

# Welcome to study Game Design and Development at Aalto University

On behalf of all the staff of the Media Lab I warmly welcome you to study Game Design and Development with us in the MA in Art & Media Master's Programme at Aalto University School of Art, Design and Architecture.

We are very excited to start our next academic year with an excellent group of new students. We offer our MA degree students a comprehensive, modern programme within a high-quality learning environment which gives you a valuable competitive edge in the employment market, both in Finland and around the globe.

The official academic year begins with the School's general 'ARTS orientation' on 29<sup>th</sup> of August to 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. During the orientation period you will learn about the practicalities of being a student here and you will get to know about the variety of study and leisure related opportunities you have as a student of Aalto University. You will also meet your new fellow students and the staff of your own department who will guide you with planning your studies. <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmlab/Starting+your+studies>

Please note that the Game Design course in Media Lab will start already on 22nd August with an intensive workshop, even though it's before the official start of the academic year. This one-week workshop has been considered by students to be a great start to the academic year, so it would be wonderful if you can also make it! If coming this early is not easy to organize, we will teach the workshop also later in the year - if it gets impossible for you, you can take the course later.

During the Summer months please expect more detailed information via e-mail about starting your studies and the orientation schedule. Please remember to check your e-mail from time to time for our important messages.

Our newest website can be found here: <https://www.aalto.fi/aalto-media-lab> and our Facebook group can be found here: [Link](#) Aalto Media Lab

Looking forward to meeting you at the start of the academic year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Miikka Junnila". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lecturer Miikka Junnila  
Head of the Game Design and Development major