Admissions Instructions

Separate Admissions to Degree Programmes

Separate admissions

Separate admissions to Pathway progression programmes will be organized 6-20 May 2024

- The application period ends on **20 May 2024 at 15:00** (GMT+3)

To apply, you must fill in the application form at Studyinfo.fi

- Link to the application form will be shared when the application period starts

Application documents must be submitted by 27 May 2024 at 15:00 (GMT +3)

Late applications will be rejected!

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Required application documents

- Copy of a government-issued **valid** photographic identification (passport, ID card)
  - If the document is not in English, an official translation is required

- Documents proving eligibility: Copy of your degree certificate **OR** a copy of a provisional certificate if you are completing your degree in spring or summer 2024 **AND** a copy of the transcript of records
  - If the document is not in English, an official translation is required
  - If you apply with an incomplete degree, your admission will be conditional until you submit the final certificate

- Proof of English language proficiency
  - English language proficiency can be demonstrated with a language test result, SAT test result (also ACT test result if you apply to Aalto University) or in some cases with a degree certificate from a previous education
  - Submit a document even if you submitted a proof of English language proficiency when you applied to the University Pathway Finland programme

- **Applications missing any of the required documents will be rejected!**

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Application instructions

Instructions for the application form

- **You can submit one application form only**. Do not fill in several forms!

- Use the newest versions of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Safari

- Fill in the application form and answer at least the mandatory questions marked with *mandatory information* and attach your application documents

  - You can check the missing information by clicking *Check x answers* at the top of the page (below Submit application button).

- The application **form cannot be saved as a draft**

  - You can preview your application form before submitting it

- Submit your application form by clicking the *Submit application* button at the top of the page **before the end of the application period 20 May 2024 at 15:00 (GMT +3)**

- After submitting your application, you will receive an email from Studyinfo with a personal link to your application. You can use the link to edit your application during the application period

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Instructions for the application form

- In the application form, you will be asked to select or fill in:
  - the Bachelor's programme(s) you are applying to **in an order of preference**
  - Your personal infomation
  - Your educational background
  - Your English language proficiency
  - Additional details

- You will be asked to upload the following mandatory attachments to your application:
  - Proof of English language proficiency
  - Copy of the certificate and transcript of the education that qualifies you to apply for higher education (for example your upper secondary diploma and study transcript) and their official translations
  - Copy of your passport's ID page and possible residence permit to Finland, or possible refugee status certificate

- Additionally, if you wish to apply for a scholarship from Aalto University, Tampere University, or the University of Oulu, you must do so on the application form

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Choosing the degree programmes, Economics

- If you are studying in the Economics route, you can only apply to **Economics at Aalto University**

  - You must choose Economics as your first and only study option

  - You cannot get admitted to any of the study options in the field of science and technology

- Study option: Pathway Studies Route, Economics, Bachelor and Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration (3 + 2 years), Aalto University – Aalto University, School of Business

Choosing the degree programmes, Science & Technology

- If you are studying in the Science & Technology route, you can only apply to the **five study options at Tampere University and the University of Oulu**

  - Give your study options an order of priority

  - **To ensure a study place offer, you must apply to all study options available in Science & Technology route!**

  - You can only get accepted in one study option

  - Please note that the selection is binding, and the order of priority cannot be changed after the application period has ended

- You cannot get admitted to the study option in Economics

- In this application you can apply to 5 study programmes

Science & Technology study options and intake

- Pathway Studies Route, Computer Science and Engineering (Digitalisation, Computing and Electronics), Degree Programme in Computer Science and Engineering, Bachelor and Master of Science (Technology) (3 y + 2 y) – University of Oulu, Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, **4 students**

- Pathway Studies Route, Computing and Electrical Engineering, Science and Engineering, Bachelor and Master of Science (Technology) (3 + 2 yrs) – Tampere University, Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, **8 students**

- Pathway Studies Route, Electronics and Communications Engineering (Digitalisation, Computing and Electronics), Degree Programme in Electronics and Communications Engineering, Bachelor and Master of Science (Technology) (3 y + 2 y) – University of Oulu, Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering**, 4 students**

- Pathway Studies Route, Information Processing Science, Degree Programme in Information Processing Science (Digitalisation, Computing and Electronics), Bachelor and Master of Science (3 y + 2 y) – University of Oulu, Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, **4 students**

