

FUKSI GUIDE 2026



PROSESSITEKKARIT RY



HeyHi, new chemical engineering student!

First of all a massive congratulations for you specifically, since you made it here! Right now you are holding the fresh 2026 Fuksi guide! Fuksi (or fuksis, plural) is the word we use for first year students here.

So when we talk about fuksis, we are talking about you. This guide is full of important and not so important information from your studies, the history of our guild and other exciting things that you can do in Otaniemi alongside your studies! It's important that you read it through carefully.

The flood of new information is massive and you can easily spend your summer reading the Fuksi guide and pondering your upcoming year. Remember to also enjoy your summer: eat ice cream, go swimming and hang out with friends. If you have any questions pop in your mind while reading this or over the course of the summer, just know that you can always message us, your Fuksi Captains!

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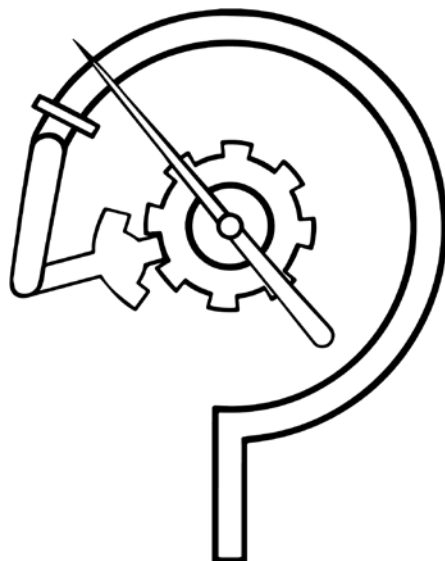
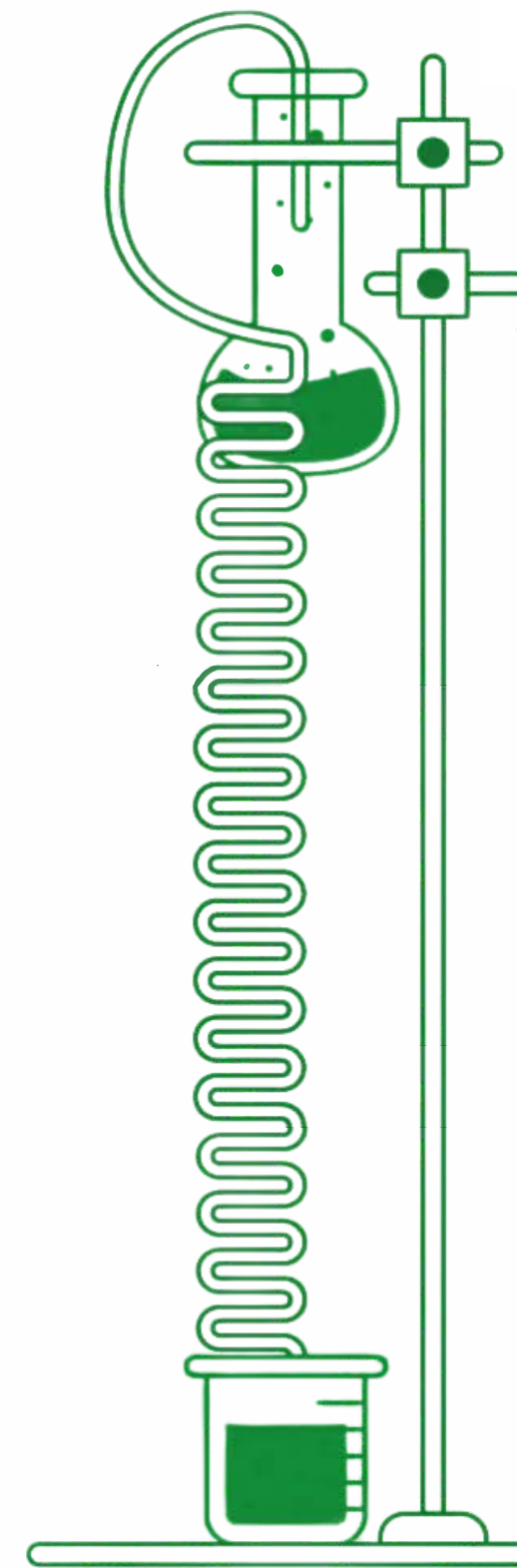


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Hello there!

I'm Oskari, and I'll be starting my third year this fall in the Chemical Engineering and Processes -major, so I'm a KeLa-alpha! Originally I'm from Kerava, but I've been living here in Otaniemi since my fuksi spring. In my free time, I enjoy playing the guitar, cycling, and taking part in student life around Otaniemi. I'm really excited for you to experience the best student life in the world here at Aalto! Excited to meet you all this fall!



Hii!

I'm Laura, and I'll be starting my third year this fall as a Materials Science major, so I'm a #materialgirll. I ended up in Otaniemi after a knee surgery put an end to my dance studies in Germany, but luckily it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. I've absolutely loved my studies and teekkari life! In my free time, I spend a lot of time with friends and dance both in the studio and at techno raves ;). Lately, I've also gotten really into circuit training and HIIT-classes. I can't wait for next fall! Oskari and I have planned lots of fun things for you, and I'm especially looking forward to getting to know you <3 Have an amazing summer!

Dear Fuksi

Your first steps as a future teekkari...

A BIG congratulations on your new study place and a warm welcome to Aalto University! We're so happy to have you join our amazing community. A new adventure in chemical engineering and teekkari life is about to begin, but don't worry, you've got Prosessiteekkarit and us by your side!

We're Laura and Oskari, together known as LiuOs (=sOLution)! We're the Fuksi Captains of Prosessiteekkarit, and we'll be helping you and around 200 fellow fuksis get familiar with teekkari culture and university life in general. Our job is to make sure all new chemical engineering students get to know other students, Otaniemi, and Aalto University. Luckily, we're not doing all this alone. Supporting us is a fantastic team of board members, the CEO, GuildGodparents, and of course BIGboss Valteri and his BIGs (tutors), who are especially excited to meet you!

