

# WORLD-LEADING UNIVERSITY AND THE NORDIC WAY OF LIFE



# Three fields, six schools

Aalto University is a community of bold thinkers where science and art meet technology and business. We are committed to identifying and solving grand societal challenges and building an innovative future. Aalto University has six schools with 12 000 students and 400 professors.

6

best in the world  
(QS World University  
Rankings, fields of  
design and art)

Among the best

1%

of all business  
schools in the world

97%

of science and tech-  
nology graduates are  
employed five years  
after graduation

**School of Arts, Design and Architecture** is a Finnish and Nordic leader in higher education for design, fashion, games, media, architecture, film, art education and art. We produce world-class research in art education, design and design thinking, digital media and visual culture, urban planning, architecture and landscape architecture.

**School of Business** holds the Triple Crown status and is one of the leading business schools in Europe. The School of Business works for better business and a better society. The Aalto School of Business educates experts and leaders for the future and contributes to society through impactful research, long-term partnerships, and societal engagement.

**School of Electrical Engineering** is much more than electricity and smart

power grids, as we study many topics you might not initially associate with the electrical industry. We take part in solving the great challenges humanity is facing, such as climate change, the depletion of natural resources and an aging population.

**School of Engineering** strives for new knowledge and solutions to serve the goals of sustainable development related to industry and built environment. Our strengths are application-oriented system competence and a tradition of experimental research, as well as technical competence.

**School of Chemical Engineering** renews society by generating knowledge, educating experts and enhancing sustainable innovations for bio- and circular economy. We combine natural sciences with engineering and join forces with the leading re-

search organisations and companies in the world to develop new technologies that make an impact on our society.

**School of Science** aims to change the world for the better by creating new knowledge and combining core research areas in novel ways. Through our internationally-acclaimed high-level research, we aim to make a significant impact on society. Our research focuses on advanced energy solutions, condensed matter, quantum and materials physics; creation and transformation of technology-based business; data science and artificial intelligence; health technology and neuroscience.

See all programmes  
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## Business and Economics

Studying business prepares graduates for jobs where they can make an impact on business and society. Research and education in the field focuses on societally important areas, such as sustainable business, digital business models, and data-driven decision making. Business studies have a strong heritage stretching back to 1911 when the Helsinki School of Economics was established.

## Art and Design

As the world moves towards increasingly unpredictable times, creative skills and solutions are more necessary than ever. The expertise of designers and other creative professionals is especially suited to exploring the complex issues of our time. Aalto ARTS has been educating creative professionals for more than 150 years.

## Science and Technology

Studying science and technology opens doors for many different work paths. At Aalto, you can create solutions for sustainable development, advance people's wellbeing with technology, design more sustainable cities, environments and appliances, and much more. We have educated technology professionals for over 170 years.

# What makes Aalto unique?

**Aalto University offers you much more than a degree.**

The Bachelor's and Master's programmes at Aalto University provide a head start for a great career. In addition to world-leading education and research, Aalto University also provides its students with tools that help them start their professional life after studies, such as internships at top corporations, practical leadership and problem-solving skills, and career services.

**Multidisciplinary:** At Aalto University, flexible options provide the chance to mix elements from different programmes and fields of study. Great examples of the multidisciplinary Master's programmes at Aalto are both IDBM (International Design Business Management) and Creative Sustainability. Design Factory gathers together many multidisciplinary and practical study possibilities. The ChemArts project invents new concepts by bringing together design, brand thinking and natural material science.

**Aalto community:** Aalto's greatest asset is the people at Aalto. During your studies you will make contacts and build networks that will be a source of joy and professional benefits long after you've graduated.

**Internationality:** Aalto University is very international. It has an extensive international partner network, and we cooperate with over 400 leading universities around the world. The scope of various international exchange, practice and project opportunities is extensive.

**Infrastructure:** We provide an excellent working environment with top level infrastructure and strong industrial networks. Our research infrastructures concentrate on areas like neuroimaging, bioeconomy, nanoscience, quantum technologies and metallurgical materials to solve some of the most urgent sustainability challenges in the world. The variety of workshops available allows experiments with materials, methods and processes to be part of learning, research and artistic activity.