- Pathway Studies Route, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Science and Engineering, Bachelor and Master of Science (Technology) (3 + 2 yrs) – Tampere University, Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, **8 students**

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Educational background

You need to select your educational background. Options:

Upper secondary education completed outside Finland (general or vocational)	International matriculation examination completed outside Finland (IB, EB or RP/DIA)	Bachelor's/Master's/Doctoral degree completed outside Finland	Other eligibility for higher education

Fill in mandatory information about your selected degree (Year of completion, Name of the degree, Educational institution, Country of completion)

If your degree is still incomplete, you also need to fill in estimated graduation date

Copies of certificates and transcripts will be uploaded later in the application form

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English language proficiency

- You need to select a method of demonstrating your English language proficiency

- Language test, SAT test or previous education
  - In the application form, some options only appear after you have selected the degree programme(s)
  - Please note that the language requirements can vary between universities

- If you select a language test, fill in all the information you are asked, such as date of the language test, reporting/appointment/reference number and the score

- **All language test results must be sent to Aalto University**, even if you are only applying to Tampere University and the University of Oulu

- If you already submitted a language test result when you applied to the programme last summer, your test results have been already verified
  - You must still submit your test results in this application form as well. You don't need to send your results to Aalto University, if they have already been verified

- Attachments can be submitted later in the application form

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How to send test results to Aalto University

- **IELTS**: The electronic test report needs to be nominated to Aalto University in the test administrator's service. When booking the test, you can choose Aalto University as the Recognising Organisation to make your score available to Aalto University. The department is "**Admission Services**". If you have already taken the test, contact your test centre and request the test administrator to send your electronic test report to Aalto University.

- **TOEFL**: Request your official score report to be sent from the test administrator to Aalto University reporting code **7364** (Score Report Recipient). Aalto University will verify the TOEFL results through the online verification system provided by ETS. The scores can be accessed approximately 1-2 weeks after the delivery order has been made. The official results must be received electronically directly from the test administrator by the deadline.

- **PTE**: Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE A) test scores must be sent via the test administrator's electronic service. Log in to your PTE account and send your results to Aalto University in the test administrator's service.

- **Cambridge**: You must log into the language test administrator's service and share your test results to Aalto University. The results are verified electronically. For C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency tests, electronically verifiable tests taken after 2005 are accepted.

- **SAT**: Please order your scores to be sent well before the deadline using Aalto University's SAT institutional code: **1700**. The official SAT test result must be delivered directly by the test organiser to Aalto University by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +3). You must also attach a copy of the official SAT test result report to the application form by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +2). Test results delivered after the deadline or solely by the applicant or test organiser are not accepted.

- **ACT**: Please order your scores to be sent well before the deadline using Aalto University's ACT institutional code: **3008**. The official ACT test result must be delivered directly by the test organiser to Aalto University by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +3). You must also attach a copy of the official ACT test result report to the application form by 27 May 2024 at 3pm/15.00 (GMT +2). Test results delivered after the deadline or solely by the applicant or test organiser are not accepted.

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Passport, ID and residence permit

- Submit a copy of your **valid** passport or other government-issued **valid** photographic identification card in the Application attachments section

- If you have a residence permit card in Finland, submit a copy in the Application attachment section

- If you have a refugee status certificate, submit a copy in the Application attachment section

- If the document(s) are not in English, Finnish or Swedish, an official translation is also required

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How to apply for scholarships

- Students who are not citizens of the EU, EEA or Switzerland studying in a bachelor's or master's programme taught in English are liable to pay tuition fees
  - Certain types of residence permits issued by the Finnish Immigration Service are also exempt from paying tuition fees
- If you want to apply for a scholarship, you must do so in the application form
- All universities have their own scholarship application section in the application form

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Aalto University scholarships

- To apply for Aalto University scholarship, you must select one of two options:
  - Yes, I apply for Aalto University scholarship
  - No, I do not apply for Aalto University scholarship

- Scholarships for Pathway students are based on the GPA in the mathematics and programming courses
  - GPA of mathematics and programming courses: 3.50-3.99: no scholarship
  - GPA of mathematics and programming courses: 4.00-4.49: 50% scholarship
  - GPA of mathematics and programming courses: 4.50-5.00: 100% scholarship

- Tuition fee
  - 12 000 €/year for Bachelor's studies
  - 15 000 €/year for Master's studies