Your first university year kicks off energetically and reactively at Head Start. There you'll get to meet us, the BIGs, and most importantly, your new fuksi friends for the first time! Then, during Orientation Week at the end of August, things really get started. Orientation Week is intense in many ways, so it's a good idea to rest beforehand and keep your schedule as

free as possible. There will be plenty to do, see, and learn, so don't be afraid to dive right in.

Your fuksi year is a unique experience, and we highly recommend making the most of it! At the same time, remember to slow down every now and then and take care of yourself. We want events to energize you, not exhaust you.

You can shape your student life however you want. The events during fuksi year are the perfect opportunity to get to know students both from PT and from other guilds around Otaniemi. There are all kinds of events organized by both PT and the wider Otaniemi community, and everyone can find their place in the Aalto community. You'll find everything from parties and academic table parties to sports events and competitions between guilds and associations. There are also various overnight trips both within Finland and abroad. We've both joined many excursions over the years, and they've honestly been some of the most unforgettable experiences of our studies, so we definitely recommend getting involved!

There's a lot of new and exciting things ahead, and we're incredibly excited to spend the next year experiencing them with you. Keep an open mind and jump in enthusiastically, because you might be surprised by everything Otaniemi has to offer.

Towards new bonds!

Most reactively yours,

Laura & Oskari

Laura Jouppi and Oskari Airila
Fuksi Captains '26

Telegram @lalapupunen & @fuksipaalliko

- If there's anything you're
- wondering about, or if you
- just want to chat, feel free to
- message us anytime, even
- before your studies begin.
- We also share a Telegram
- account: [@PaleHotline](#)
- That's the fastest way to
- reach either one of us!



And so it begins!

Look through this opening carefully before the Orientation week! Here you can find all the important info and some upcoming events!

Summer checklist:

- Enroll as present at the university
- Join the AYY and pay the membership fee (save your receipt!)
- Get a student card (frank.fi)
- Pay the FSHS fee (kela.fi)
- Apply for student housing (AYY or HOAS)
- Activate your Aalto ID
- Familiarize yourself with your Aalto e-mail and check it regularly
- Download Telegram
- Join PT Fuksis '26 Telegram-group and the Captain's channel
- Sign up for Kick-start (see last page)
- Prepare mentally and enjoy the summer!



Communication

Welcome to telegram!

Communication outside the school happens in an app called Telegram! Take a close look at it before the school starts so you won't miss any important information. Join immediately to the most important groups (Chem Eng fuksi chat, Captains' info Channel and PT fuksi chat) from the QR-codes below:



PT Fuksis '26



Chem Eng Fuksis '26



CapChannel '26

You can chat freely in the fuksi chats with other fuksis, ISOs, members of the board and with us! We inform about essential things in these groups so follow them actively!

For Telegram (TG), you get to create your very own TG-username, aka TG-nick but we would hope you to add your first name and last name and a picture of yourself to your profile! This way us and your fellow fuksis get familiar with your name and face already during the summer! :)

Save The Date!

The fuksi year is hectic but there are so many fun things to do! Here we have listed upcoming events that you can already add to your calendar! Exciting!!

16.8. Head Start!

Take a head start into the fuksi year by getting to know us, your BIGs, and your fellow students already before Orientation Week!

24.8. Process Initiation!

Getting to know the campus, Teekkari life and other students. Prepare to be busy for the whole day until the late night!

25.8. FK x PT MIGHTY ADVENTURE

Getting to know the other BIGs together with the Guild of Physics!

26.8. OtaOrienteering

A playful introduction to the other guilds and associations of Otaniemi in the form of a checkpoint crawl!

27.8. FuksiPicnic

Taking it easy and enjoying the last warm days of summer together with the CHEM guilds.

28.8. Otafest and PT's Kaukkarit

PT's own Kaukkarit aka Season Openers! Let's get the year started together with Prosessiteekkarit! In the evening you can attend the grand Otafest

1.9. Aalto Party & Afterparty

An outdoor festival organised by Aalto and Aava for all of Otaniemi! Which artist will find their way here...?

Orientation Week will give you additional information about your programme and about Aalto University as an academic environment and student life on campus. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow students and the staff of the programme. It's full of day-long activities and it's good to reserve the whole week off from anything else if possible!

3.9. CityOrienteering

A checkpoint crawl exploring Helsinki!

16.9. MK x IK x PT LettuCup

Battling for glory against the Guild of Civil Engineers (IK) and the Guild of Surveying Engineers (MK). Sauna and pancakes are served after the games!

30.9. Otatarha Grand Prix & Lakinlaskijaiset

A Grand Prix right here in Otaniemi, after which we put the teekkari caps into hibernation until spring!

7.10. Aalto Amazing Race

Adventure around Helsinki and Espoo for all fuksis in Aalto, held by Aava!

16.10 AS x PT Exam week chillis

Relaxing together with the Guild of Automation and Systems Technology fuksis

25.10. ETCo Fuksisitsis

Sitsit for all the English bachelors' students, organised entirely in English!

29.10. Process optimization

A crucial part in becoming a true Prosessiteekkari

31.10. International Grand Sitsi

Sitsis full of glamour at the start of the Teekkari Tradition Week

13.11. Friday the 13.

Strange things are happening in Otaniemi, when Inkubio, PT and DG meet in the darkness of November...

22.- 24.11. Tii, dii, dii, didididi, didididi...

4.12 PikkujouluT

PT:s own pre-christmas party! Will Santa show up this year?

19.12. Family and friends sitsit

So that you don't forget about your friends and family as you start having fun in university, invite them with you for a sitsit!

You've Got Mail!

It's good to learn to actively follow your new Aalto e-mail, because you'll receive messages from courses, the university as well as weekly newsletters from PT and Aalto student Union (AYY).

Our weekly newsletter, Captains' Weekly, which is very important regarding to your fuksi year will also be sent to your Aalto-mail every Sunday. So make a routine of checking your e-mail at least once a week!



