heart of the capital region, and we honour it by preserving it for future generations.

Sauna capital of the world: There are over 3 million saunas in Finland for a population of 5,6 million people. Sauna is a cornerstone of Finnish life, a place where people go both for relaxation and social connection.



Life in the Helsinki region

1. 1,3 million people, with 690 000 living in Helsinki and 330 000 in Espoo
2. Aalto University is located in the city of Espoo, only a 15-minute metro ride from Helsinki city centre
3. 26% of the population in Espoo is from an international background
4. English is widely spoken alongside the national languages, Finnish and Swedish
5. Nature is never far, even in the heart of the city
6. Public transport is fast, reliable and popular
7. Everyday life runs smoothly with well-designed infrastructure and public services
8. Average temperature: winter -5°C to 2°C, summer 18°C to 22°C

Finland facts

Population: 5,6 million

Member of the European Union,
currency: Euro €

Official languages: Finnish (84%),
Swedish (5%)

Time zone: Eastern European
Time (EET)



What makes Aalto special?

Join an international, collaborative community where research meets practice across disciplines. With a vibrant campus, strong industry links, a startup spirit and a unique student culture, Aalto is an inspiring place to study.

Multidisciplinary: At Aalto, all students have the chance to take courses from different study fields. There are also multidisciplinary programmes that connect all three study fields, such as the Bachelor's Programme in Technology, Business and Design, and the Master's Programme in International Design Business Management.

Internationality: Aalto has a diverse international academic community. Additionally, with a network of 280+ partner universities in almost 50 countries, students have access to a wide range of international exchange and project opportunities.

Theory combined with practice: All our degrees have a strong basis in research. At the same time, study methods also include hands-on exercises, real-life cases, projects and artwork. Learning methods vary from independent studies and solving business cases to laboratory, workshop and studio work.

Collaborative culture: Students work together across disciplines, share knowledge openly and prioritise collective learning over competition. This spirit is reinforced by a strongly student-centric approach, where staff are approachable, responsive and genuinely invested in students' well-being, growth and overall experience.

Affordable student life: In Finland, students have a strong foothold in the society, and there are many benefits that make student life more

affordable. For example, student housing in a shared apartment costs around €300, while a proper student meal on campus costs around €3.

Student culture: The student culture at Aalto is one of its kind, with traditions that span decades – from colourful overalls to events that light up the campus. New students are warmly welcomed to the community during Orientation Week and Aalto Day One festivities in the beginning of the academic term.

Campus with great facilities: The Aalto campus is like a little village, with modern study facilities, student housing, shops, restaurants and gyms all within walking distance. The campus is also well connected by public transport: with the metro it only takes 15 minutes to reach the Helsinki city centre.

Startup community and entrepreneurship: Aalto is home to one of the most vibrant start-up hubs in Europe. All students have access to entrepreneurship studies, and the startup community creates opportunities for networking and professional development.

Industry connections: Aalto has 80+ partner companies that we collaborate closely with in research, education and career opportunities. Students can connect with companies on project courses, career fairs and thesis collaboration.

A world-class campus

Being a student in Otaniemi is a holistic experience, since it's possible to live, study, work and spend your free time all in the same treasure trove. Aalto campus has a unique ecosystem dedicated to students, academic life, recreation and startup businesses.

Versatile study facilities: Workshops, studios, laboratories and group learning spaces, some of which are accessible around the clock.

Living on campus: Student housing, guild rooms, event venues, sports facilities, saunas and much more!

Excellent services: 10+ student restaurants, bars, grocery stores, hairdressers, gyms, a pharmacy, a cinema,... everything you need for everyday living!

Public transport: Aalto has its own metro station and tram stop, as well as multiple bus connections. Less than 15 minutes from Helsinki city centre.

Stunning nature: The campus is located by the sea, right next to a nature reserve.