- Scholarship criteria: Aalto University Scholarships for 2024.pdf

University of Oulu scholarships

- To apply for University of Oulu scholarship, you must select one of three options:
    - I have to pay a tuition fee and I am applying for a scholarship
    - I am exempt from paying tuition fees and I cannot apply for a scholarship
    - I have to pay a tuition fee but I do not wish to apply for a scholarship

- The selection criteria for the University of Oulu Scholarship are based on previous academic performance and success in University Pathway Finland studies
    - 1st year 50 % scholarship
    - 2nd to 5th year 50% Scholarship if student attains 60 ECTS credits/academic year

- Tuition fee
    - 10 000 €/year for Bachelor's and Master's studies

- Scholarship criteria: University of Oulu Scholarships for 2024.pdf (aalto.fi)

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Tampere University scholarships

- To apply for Tampere University scholarship, you must select one of three options:
    - I am a fee-paying student and I wish to apply for a Tampere University scholarship
    - I am a fee-paying student but I do not wish to apply for a scholarship
    - I have exempt from paying tuition fees (I cannot apply for a scholarship)

- If you apply for a Tampere University scholarship, you need to write a **motivation letter**
    - There is a text box (max. 3000 characters) in the application form, so do NOT submit the letter as an attachment

- Instruction for the motivation letter:
    - Please describe what motivates and interests you to apply for admission to the Tampere University study options you have chosen.
    - Please reflect on how your skills fit the progamme profile and the content of the studies as well as describe how studies in the Tampere University programme would fit your career goals

- Tampere University scholarships cover 100% of the tuition fees for the programme duration. Scholarships are awarded to applicants who have done best in the application process on the basis of their admission score. The same rules which are used in the student selection process also define the students' score in the scholarship evaluation process.
    - In situations when several applicants have the same admission score, the application letter included in the scholarship application may also affect the decision

- Students who do not receive a Tampere University scholarship will be eligible to receive the Pathway early bird offer which will give them a 50 % discount on their tuition fee during the first year of studies. In order to take advantage of the early bird offer, students must pay 50 % of their first year tuition fee within two weeks of bindingly accepting their study places

- Tuition fee
    - 10 000 €/year for Bachelor's studies
    - 12 000 €/year for Master's studies

- Scholarship criteria: TAU Scholarships for Pathway students 2024.pdf (aalto.fi)

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Admissions

Admission to degree programmes

- After the application period, all applications will be processed by the Pathway team

- All applicants will be ranked based on their admissions score

- Admission to degree programmes depends on your admissions score and your order of priority for the study options

- Priority order means that if you are admitted to your first option, your other study options will be automatically cancelled

