

# Welcome to Finland and to Aalto University

Quality education and  
a Nordic way of life.

**A!** Aalto University



# Finland



- Independence: since 6.12.1917
- Area: 338,462 km<sup>2</sup>
- People: 5,5 million
- Capital: Helsinki (metropolitan area 1,2 million), in the South coast
- Languages: Finnish (87%), Swedish (5%)
- Member of United Nations since 1955 and European Union since 1995 and NATO since 2023
- Currency: Euro



# Finland

- **Republic, parliamentary democracy**
- **Parliament: 200 members in one chamber, elected every 4 years**
- **Cabinet: Multiparty coalition cabinet run by Prime Minister Petteri Orpo.**
- **Head of State: President of the Republic, elected every 6 years, two-term maximum. Currently Mr Alexander Stubb.**





# Finnish nature

- **World's biggest archipelago**
- **Land of thousand lakes (more than 10 000 lakes)**
- **Rocky shores**
- **Europe's most forested country, 70% covered by trees, 8% protected**



# Weather

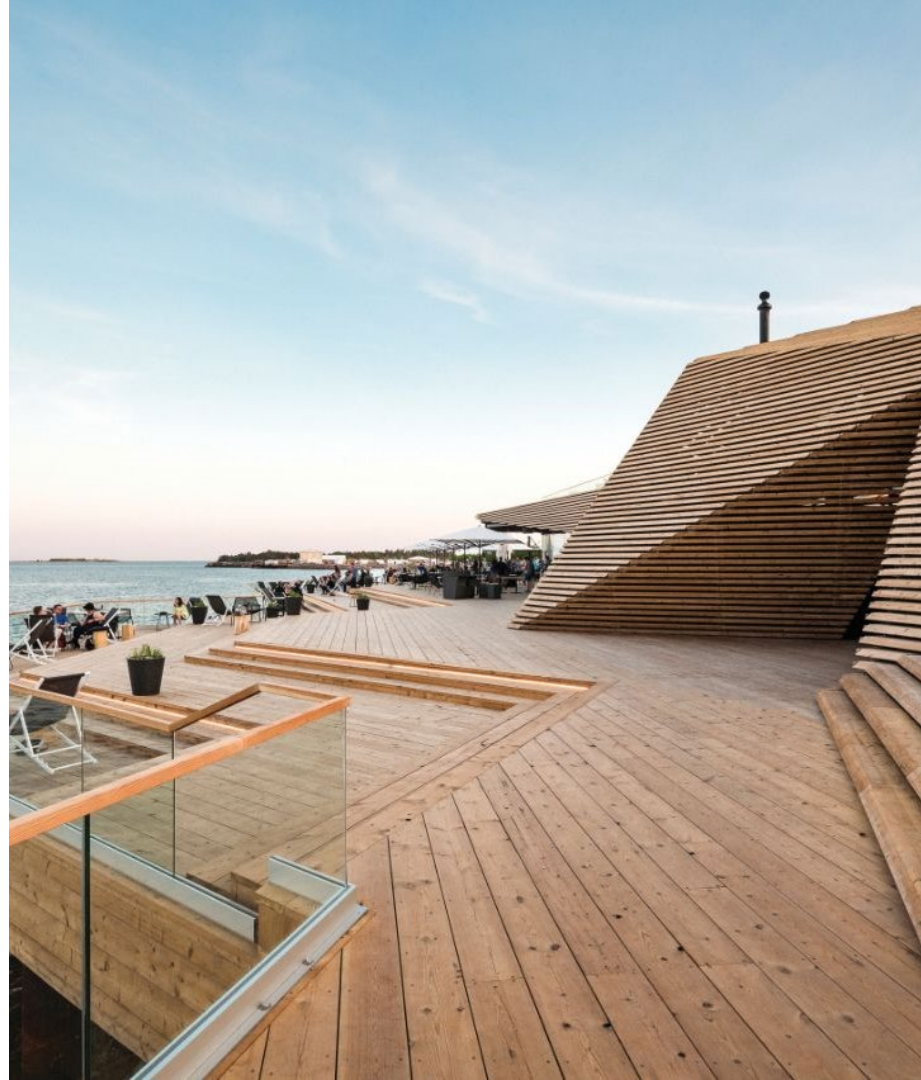
- **Four seasons with great contrasts, in summer fairly warm (+30C/86F) and light, in winter cold (-30C/-22F) and dark**
- **In winter the daylight time is short, in December, only 6h in the South of the country**
- **in the summertime there is daylight around the clock**





# Finland is...

- the world's biggest consumer of coffee on a per person basis  
*(World Population Review, 2023)*
- the happiest country in the world  
*(World Happiness Report 2023)*
- the least corrupted country in the world  
*(Transparency.org)*
- a sauna loving country. There are about 3 million saunas in Finland (for 5,5 million people). Sauna is a source of wellbeing and relaxation on an everyday basis.