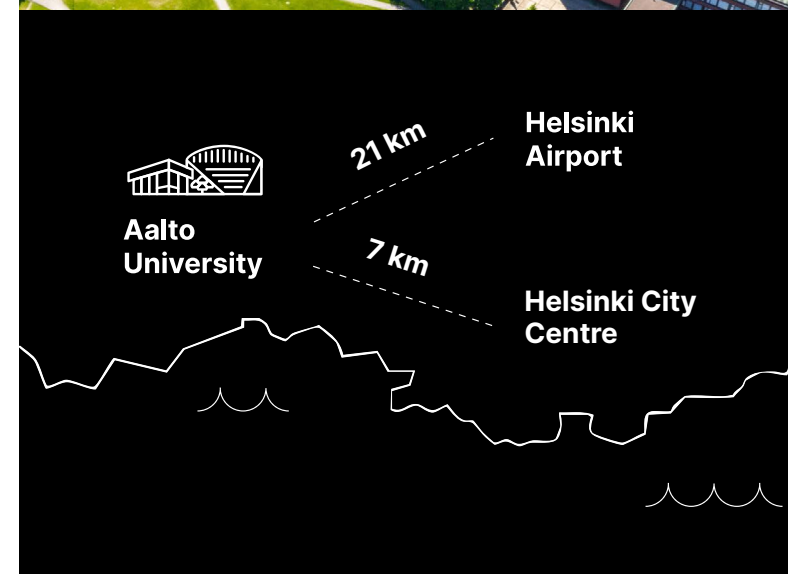
Architectural gem: A campus designed by Finland's best-known architect Alvar Aalto and developed over the years with striking contemporary buildings and infrastructure.



Visit our campus from wherever you are – take a virtual campus tour!



virtualtour.aalto.fi





International Aalto

120+

different nationalities

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most international university
in the world (Times Higher
Education 2026)

30%

of students are international
(in English-taught programmes)

48%

of Aalto's academic
faculty is international

The best student life in the world

Student life at Aalto is vibrant, communal and well supported. From iconic student events and associations to affordable housing and lunches, wellbeing services and smooth public transport, everyday life is designed to help you excel in your studies while also enjoying your free time.

Independent and flexible studies: At Aalto, you have real freedom to shape your degree. The programmes include plenty of electives, so you can combine subjects across fields and create a study path that fits your interests and goals.

Affordable student housing: Aalto University Student Union (AYY) and Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS) offer affordable housing. Rent typically includes utilities and internet, and many buildings have shared services such as laundry rooms, saunas and common spaces.

Great student benefits: In Finland, housing, healthcare, public transport, student lunches and gyms are widely subsidised. Many businesses from cinemas and cafés to different shops also offer student discounts.

Focus on student wellbeing: The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) offers high-quality

general, mental and dental healthcare for a low annual fee. Aalto complements this with academic guidance, career counselling, study psychologists, peer support and other low-threshold services for everyday study challenges.

A safe place to try, fail and grow: Your time at Aalto is a chance to experiment, take risks and learn from mistakes in a supportive environment. Through studies and volunteer roles, you can lead projects, take responsibility and gain experience that employers value.

A community to last a lifetime: You'll join a supportive community of students, staff and alumni, with subject clubs in every field offering activities from parties to company visits and helping you build friendships and professional connections in Finland and beyond.

Expense	Monthly estimates
Accommodation (student housing)	250–500 €
Public transport (in the Helsinki region)	0–70 €
Food (student lunches and groceries)	250–350 €
Other costs (utilities, sports, hobbies, events, etc.)	300–380 €
Total	800–1300 €

Vibrant startup community

At its core, Aalto is an innovation university, where tens of new startups are founded every year. Students have multiple paths towards entrepreneurship, and our strong startup community is where new friendships and work life connections are made.

Aaltoes (Aalto Entrepreneurship Society)

Aaltoes is one of the largest student-run entrepreneurship societies in Europe. They organise events, activities and networking opportunities for all Aalto students. The world-leading startup event SLUSH was born within this passionate student community in 2008.