Fuksimajor's Greetings

Greetings new student of technology, dear fuksi.

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University! You have completed the application process with distinction, and now it's time to turn your thoughts onto the start of your fuksi year this coming autumn. I wish you a warm welcome to Otaniemi and our wonderful Aalto and teekkari (technology student) community.

My name is Elisa Heikkilä, and I am your Fuksi Major. My task, together with the Fuksicaptains and tutors, is to make your first academic year unique and unforgettable. I work as a volunteer under the Aalto University Student Union, and I lead the Fuksi Committee, commonly known as FTMK, which consists of all of the Fuksicaptains from the teekkariguilts that admit new fuksis and the Swedish-speaking student nation.

Aalto University was founded in 2010, and along with that, students of arts and business have also found their way to Otaniemi. The multidisciplinary university and the Aalto community enable extremely rich and active student and recreational activities to complement your studies. Everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

Although Aalto University is a relatively young university, there have been us teekkaris for a century and a half. Teekkaris have been in Otaniemi since 1966, before which the school was situated in Helsinki. The most treasured distinction of teekkarius, the teekkari cap, has been in our use since already 1893. I hope you keep the long history in mind as you explore the wonderful world of teekarius. During the decades a lot of traditions have been born,



but likewise the culture has developed immensely. Indeed teekkarius evolves constantly – and comprises everything fun and silly us teekkaris ever decide to do!

Fuksi upbringing also has long traditions in Otaniemi. The task for me and above all your Fuksicaptain is to help you get started with student life, as well as to guide you through the entire first school year. During your fuksi year, you'll get to collect fuksi points from various events and activities in order to earn your very own teekkari cap. The fuksi points will introduce you to the teekkari culture and its traditions, other students, as well as all else Otaniemi has to offer, not to mention all the fun memories you'll get! Your fuksi year will culminate in the largest and most revered event for us teekkaris, Wappu, if I decide to organize one for you.

The teekkari community, into which you are warmly welcome, is unique in many ways. Teekkarius promotes a sense of community and tolerance: teekkaris accept everyone just the way they are and don't leave anyone behind. The tasseled community aims to evoke cheer and joy both within itself and those around it, and outside Otaniemi, teekkaris are known among other things for their jäynäs (pranks), tempaus (good deeds) and teekkari songs. Teekkaris are also characterized by their enthusiasm and will to get things done, which can be seen especially in different projects where working together, having fun and open-mindedness meet. I wish to encourage you, dear fuksi, to make teekkari activities just the way you like them. Otaniemi is a great place to try all kinds of new and wonderful things!

My most important piece of advice to you, future Teekkari, is that I encourage you to throw yourself into activities with all your heart and a gleam in your eye.

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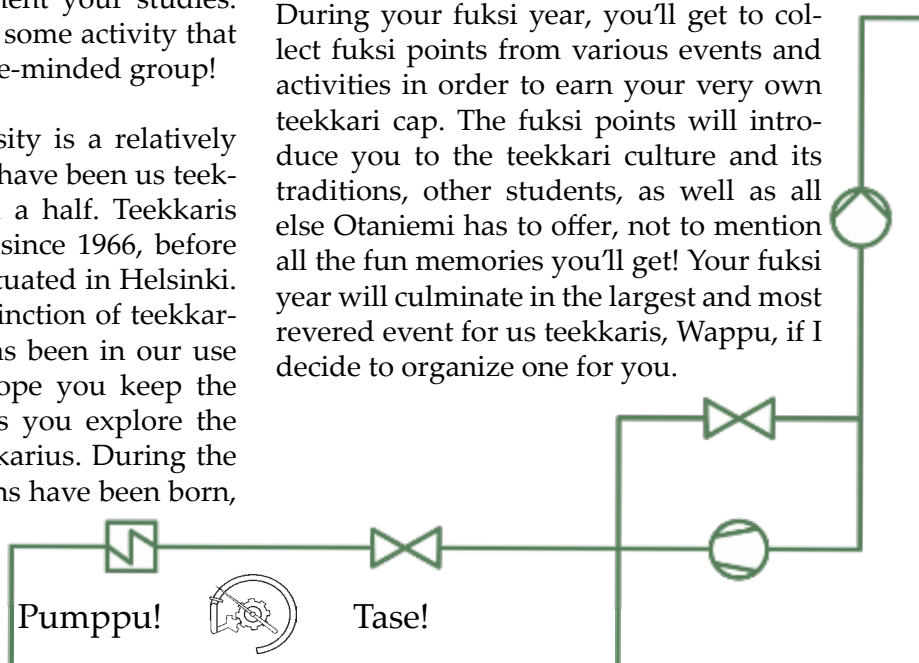
You will certainly make new friends with whom you'll spend the next few years. So get to know your classmates, tutors, Fuksi Captains and other residents of Otaniemi, since besides studies, doing fun stuff and making new memories together with others is the best thing that your study time at our university can offer you. Your guild or student association, us in the Fuksi Committee and countless others create the framework for activities and organize events to the best of our ability, but after all, you will get to decide for yourself what kind of fuksi year you want to make yours. A unique year awaits you, so I recommend you make the most of it!

I am in the privileged position of getting to watch you and your fuksi comrades on your journey to becoming teekkaris. Feel free to come and chat with me anytime, I hope to get to know you too.

I wish you a truly memorable fuksi year!

Elisa Heikkilä
Fuksimajor

FTMK aka Fuksi Committee brings together all of the Fuksi Captains that are responsible of new engineering students. We are all here just for you!



Phxivatorns hälsning

Kära phux,

Stora gratulationer till din studieplats, och välkommen till Aalto-universitetet! Du har gjort ett ypperligt val och nu väntar ett fantastiskt phuxår. Studietiden är en unik tid i ditt liv och jag hoppas du tar ut allt du kan av den.

Jag är Junias Vasama, Phxivator på Teknologföreningen, TF, i år. Min viktigaste uppgift under det kommande året är att ta hand om TF:s phuxar – även dig, om du väljer att delta i vår verksamhet!