**Start-up scene and entrepreneurship:** There is a vibrant student-driven start-up scene at Aalto University. For example, Startup Sauna and Aalto Entrepreneur Society (AaltoES), as well as Slush and Summer of Startups which have attracted international attention, all started at Aalto. Approximately 70-100 new companies are born at Aalto University each year. Right from the beginning of your studies you will be able to take part in interesting practical projects, which have participants from the business world, too.

**Values and freedom:** Our students have the freedom to choose courses from the three fields or focus on specialising in one area. Regardless of the field, everything we do, from researching to studying, is guided by fostering creativity, promoting an entrepreneurial mindset and shaping a more sustainable future. We actively integrate sustainability as well as equality, diversity and inclusion in our everyday operations.



What makes Aalto unique?

International Aalto

The largest international academic community in Finland



Over  
**2 000**  
international students

**47%**  
of Aalto's academic  
faculty is international

**100+**  
different nationalities  
as students

**40**  
in the ranking of the most  
international universities  
in the world (Times Higher  
Education)



# Student life at Aalto University



The student overalls are a garment worn mainly at student parties. Overalls are usually worn by university students and students of universities of applied sciences.

Cloth badges are often collected on the overalls as souvenirs of different student events and other students met in these events, with whom badges have been exchanged.

### The Aalto campus

The Aalto campus is located in Otaniemi, in the city of Espoo. Otaniemi is home to a lively community, and it could be even described as a small town with its excellent services from study hubs to restaurants and cafes, stores and sports facilities. The location is a perfect balance of vivid city life and nature: hop on a metro and travel to the heart of the Finland's capital Helsinki in less than 15 minutes, or head to the neighbouring nature reserve to catch some fresh air.

Unlike all the other study options offered at Aalto, The Bachelor's Programme in International Business is offered in Mikkeli. Since the Mikkeli campus is much smaller than the main campus, it's home to a tight-knit community, known for its "Mikkeli Spirit", which welcomes new students to the programme with open arms.



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

[virtualltour.aalto.fi](http://virtualltour.aalto.fi)

### A strong student culture

Student unions and associations look after students' interests and organise free-time activities, like sports and cultural events. The Aalto University Student

Union (AYY) gathers all of Aalto's students together. AYY offers its members student housing, events, advocacy services and the right to use the services of FSHS and Unisport. You are sure to find activities and events happening every day in one of the more than 200 associations and organizations operating within AYY's sphere of influence. More info: [ayy.fi](http://ayy.fi)

### Advocacy

The Aalto University Student Union AYY acts as an advocate of the students in matters of education and student life (well-being, health, subsistence, living and sports).

### Student benefits and discounts

Housing, health care, public transportation, lunches, and gyms are in most cases subsidized and discounted for both domestic and international students by the state and service providers. Student housing is available at reasonable rates for Aalto University students. Accommodation is available from the Helsinki region student housing association (HOAS) and Aalto University Student Union. Rents usually include utility charges and an internet connection, and housing units often have many shared services such as laundry, club room and sauna available.

### The Finnish Student Health Service

(FSHS) offers high-quality general health, mental health, and dental health services to university students for a small annual membership fee.

**UniSport** is the sports center for university students available on all campuses. There is a large array of sports and facilities to choose from, regardless of whether you enjoy individual or team sports. For the active sports enthusiast, the best workout mate is the UniSport training card, which is available to students at a discount.

# Education at all levels

**Aalto University offers degree education at all levels allowing you to aim for your dream career in the industry or in academia.**

## **Bachelor's**

Bachelor of Arts in Design, Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Technology

Bachelor's studies 180 ECTS (3 years)

## **Master's**

Master of Arts, Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration, Master of Science in Architecture, Master of Science in Landscape Architecture, Master of Science in Technology

Master's studies 120 ECTS (2 years)

Bachelor's and Master's studies together 180 + 120 ECTS (3 + 2 years)

## **PhD**

Postgraduate degrees and Doctoral degrees







## Rankings

Aalto University is highly ranked in international comparisons for quality of teaching and research, ensuring that your Aalto degree will be esteemed all over the world.