# Welcome to Finland!

## The happiest country in the world

According to UN Finland is the most stable, the safest and best-governed country in the world, SEVEN years in a row (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024).

## Equality without hierarchy

Our society respects full equality and freedom of speech. Having no hierarchy nor corruption guarantees that no one is left behind.

## Safe and clean

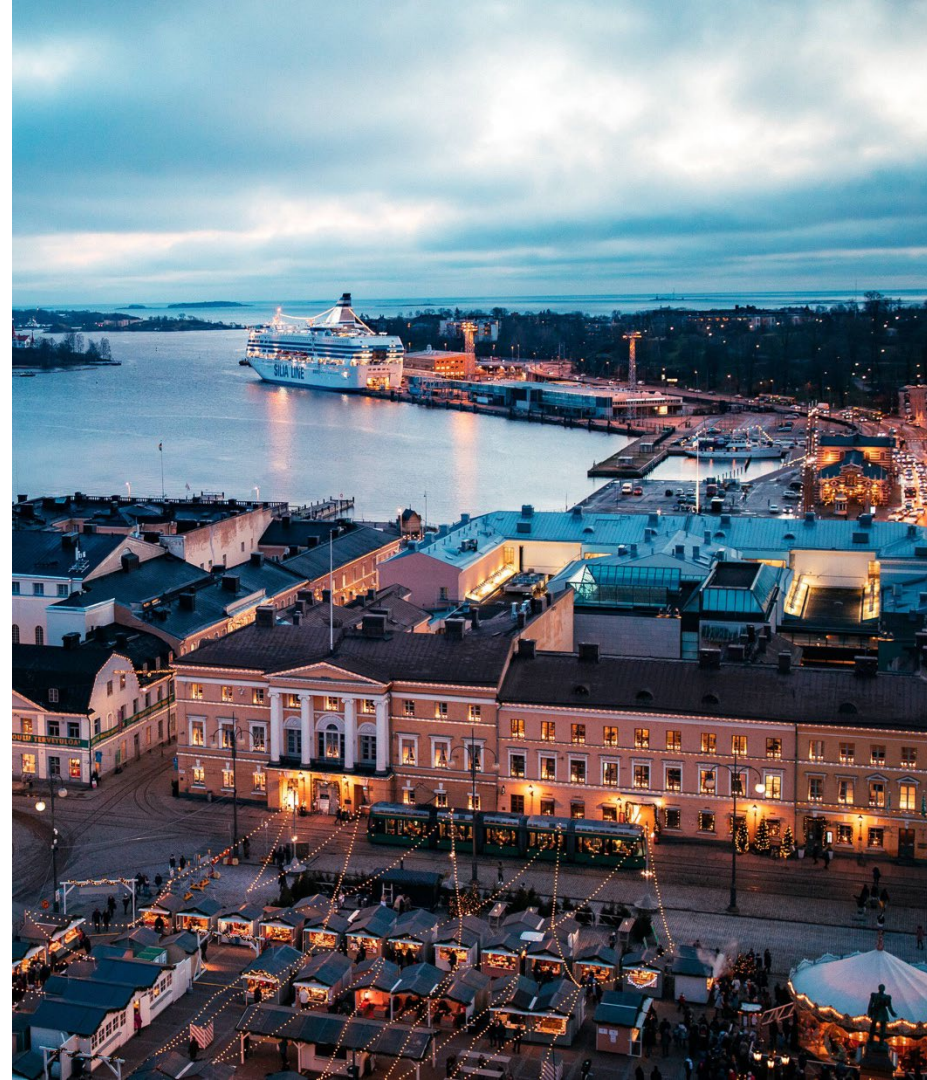
Here, safe surroundings can be taken for granted. Also, our air is fresh and water always drinkable.

## Close to nature

Known for its thousands of lakes and dense forests, you are free to roam it all. Enjoy the Northern lights in winter and midnight sun in summer.

## Connected to the Nordics and Europe

Less than 3 hours away from Paris, London and Berlin, and as one of the Nordic countries, Finland is a sweet spot to discover the whole Europe.