Teknologföreningen är den svenskspråkiga nationen vid Aalto-universitetet. Våra medlemmar är inte bara de som har svenska som modersmål eller talar det flytande, utan alla som är intresserade av det svenska språket – oavsett skola eller studieinriktning. Trots namnet tar vi alltså inte bara emot teknologer, utan på TF kan du träffa även ARTSare och kauppisstudierande. Du behöver inte heller tala flytande svenska för att bli medlem, utan bara vara ivrig att komma med i vår svenskspråkiga gemenskap. TF är till för alla: "ruotsinkielisille ja ruotsinmielisille".

Ta alltså tillfället i akt under de första dagarna vid Aalto att skriva in dig i nationen. Det kommer att ordnas en välkomstrundvandring på TF:s nationshus Urdsgjallar för ditt gille under introveckan. Ifall du är nyfiken på vad allt vi gör på Teknologföreningen är det bara att ta kontakt med mig eller komma på besök till Urds!

Då skolåret kommer igång kommer det redan från början att hända mycket och jag hoppas att du modigt deltar på så mycket du orkar och hinner, både på gillet och på TF:s evenemang. På så vis får du lära känna de andra phuxarna samt äldre studierande. Dessutom ska du också samla phuxpoäng under året, de som samlat tillräckligt får sedan teknologmössan eller TF:s kokard till (den möjliga) Wappen.



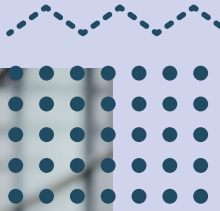
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Kom ihåg att ha det roligt och vila upp dig under sommaren, hösten närmar sig med stormsteg och bär med sig otroliga upplevelser. Phuxåret är ett av de mest minnesvärda åren av studietiden! För en liten försmak rekommenderar jag att du deltar både på gillet och TF:s startskott redan under sommaren. TF:s startskott ordnas 21.8 i Otnäs och där har du chansen att lära känna andra phuxar! Mera info och anmälan hittar du på u.tf.fi/startskott.

Jag vet att Laura och Oskari kommer ta väl hand om dig, men jag finns också alltid här för dig. Läs igenom hela denna guide och TF:s phuxblaska (u.tf.fi/phuxblaskan), de innehåller mycket information som kommer bra till hands när hösten väl kommer. Ta också och gå genast med i Phux26 egna telegramgrupp: u.tf.fi/phux26.

Njut av sommaren, så ses vi på hösten!

Junias Vasama
Phxivator



Dear Fuksi!

Become a student member of TEK! Membership is completely free, and includes a host of services to help you not only work in Finland, but to thrive here. These include guidance on how to summer job hunt, recommendations for your salary, as well as legal aid to check your first contract or to later protect your rights. As a joining gift, you will receive a TEK overall belt.

TEK is the trade union for students and graduates in technology and the natural sciences. There are more than 83,000 of us!

Find out more at www.tek.fi/en/students or join www.tek.fi/en/join now!

Best regards,

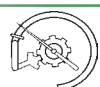
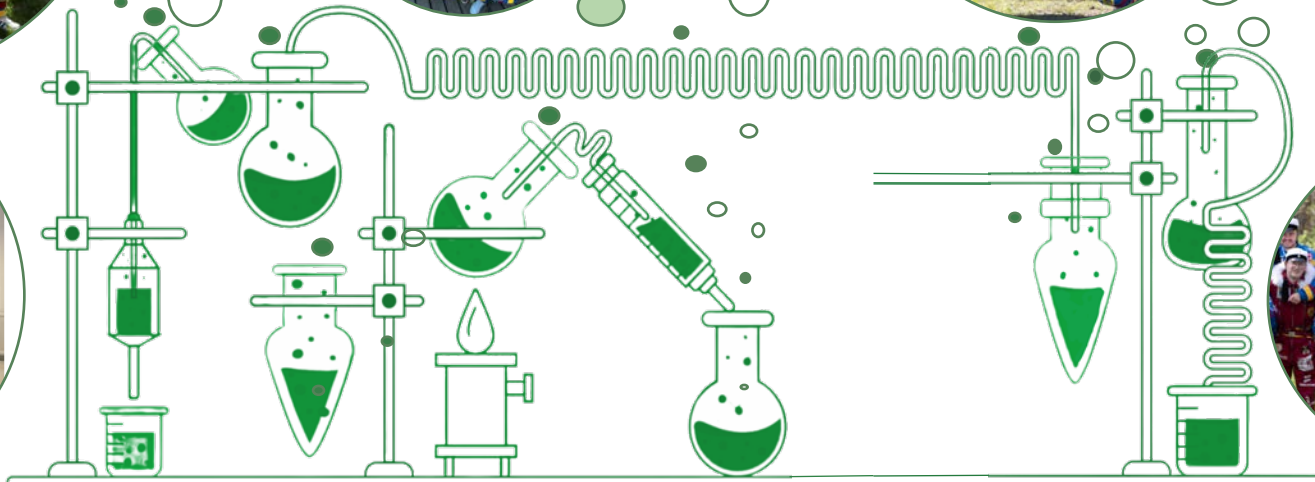


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From the Chair of the Board

Hi new fuksi!

A huge congratulations on your study place and welcome to study Chemical Engineering at Aalto University! I'm Aino Honka, the Chair of Prosessiteekkarit for 2026. My journey with Prosessiteekkarit started in 2021 when I began my studies as a fuksi and got to know the secrets of our guild and teekkari culture. I only joined the guild board later in my third year, but there is already so much fun to do right from your fuksi year. I encourage you to explore different opportunities with an open mind and find your own way of being part of the community. You don't need any prior experience!

Your fuksi year is a unique time, especially here at Aalto. You're about to step into a new environment, meet amazing people and experience things you might not even expect yet. Starting something new can feel exciting and maybe a little uncertain at the same time, but it's important to remember that you're not alone. You'll be joined by a big group of otherbfuksis in the same situation, and older students are always there to support you.

