Incoming exchange student processes

Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering



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... right next to Helsinki the capital city of the happiest country in the world - ... and a beautiful national park.



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Application rounds

- Two application rounds per year for exchange studies
 - In the spring term, for the upcoming autumn term (deadline 30 April)
 - In the autumn term, for the following spring term (deadline 15 October)
- Academic calendar
 - Autumn term: Sep to Dec
 - Spring term: Jan to May



Exchange application process

- 1. Partner university nominates candidates for exchange to Aalto University
- 2. Nominated students are contacted by the Aalto coordinator
- 3. Nominated students submit their online applications with the required attachments by the deadline
- 4. Applications are processed at Aalto ELEC
- 5. Application results are sent to students within one and a half months after the application deadline
- 6. Students start to prepare for their exchange stay at Aalto



Online application

- Aalto ELEC uses an online application (MoveON)
- The link and the application instructions are sent to nominated students only
- Required documents to be attached
 - Official transcript of records in English
 - Learning Agreement/study plan approved by the home institution
 - English language certificate: an official test certificate or a statement on the student's English skills (level B2 required)
 - Curriculum Vitae
- Has to be submitted by the deadline





Learning Agreement/study plan

- 2/3 of the courses should be chosen from Aalto ELEC (<u>https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/School+of+Electrical+Engineer</u> ing)
 - Master level courses in English + some Bachelor courses in English
 - 1/3 may be selected from other Aalto technical schools (School of Chemical Engineering, School of Engineering or School of Science).
- Full workload at Aalto is 30 ECTS credits per term.
- Incoming exchange students are also welcome to take Finnish language courses, interdisciplinary and entrepreneurship project courses together with students from arts and business



Housing

- Aalto University does not itself own any student dormitories
 - Exchange students have to look for housing themselves
- Two student housing providers in the Helsinki metropolitan area
 - HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region)
 - AYY (Aalto University Student Union)
- More information available here: <u>https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/Housing+for+exchange+stud</u> <u>ents</u>



Arrival to Aalto



Orientation week

- At the beginning of each term
- Ensures a smooth start of studies

Student tutors

- Every exchange student has a student tutor
- Volunteer Aalto students
- Enrollment at the university
 - Possibility to join Aalto University Student Union (AYY)

Contact information

- Incoming student exchange: Ms Sasha Spurná incoming-elec@aalto.fi
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- Webpages for incoming exchange students