# Education system in Finland

- **Compulsory education applies to all 6-18 year olds. It includes pre-primary, basic and upper secondary education**
- **One of the basic principles of Finnish education is equity in education; all people must have equal access to high-quality education and training. The potential of every individual should be maximized.**
- **The Finnish good PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment by OECD) results have brought thousands of educationalists to Finland to learn about our system, schools and teachers since the beginning of the 2000s.**



# Merger of three leading Finnish universities



# Three fields, six schools

**School of Arts, Design and Architecture**  
architecture, art and media, design, film

**School of Business**  
accounting, economics, finance, management studies, marketing, information and service management

**School of Chemical Engineering**  
bioproducts and biosystems, chemistry and materials science, chemical and metallurgical engineering

**School of Electrical Engineering**  
communications and networking, electronics and nanoengineering, electrical engineering and automation, signal processing and acoustics

**School of Engineering**  
built environment, civil engineering, mechanical engineering

**School of Science**  
applied physics, computer science, industrial engineering and management, mathematics and systems analysis, neuroscience and biomedical engineering

# Aalto campus



## All three fields represented

Multidisciplinary community allows you to meet people from different fields and backgrounds.



## Study facilities

Library, student hubs, laboratories, studios and workshops.

Sustainability and carbon neutrality are at the core of our campus strategy.



## Student Union's facilities

Affordable student housing as well as spaces like guild rooms, sports facilities, party & lounge spaces, saunas etc.



## A wide range of services

Shopping centres, restaurants, cafes & bars, gyms, paper shop, grocery stores, metro station and several bus lines. Tram line nr. 15 from west to east!



## Balance of nature and city vibes

Lush campus area located by the seaside and next to nature reserves. Quick connection to Helsinki city centre allow you to enjoy the city buzz as well.



# International recognition

**109<sup>th</sup>**

**of all universities globally &  
21<sup>st</sup> of all young universities  
globally**

QS 2024 World University Rankings

**53<sup>rd</sup>**

**Most international university in  
the world**

Times Higher Education Rankings 2024

**19<sup>th</sup>**

**Marine technology**

QS 2024 World University Rankings

**54<sup>th</sup>**

**in advancing responsible  
consumption and production**

UN SDG #12 – Times Higher  
Education Impact Rankings 2022

# Our International Community in numbers

28 % professors

49 % research & teaching personnel

27 % master's degree students

37 % doctoral students

900 incoming semester exchange students per year



Aalto University



# Vibrant entrepreneurial community

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VENTURES  
PROGRAM

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Aalto University  
Startup Center

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Aalto University  
Design Factory

**AENT**  
Aalto University  
Developing Entrepreneurship

**Aaltoes**

**DASH**

**IGNITE**

JUNCTION

**KILAS**

**SLUSH**

*startuPlifers*

- We foster an entrepreneurial mindset across the university and integrate entrepreneurial thinking into all fields of study
- Support available for student-driven activities by providing spaces and funding
- Slush, one of the world's largest startup events, and Europe's leading hackathon Junction were born in Aalto's student community



# International networks

- Approximately 400 partner universities around the world
- Member of numerous university networks and alliances
- Shared research and education
- Great opportunities for student exchange



Cornell University



POLYTECHNIQUE  
MONTREAL



Universität St.Gallen



Universidade de São Paulo



KUNGL  
TEKNISKA  
HÖGSKOLAN



Università Commerciale  
Luigi Bocconi



Imperial College  
London

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Universidad de  
los Andes



香港大學  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG





# Student benefits

- **Student discounts in Finland**
  - Lunch & public transport, gym, stores, museums and more
- **Student housing**

Available, affordable, and high quality. Provided by city student housing association (HOAS) and Aalto student union.
- **Student healthcare**
  - by Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS)
  - provides very affordable health and dental care to university students
- **Student sports services**

Many options at affordable prices.

# Education in all levels

A young man wearing a grey beanie and a blue t-shirt is kneeling on a checkered floor, focused on adjusting a small, custom-built robot. The robot has a blue chassis, two large blue wheels, and a complex assembly of electronic components on top. In the background, there are laptops and other people, suggesting a workshop or competition environment.

3 years Bachelor

2 years Master

4 years Doctoral

## Science, Technology and Engineering

- 60 Master's programmes in English
- 5 Bachelor's programmes in English

## Business and Economics

- 11 Master's programmes in English
- 2 Bachelor's programme in English

## Arts and Design

- 24 Master's programmes in English
- 1 Bachelor's programme in English



# Why Aalto University?

**At Aalto you get more than a degree**

- ✓ Internationality
- ✓ Active and low-hierarchy community
- ✓ Multidisciplinary collaboration
- ✓ Start-up scene
- ✓ Career possibilities



# Thank you!

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