Prosessiteekkarit ry, or more commonly known as PT, is a student guild founded in 2012 and above all a community built by its members. PT was formed when three Chemical Engineering study tracks merged, and you can still see the history in the three stripes on our overall sleeves. Every year we welcome over 200 new fuksis consisting of the Finnish Bachelor's Programme in Chemical Engineering and the English Chemical Engineering major.

Even though there are hundreds of us, it's easy to get involved and doing things together is simple and fun. During the year, PT organizes all kinds of activities, from sitsit to more relaxed sauna evenings, as well as company visits and sports events.



But more than anything, it's about the people, the ones you spend your everyday life with and share your best student memories with. You'll often spot the striped sleeves of our overalls wherever something is happening, which says a lot about how we like to show up together.

While studies are an important part of university, student life wouldn't be the same without the people and experiences along the way. Studying is often easier together, whether it's group work, preparing for exams or just getting through everyday life. For many, these years turn into lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. I encourage you to stay curious, try new things and most importantly be yourself.

If you have any questions about your studies or student life, feel free to reach out or come say hi anytime. We're here for you.

For now, enjoy the rest of your summer while it lasts. Huge congratulations once again. I am excited to see you in the autumn and at pHuone <3

Aino Honka
Chair of the Board '26
TG: @aahonka

Board of Prosessiteekkarit

Prosessiteekkarit is run by annually selected board chosen by the guild. There are many different roles in the board, each of which directs its own committee. The most important tasks of the board are to take care of the members' well-being, to represent the guild at various events and annual balls, and to maintain and promote new and old traditions. In addition, the board organizes events and makes sure that it is safe and comfortable to be in our community. The board members are a chill crew who are happy to help you so don't hesitate to tap them on the shoulder for help!

Meet the board members on the following pages!

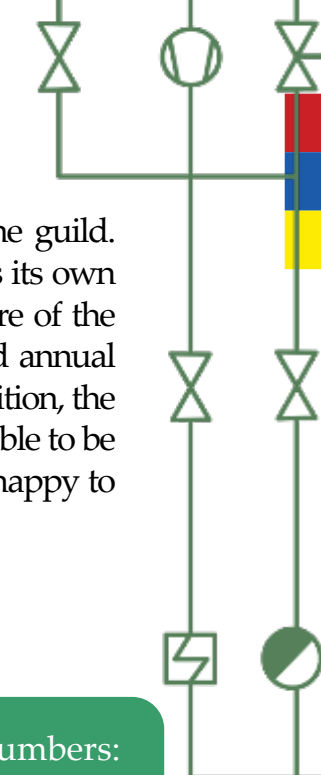


Prosessiteekkarit as numbers:

- 2012: the year PT was founded
- 600+ Members
- 245 New fuksis in fall of 2026
- 100+ Hardworking volunteers



This year the board can be recognized by our warm, black fleeces!



Chair of the Board



Hi there!
I'm Aino, the Chair of PT. My role is to take care of our lovely board and handle the guild's administrative matters. If you have any questions about guild stuff, feel free to come poke me on Telegram! I can at least point you in the direction of someone wiser :). I'm a second-year master's student in Chemistry and Materials Science, and I spend most of my free time around Otaniemi or with my dog. You might even spot us out on a walk around Otaniemi from time to time. Congrats on a great choice of studies!

MoiHei! I'm Aaro, a third-year prosessiteekkari, and my thesis year will begin this autumn. This year, I've served as PT's treasurer, which means I take care of things like preparing and paying invoices, as well as monitoring our activities from a budget perspective. In addition to that, I'm responsible for maintaining our membership register and the guild's bookkeeping. In my free time, I enjoy exercising and watching documentaries. A huge congratulations on choosing chemical engineering and PT, see you at pHuone!

Treasurer

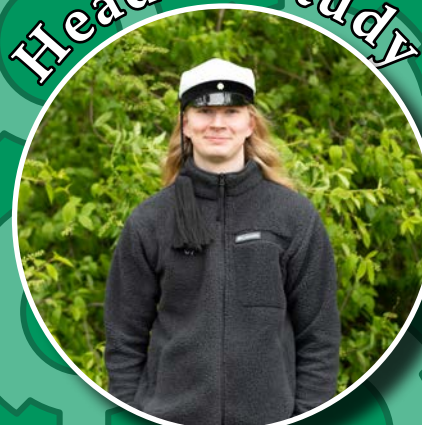


Vice chair



Hey! I'm Annu, this year's Vice Chair. I moved here from Joensuu for my studies, and now I'm on my second year in the Chemistry and Material Science master's programme. In the guild, I help the Chair (Aino) with administrative stuff and act as the secretary. This is a pretty new role that is still being developed, so I'll do a bit of everything when needed! You'll probably bump into me at coffee in our guild room pHuone or while you get involved in guild activities. In my free time I'm mostly doing sports or volunteering around Aalto :) Congrats on getting in, be sure to get the most of everything the Aalto community has to offer!

Head of Study



Hi! I am Juho, the Head of Study Affairs of this year. I am a third-year student at CHEM, but I am also working on a second degree at BIZ. My tasks include advocating for our members, organizing study-related events and marketing for upper secondary school students. I act as a link between the university and the students. In my free time I am actively participating in our events or playing the guitar. I look forward to meeting you all!

Affairs

Head of Internal &



External Affairs

Hey!! I'm Elsa, the Head of Internal and External Affairs (SUV) of this year! This autumn I'm starting my studies in the Master's Programme in Chemistry and Materials Science, and in my free time I enjoy reading and doing volunteer work around Otaniemi :) As SUV, my role is to lead the care committee responsible for various activities, including alumni relations, culture, sports, and wellbeing. The committee also takes care of our beloved pHuone (the guild room), so you'll definitely see me there over a cup of coffee! Congratulations, you've made an absolutely amazing choice!!