**28**

in the world

**Ranking:** Times Higher Education listing for young universities

**6**

in the world

**Ranking:** QS World University Rankings by subject  
**Field:** Art & Design

**54**

in the world

**Ranking:** Times Higher Education Impact Ranking for responsible consumption and production

**41**

in the world

**Ranking:** US News University Rankings by subject  
**Field:** Economics and Business

**116**

in the world

**Ranking:** QS University Rankings by subject  
**Field:** Engineering & Technology

# Life in Finland

**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!**

Finland is a safe country where everyday life works, and nature is always close by. A balanced student life means that you can concentrate on your studies, as everyday life is well-organised and reliable. Finland is located in Northern Europe and is a great meeting point between east and west.

## **How is the weather? Will I freeze?**

The summer in Finland is bright. The days are at their longest in the second half of June, when the sun stays above the horizon for 19 hours. The evenings grow cool towards the end of September, and the days grow noticeably shorter as winter approaches.

The winter begins in either November or December depending on the year. The temperature fluctuates either side of 0°C. The average temperature between December and February is around -4°C. The coldest time of the year is usually at the end of January, when the mercury can fall to below -15°C and the ground is covered by snow. The sea usually freezes over in the heart of winter.

Spring arrives in the south of Finland usually sometime in April. The days quickly grow longer and warmer.

## **Helsinki and Espoo: 10 Reasons to live in the Finnish Capital**

1. Everyday life runs smoothly in English.
2. Public transport is fast, reliable, and environmentally friendly.
3. A great combination of natural peace and urban buzz.
4. High quality equal education.
5. A city where we trust each other: valuing trustworthiness and reliability is deeply ingrained in the Finnish mentality.
6. Beating with life around the year: festivals, art, culinary pleasures, sports events and four different seasons.
7. In a compact city everything is nearby.
8. Everyday living is smooth, and wellbeing is a priority.
9. Helsinki is a model city of sustainable development.
10. The Finnish capital region is exciting, creative and growing.



## Finland facts

Official name:  
**Republic of Finland**

Member of the  
**European Union**

Official languages:  
**Finnish (92%), Swedish (5,5%)**

Population: **5,4 million**

GDP: \$186 billion  
GDP per capita: \$35 000

Currency: **Euro €**

Time zone: **GMT+2**

Capital city: **Helsinki**



# Interested in applying?

Admissions to Aalto University's Bachelor's and Master's programmes taught in English are organised once a year, and applications are open for a few weeks at a time. Typically, applications are open in December-January each year for studies starting the following August-September.

## Get ready to apply

1. See Aalto's study options and decide which programmes interest you the most: [aalto.fi/programmes](https://aalto.fi/programmes)
2. Read the admissions requirements carefully on our website and prepare for your application well ahead of time.
3. Book and take a standardised language test, if required in the admissions requirements.
4. Check if you are required to submit other specific application documents for your programmes, such as standardised test results (SAT, ACT, GMAT or GRE), official translations, references, or portfolios.
5. Apply during the application period and submit all application documents.

## Tuition fees

Students from outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland studying in a bachelor's or master's programme taught in English are liable to pay tuition fees. The tuition fees at Aalto University are:  
€12 000 per academic year for bachelor's degree programmes  
€15 000 per academic year for master's degree programmes

There are no fees for doctoral programmes.

The exact deadlines, dates and admission requirements are available on our website:  
[aalto.fi/study-at-aalto](https://aalto.fi/study-at-aalto)

Aalto University has generous scholarship programmes available to students who are liable to pay tuition fees.

## Aalto University Scholarships

Aalto University Scholarships are available for bachelor's and master's students. These scholarships are merit-based and are granted on a competitive basis during the admission process. The scholarships are in the form of tuition-fee waivers, covering either 100% (Category A scholarship) or 50% (Category B scholarship) of the tuition fee for the normative duration of the degree programme.

## Incentive-based Scholarship

The Incentive-Based Scholarships reward fee-paying bachelor's and master's students for making good progress in their studies. They are granted to those who have completed 60 ECTS credits (or above) of studies from their approved personal study plan during one academic year. Each scholarship is worth 1500€. The Incentive-Based Scholarship can be granted more than once.