- If your admissions score is not high enough for you to be admitted to your first option, you will be admitted to your second option if your score is high enough for that, and so on
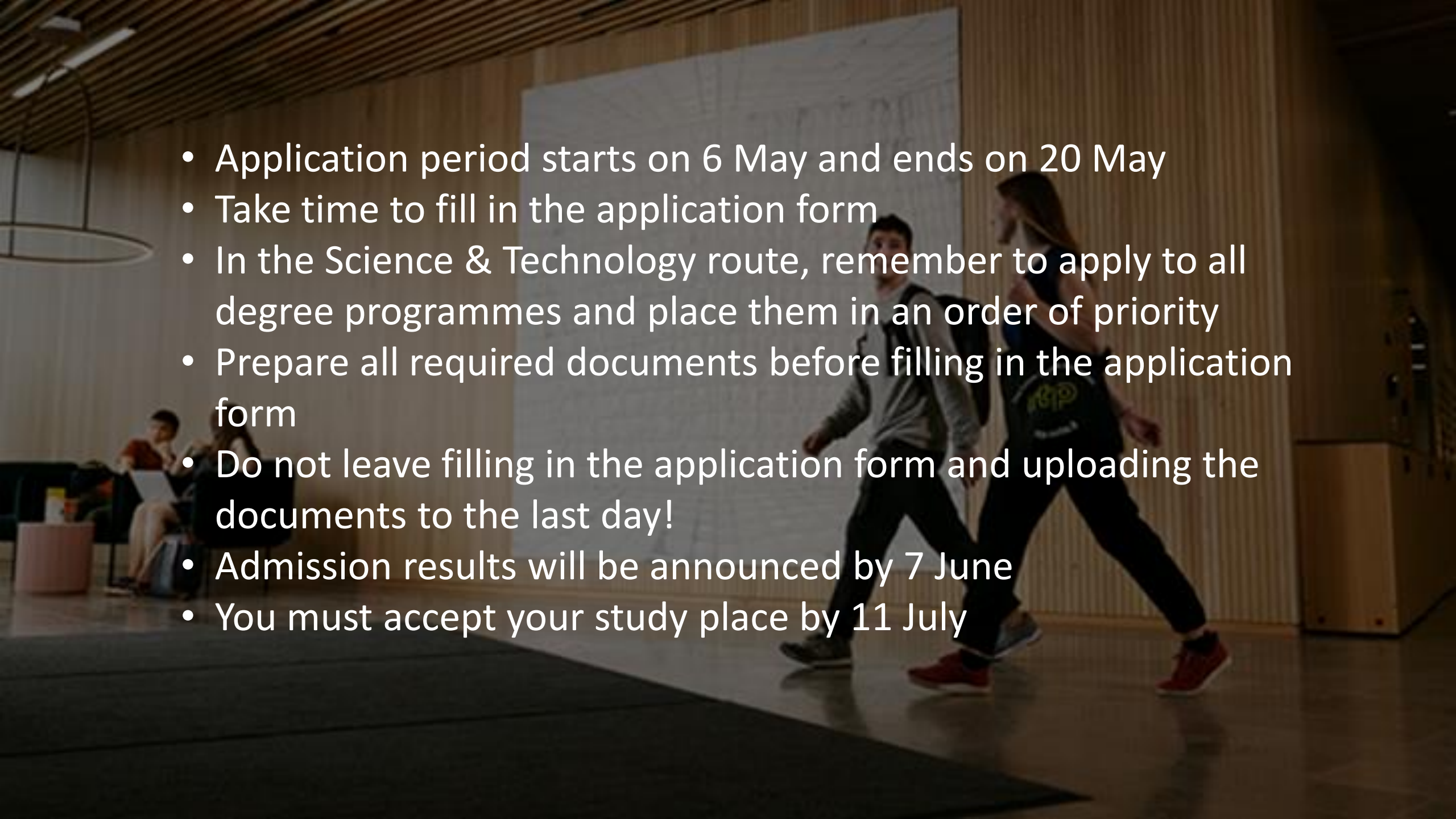
Admissions score

- Different universities have different criteria

- Tampere University: The admissions scores of applicants will be calculated on the basis of the GPA of the grades of the **mathematics and programming courses** included in the pathway studies. The GPAs are unrounded averages of grades weighted with the number of credits. Students are selected in the order of received admissions scores.

  - If more than one applicant has the same admissions score, the combined points the students have received in the exams for the mathematics and programming courses will be decisive. If after this more than one applicant still have the same score, all students with the same score will be admitted.

- University of Oulu: The admissions scores of applicants will be calculated on the basis of the GPA of the grades of **all pathway studies**. The GPAs are unrounded averages of grades weighted with the number of credits. Students are selected in the order of received admissions scores.

  - If more than one applicant has the same admissions score, all students with the same admissions score will be admitted.

- Aalto University: The admissions score is calculated as a weighted average of the credit points of the **mathematics and programming courses**. Other pathway studies (language and study skills courses) must be completed successfully.

Admission results

- Admission results will be announced by Friday 7 June

- If your admissions score is not high enough for your first option, you can choose to remain in a waiting list

- You must accept your study place by 11 July at 15:00 (GMT +3)

- You can only accept one study place leading to a higher education degree in Finland per academic term

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After accepting the study place offer

- When you have accepted your study place offer, you also need to enrol to the university
    - Different deadlines for different universities: Aalto University by 30 August, Tampere University by 5 September and University of Oulu by 13 September
- In your first year of studies, you can enrol as a non-attending student only for the following reasons:
    - Illness or disability and will be non-attending for one semester or the whole academic year
    - Maternity leave, paternity leave or parental leave
    - Military service or civilian service in Finland
- More information in your study place offer

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- Application period starts on 6 May and ends on 20 May
- Take time to fill in the application form
- In the Science & Technology route, remember to apply to all degree programmes and place them in an order of priority
- Prepare all required documents before filling in the application form
- Do not leave filling in the application form and uploading the documents to the last day!
- Admission results will be announced by 7 June
- You must accept your study place by 11 July