Hello there!
I am Ukko, Head of Corporate Relations 2026. My job is to maintain and elaborate the guild's cooperation with companies in the field of our studies. Hopefully I'll see you during the fall at excursions or other bashes. Remember that orientation week is for maximizing the "extracurricular activities". Therefore, don't stress about locking in before September and enjoy your summer and the first days in Otaniemi as much as possible! Everything important will be shown to you and never be afraid of asking help from us or your fellow students -xoxo Maestro

Head of corporate



Relations

Spokesperson

Hi there! I'm Aada, and I'm PT's Spokesperson this year. I'm a third-year student majoring in chemistry and materials science. My main responsibilities as Spokesperson include keeping members informed via Telegram and email. You can read the weekly newsletter every Monday. In addition, together with the Information Committee, I manage PT's social media, the guild's newsletter, event photography, the guild's visual identity, and bilingualism. In my free time, I enjoy sports, and soccer is especially close to my heart. I also enjoy reading books and crocheting. Best of luck with your new studies, see you in the fall! <3



International and

Hello!! I'm Alissa, PT's International and Master's Captain! My role is very similar to Oskari and Laura's but I help new master's and exchange students get to know Otaniemi and our student culture here as opposed to new bachelor's students. I'm starting my third year of studies this year in the Chemical Engineering programme, and I'm originally from Canada. When I'm not planning events I love cooking and all kinds of textile crafts. Congratulations on your study place!



Master's Captain

IE

Hi! I'm Annika, and this year I'm on the board of PT as an IE together with Helmi! This fall I'll start my fifth year here, and I'm studying Bioproducts Engineering. Helmi and I plan and organize all kinds of amazing events for the members, and you can usually find us at those events. In my free time outside of student life, I like to go to gigs, go outdoors, and read. Welcome to Otaniemi, and I hope to see you at the events in the fall!



Fuksi Captain

Laura and I are also part of the board! We're responsible for everything related to fuksi, including fuksi education and PT's own fuksi events. Our job is to introduce you to the secrets of teekkari culture and make sure you find your place in the Aalto community!



IE

Hello! I'm Helmi, a third-year student with Chemical and Process Engineering as my major. This year I'm the IE of PT's board with my partner-in-crime Annika. As IE, we plan and organize all kinds of events such as sisis and hangouts. You'll most likely see us at events taking care of a wide range of tasks. In my free time, I like to run, cook, and spend time with friends. Enjoy your fuksi year, and see you at the events in the autumn!



Fuksi Captain

We're responsible for both the Finnish and the English Chemical Engineering fuksis. Helping us with all of this is our very own Prosessiteekkarit Fuksi Committee!



pHuone

pHuone is our very own guildroom! Here you can come to hang out with your friends, study or just have a cup of coffee! Everyone is welcome!



pHuone is located in **Kemistintie 1D 2**, right in the heart of the School of Chemical Engineering!



You can also buy overall patches and other guild merchandise when a member of the board is present!

By the way, coffee is free for guild members!



pHuone is open on weekdays from 8am to 8pm.



THE FUKSI COMMITTEE OF PROSESSITEKKARIT

BIGboss

Fuksi Captain

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PT:s New

Students Sector

Laura and Oskari, LiuOs
Fuksi Captains

Alissa, International and
Master's Captain

Valtteri, BIGboss

Maja, CEO

What new student sector?
In Finnish, this sector is abbreviated as UO, from the Finnish words for new students. We are all the people that work with students starting in university, so for the benefit of you guys. <3

CEO = ChemEng Officer,
Our representative in ETCo (more on them later) and helps us with the fuksi education of the English Bachelor fuksis, you!

BIG words from the BIGboss

Hi!

BIG congrats on your admission to Aalto and a warm welcome to Prosessiteekkarit on behalf of me as well! My name is Valtteri and I am starting my fourth year of studies in the chemistry and material science track of the Finnish study program. I am originally from Northern Ostrobothnia's gift to the cardboard industry, Oulu. I originally moved here due to my studies, and Otaniemi has certainly taken a place in my heart within the past few years.

I am the BIG boss of this year, which means that I have chosen and trained all of your lovely BIGs to assist you during both the orientation week and the fuksi year as a whole! My job also includes taking care of the BIGs and making sure they get to have some fun during the year as well!

"Huh, what is a BIG?"

BIGs (known outside Otaniemi as tutors), are mainly second year students whose job is to introduce the new students to their studies, student life as well as teekkari culture. BIGs are always ready to help no matter if the task or worry is small or BIG. The BIGs often become your good friends, coursemates, or even potential coworkers as the years go on!



During Orientation week you will be split into groups of around 10 fuksis, which also include 4-5 BIGs and 4-5 guild godparents (older students whom you will have the chance to have lunch and ask anything you can think of!). During orientation week you will get to learn about the practical things relating to school, go around Otaniemi with your BIGs, and get a small look into student life here.

As the BIG boss I am also a part in organizing all sorts of events during the fuksi year alongside your Fuksi Captains Laura and Oskari, and I encourage all of you to take part in them! Have a wonderful fuksi year, I hope we meet during orientation week!

Valtteri Hamari
BIGboss 26'
TG: @ISOpomo

Greetings from the International and Master's Captain

Hello!

Congratulations on your study place here at Aalto, we're all very excited to have you here!! My name is Alissa, a 2024 fuksi, and I'm the International and Master's Captain for Prosessiteekkarit this year. I'm Finnish Canadian, but I only moved to Finland from my home city of Vancouver when I started my studies here.

My role on the board is to make sure that all the exchange and Master's students feel welcomed here at Aalto and get a chance to get a good fuksi upbringing the same way you, our Bachelor's students do! Like your fuksi Captains, I also don't do this alone. I get to work with the International Captains from the three other CHEM guilds (Puunjalostajakilta (PJK), Kemistikilta (KK), and Vuorimieskilta (VK)) to take care of our fuksis together!

"Together with our Activity Coordinators we organize events in English for the guild ranging from small hangouts to bigger themed parties."