Find out more about tuition fees and scholarships: [aalto.fi/fees](https://aalto.fi/fees)



### **Scholarships for Aalto BSc programme graduates continuing in Aalto master's programmes**

Tuition-fee liable students who complete their Aalto bachelor's degree in the expected time (i.e. three years) with a final grade point average of 3.80 or above, will receive upon application a full, category A scholarship for their Aalto master's programme, covering 100% of their tuition fees for the expected duration of the master's programme (i.e. two years).

### **Finland Scholarships for Master's student**

Finland Scholarships awarded by Aalto University are part of the national Finland Scholarship programme funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The Finland Scholarship programme runs

from 2022 to 2024. The scholarships are merit-based and granted on a competitive basis during the admission process. The Finland Scholarship consists of a 100% tuition fee waiver for the expected duration of the degree, and a 5000€ payment to assist with relocation costs.

**Please note that international double degree programmes may have different tuition fees and scholarship schemes.**

### **Interested in a PhD programme?**

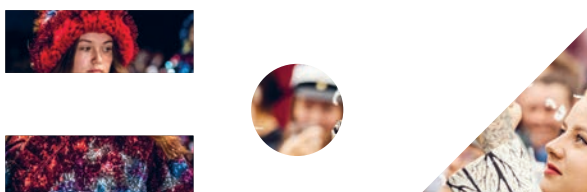
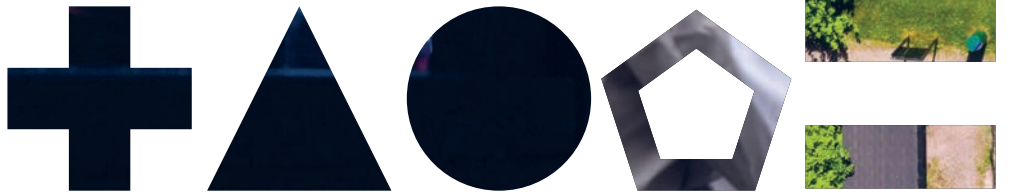
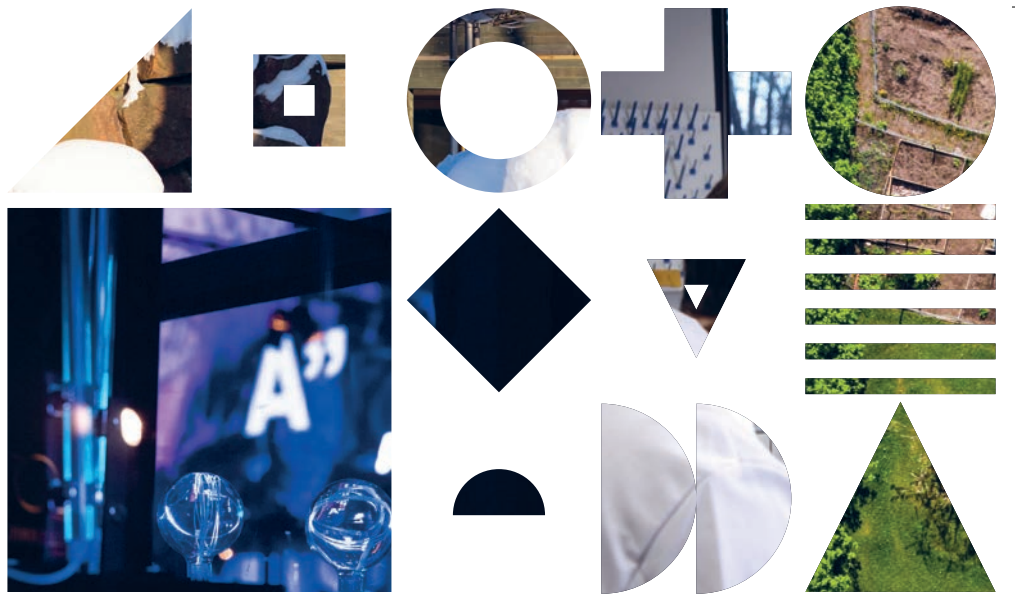
The admissions process to PhD programmes varies for each school at Aalto University.

Find out more:  
[aalto.fi/doctoral-studies](https://aalto.fi/doctoral-studies)

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## Notes and random scribbles



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