Design Factory

Aalto Design Factory is a pioneering research and education hub for product development. It offers courses and prototyping spaces that are open to all members of the Aalto community, bringing together students, researchers, the industry and startups. From Aalto, the Design Factory concept has spread around the world!

Founder School

Aalto Founder School is the entry point for entrepreneurial learning. Through study courses, events and an intensive Founder Sprint program, our most ambitious students can get all the essential skills to establish their own company.

Close ties with the industry

From project courses and thesis collaboration with companies to mentoring and networking with employers and alumni, Aalto students connect early with the industry. Our graduates are highly employable and valued on the job market.

Real-world experience with industry partners

Many courses and research groups collaborate with companies and organisations, enabling students to apply theory to real-world problems and learn from frequent industry guest lecturers. Additionally, most students do their master's thesis with an industry partner, especially in technological fields.

Career support from Aalto Career Design Lab

Aalto has a dedicated service point, Career Design Lab, to support students in career development. Students have access to services like job search coaching and mentoring programmes, without any additional costs! Annual career fairs offer students a chance to meet face to face with more than 100 employers who are looking for summer trainees and future graduates for their open positions.

Mentoring and networks for international students

At Aalto, our international master's and doctoral students have a unique chance to join a 3-month group mentoring programme. In the Aalto International Talent Program, students get to network with recruiters, industry professionals and Aalto alumni, and learn about Finnish working life and culture. Every year, the programme brings together around 200 students and 15–20 companies to connect and learn from each other.

80+

partner companies

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globally in university-industry collaboration (Leiden ranking 2024)