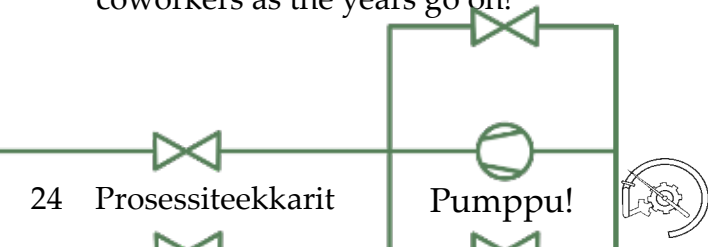
Within the guild, I'm also responsible for PT's International Committee (also known as IntCo) along with the Chem Eng Officer (CEO).



Everyone is welcome at our events, even if you're not an international student, and even if you feel self-conscious about your English skills we'd still love to see you at our events! We all make mistakes when speaking, so please don't let that stop you from joining in!

Wishing you a fabulous fuksi year,

Alissa Kotanen
International and Master's Captain '26
TG: @alissakotanen



Tase!



Pumppu!



Tase!

Fuksi Guide

Greetings from the CEO

Hi!

I'm Maja, PT's Chem Eng Officer (CEO). In this role, I organize events in English that are open to all chemical engineering students; including those on the Finnish side. I also represent PT in ETCo, the English Bachelor's Committee, which brings together English Bachelor's students across different guilds. Looking forward to welcoming you to our community next year!

Maja Grzeszczyk
CEO '26
TG: @maja_grzeszczyk



ETCo

ETCo is the English Bachelors' Committee. We are here to strengthen the international community among students from the English-taught Bachelor's programmes.

Join our events and be part of an open English speaking community in Aalto!



Join our telegram channel to learn more about our upcoming events!



Your BIGs

BIGs will be your companions, support and safety throughout your entire fuksi-year

One BIG group will be come your very own, and starting from orientation week, you will be doing activities together!

PT's BIGs will also organize different kinds of events for you during the year

You will surely get to meet BIGs from other groups as well!

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Back when

I was a Fuksi...

Hiii fuksi!

One of the best things about my fuksi year at Aalto was getting to know so many amazing people from so many places. So my tip to you is to embrace student life and attend different events, so you can figure out what you enjoy and find friends to enjoy those things with. Try not to stress too much about your studies, and most importantly remember to prioritize your wellbeing!

-Pihla

Hey fuksi!

I was in your shoes a year ago and was very nervous to attend university, and introduce myself to new people. Remember that those around you probably feel the same way, and would love if you started a conversation! I also suggest you go to as many events as you can, especially in the first weeks. Go to some of the orienteering events so you can get to know clubs and associations that you would be interested in. It's also a great way to get patches! If you ever see me on campus, feel free to say hi! I am always happy to chat. Lastly, I wish you a great orientation week and fuksi year!

-Ida

Heyyy fuksi!

You'll get the most out of your first year by joining events, meeting new people, and enjoying student life to the fullest. My own first year at Aalto was amazing, and I made lots of friends both inside and outside my student association. Don't stress too much about your studies! We ISOs are here for you throughout the whole year, and we'll do our best to make your freshman year unforgettable <3

-Hanna

Hello future fuksi!

At first, everything is new and there will be a lot of information coming your way, but you're not alone and help is always available :) Otaniemi is a unique and welcoming community with a wide variety of events, associations, and most importantly, amazing people. I highly recommend keeping an open mind and trying all kinds of new and exciting things!

-Jesu

Hello fuksi!

The beginning of university is one of those times, when you once again will meet many, many new people and have to adjust to new things. The orientation to studies in Aalto is very student-friendly, and support will surely be provided if needed. You don't need to stress about having to find new friends, after all, those can pop up into your life anywhere anytime! Still I recommend participating in events especially during the orientation week, since some of those events are truly once in a lifetime. Additionally during your year as a fuksi you get the chance to deepen your knowledge of teekkari culture with your fuksicaptain's and BIG's guidance, so stay active throughout the year. See you in Autumn!

-Juho

Heyoo future fuksi!

So amazing that you're joining PT! Your fuksi year will for sure be unforgettable! My tips for you now are to join all the events and happenings open-mindedly they might end up becoming great memories. I encourage also to join the guild activities, if you're interested. Don't stress too much over the studies. I found them super hard in the beginning, but you get used to them over time. Remember to take care of your wellbeing so you'll be able to make the most out of your fuksi year! :)



Hiiii!

Your freshman year will be one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life, so it's worth making the most of it. Of course, not at the expense of your own wellbeing, but it's good to join in whenever you can! We're all here for you to help make your freshman year fun and smooth.

-Andia

Hello fuksi!

Orientation week is an absolute blast. There is so much new information that you can't even remember it all. No need to stress and remember to mind your own wellbeing. During my own fuksi-year I participated in all kinds of things even though I was very nervous sometimes. I would recommend to take part in everything that even slightly interests you. I also encourage you to take a look into the other CHEM guilds.

Helloooo future fuksi!

You are about to dive into the wonderful world of our university! The first year was unforgettable for me and I have made so many new friends and gotten to know a lot about the deep culture surrounding student life. I can't wait to see you during orientation week and be your BIG for this first year! If I had one piece of advice to give, it would be to have an open mind and bravely approach and meet new people especially at the start. Everyone is just as confused as you!

-Sisu

Morjens future fuksi!

Really fun that you've found yourself to chem! Enjoy your fuksiyear to the fullest without forgetting your own well being, we BIGs will gladly help you with this! Also remember that us BIGs are here just for you, and there are no dumb questions (only dumb answers)! PS. If the Swedish language interests you, I strongly recommend getting to know Teknologföreningen: there is all kinds of stuff to do and many big changes coming!

See you in autumn!

-Artur

Hello freshman <3

Your first year is going to be full of new experiences, so make the most of it!!! Get to know new people and don't hesitate to try new things – the best memories are often made through experiences like those. I joined PT's dance group CanCan during my first year, and it became a huge part of my freshman year. Through it, I've met amazing people and had so many unforgettable experiences. So I can warmly recommend joining CanCan!!!

See you in the autumn <3

-Tiitu

Heyy fuksi!