70%

of students* do their master's thesis in collaboration with a company

*in fields of science and technology



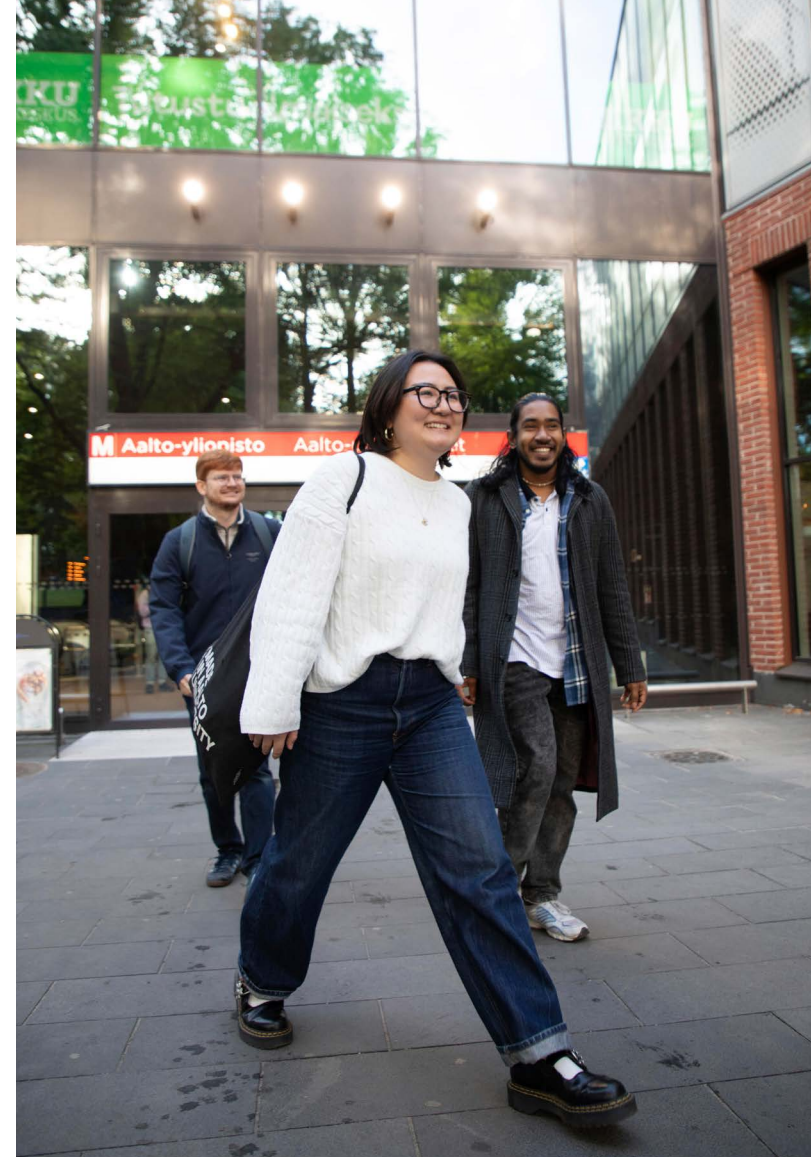
Study programmes at Aalto

Bachelor's programmes

- **Duration:** 3 years, 180 ECTS credits
+ Automatic study right to proceed to selected Aalto master's programmes
- **Application period:** in January (for studies starting in August/September)
- **Tuition fees:** 12 000–15 000 EUR/year (for citizens outside of the EU/EEA)
- **11 bachelor's programmes:**
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Computer Engineering
 - Data Science
 - Design and Media
 - Digital Systems and Design
 - Economics
 - Finance
 - International Business
 - Mechanical and Civil Engineering
 - Quantum Technology
 - Technology, Business and Design



Explore our bachelor's programmes:
aalto.fi/bachelors-programmes



Master's programmes

- **Duration:** 2 years, 120 ECTS credits
- **Application period:** in December –January (for studies starting in August/September)
- **Tuition fees:** 15 000–20 000 EUR/year (for citizens outside of the EU/EEA)
- **70+ master's programmes** and 10+ international joint degree programmes with Aalto's partner universities

Explore our master's programmes:
aalto.fi/masters-programmes



Doctoral programmes

- **Target duration:** 4 years of full-time study
- **Application period:** depends on the programme; some have fixed application periods while others have continuous applications
- **Tuition fees:** no tuition fees
- **Funding:** some doctoral positions are funded by the university, while others need to secure external funding
- **Six doctoral programmes across Aalto's six schools**

Read more about doctoral studies:
aalto.fi/doctoral-education



Keep in touch with Aalto

Learn more about student life and the research done at Aalto. Follow us on social media @aaltouniversity and on our schools' social media channels.

→ Sign up to applicant newsletter

Get the latest information on admissions, events, study opportunities, and student life straight to your inbox.

→ Register for Virtual Open Days

Join our virtual events to learn more about Aalto's study fields, admissions, student life and more.

→ Interact with our students

If you want to know what studying at Aalto really looks like, you can chat with our student ambassadors or meet them at virtual events.

→ Book a campus tour

If you travel to Finland and want to visit Aalto campus, you can book a campus tour free of charge.



aalto.fi/connect



How to apply

1. Explore the study programmes and admission requirements on Aalto's website.
2. Take a language test / SAT / GMAT or GRE test if required by the programme you're applying to.
3. Gather the documents needed for admission. All programmes will require a previous degree certificate and/or transcript of records. Many programmes also have additional requirements, such as motivation letter, CV, or portfolio.
4. Submit your application and required documents during the application period on the Finnish application system Studyinfo.fi.

Read more: aalto.fi/admissions



Tuition fees and scholarships

Tuition fees are applicable to students who are not citizens of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. Tuition fees vary between 12 000–15 000 EUR/year for bachelor's studies and 15 000–20 000 EUR/year for master's studies.

Aalto University Excellence Scholarship is a 100% tuition fee waiver which can be granted for outstanding applicants based on their academic merit. The scholarship is highly competitive. Students can apply for the scholarship at the same time as they submit their application for studies.

New bachelor's students can also get an **early bird reduction of 25%** on the first year's tuition fee, if they accept their study offer and pay the tuition fee by a given deadline.

Read more: aalto.fi/tuition-fees