It's so amazing that you're coming to Aalto! You're about to start what will probably be one of the most unforgettable times of your life, so remember to truly enjoy it. For me at least, my fuksi-year was definitely one of the best years I've ever had. The beginning can feel a little scary and overwhelming, but remember that you're not alone. By being yourself and following your heart, you'll find wonderful new people around you and create a student life that feels truly your own. <3

-Tuuli

Hey future fuksi!

So glad you ended up at PT! The fuksi year is honestly such an amazing experience, so make sure to get the most out of it and go to as many events as you can (and have energy for), they have definitely been the highlights of my year! Studies might feel overwhelming at first and finding your people can take a moment, but don't stress too much about either. You'll keep meeting new people throughout the whole year and help for studies is always available as long as you dare to ask. Oh and don't forget the välivesi...

-Frida <3



CanCan

Welcome to the very own dance group of PT's fuksis <3

In the oldest dance group of Otaniemi dance skills are optional and what connects all CanCan-dancers is

1. a twinkle in their eye
2. a willingness to make friends
3. a wish to enjoy the fuksi-year

Congrats on getting into the School of Chemical Engineering! A big question on everyone's mind when starting their studies is... will I enjoy the fuksi-year and make new friends? CanCan has been our solution to this problem!

CanCan connects all of the fuksis of chem through "regularly irregular" practices and performances, and the choreography is purely based on having fun. You will be able to shape CanCan to fit your fuksi-year, and so the choreography is also made by you. CanCan performs at sisis and other events and is always the most awaited performer of the night! The audience loves CanCan <3333, so just getting on stage is the most important part. Dance skills/ hours spent practicing are as



unimportant as physics in the mind of a chemist.

For us CanCan has been one of the best things about the fuksi-year, and it has brought a lot of joy and festivities to break up the time spent studying. We have gotten a lot of friends and the best of memories, that would not be there without CanCan, and it has been lovely to continue the tradition. CanCan is a unique thing to the fuksi-year that we can so warmly recommend to absolutely everyone, and as a reminder.... you don't need to know how to dance! You can attend practices and performances flexibly anytime during your fuksi-year.

NÄR BÖRJAR CANCAN! See you in the autumn among the red skirts!

Ami, Tiitu, Pihla
CanCan responsables '25



Sport Responsible's Greeting

Hi future fuksis and fellow Chemical Engineering students!

I'm Rachana, and I'm this year's Sports Responsible. Exercise and sports have been a big part of my life for a long time. I've played football for most of my life, and I love anything that gets you moving, lets you challenge yourself, and gives you the chance to spend time with others.

"In the middle of your studies, it's important to remember to do something other than sit in lectures or struggle with assignments. Sports events are a great way to meet new people, have fun, and bring a little extra energy into your everyday life."

- CHEMelons is our sports team, which competes in several sports leagues where you'll get to play against other associations across Aalto in various ball sports.
- Everyone is welcome to join, whether you're a fuksi or a more experienced student!



Throughout the year, there will be all kinds of sports trials, exercise sessions, and other activities to take part in. The goal is to give everyone the chance to find something they enjoy, regardless of how active they are.

Many people also know me as someone who's always excited to try new things. Besides football, I've worked as a coach for several years, so community and teamwork are especially important to me. I hope our sports events become a place where you can confidently try something new, get to know other students, and most importantly, enjoy student life.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join our events. See you in the fall and at our sports sessions!

Rachana Bhandari
Sports Responsible '26



Other Guilds of CHEM

Prosessiteekkarit ry was founded in 2012 after an educational program reform merged the first year studies of three different programmes.

Inspired by this, the duties of fuksi upbringing were moved to a new association, Prosessiteekkarit, which began to develop its own traditions. However, the CHEM guilds of the original programmes are still thriving!

They arrange events and activities for their members, represent them and ensure they have a fun and functioning student community, just as our guild does.

You're sure to run into the other CHEM guilds during your fuksi year, but lets get to know them a bit now too!

Fun Fact:
The guild emblem of Prosessiteekkarit is based on a bourdon tube pressure gauge!



Chemistry Guild

Chemistry Guild, Kemistikilta or KK in Finnish, established in 1891, is the oldest and most beautiful teekkari guild in Otaniemi and Finland. Chemistry Guild primarily consists of chemistry, chemical engineering, and biotechnology students, but everyone is more than welcome to participate in our events! KK organizes a lot of events, ranging from sports to sitsiparties and from company visits to museum tours. In addition, we host the biggest electronic music party in Otaniemi every fall, Neon Rave. Chemists are easily recognizable by their red sleeve in, with the guild's neon atom emblem, in their overalls. You can earn the sleeve by participating in the guild's events!

Guild members can be found at guild room, which is located in the CHEM building behind the janitor' booth. Some of the most popular pastimes there are drinking coffee, playing Tetris, reading the guild magazine Tisle, and having casual conversations. Moreover, the traditional chemistry games of Corona and Marjapussi are actively played, and tournaments are held throughout the year for both games.

Fun fact: The shortest route to grab coffee during lecture breaks from the KE1 lecture hall is to KK's guild room :D

Welcome to Otaniemi, enjoy your fuksi year, and see you at the guild room!



Olli Raita
Chairman of the Board '26
tg @MrKemistikilta
kemistikilta.wordpress.com



The Forest Products Guild

Puunjalostajakilta, PJK, The Forest Products Guild was founded in 1945. The guild brings together students especially interested in wood processing, bioproducts and the forest industry but everyone is welcome! The field includes a lot from traditional pulp, paper, and wood material technology to new bio-based solutions, for example replacing plastics or textiles. Our own master's program Bioproducts Engineering includes tracks for the subjects mentioned.

PJK [pu: yee: kho:] hosts various activities, from casual hang out evenings and sport events, to company visits (excursions). Our guild has strong relations to the forest products industry, and different events held with them are a really good way of getting to know all the interesting possibilities the forest industry has to offer. That is why you should take part in the guild's fuksi excursion in October!

Puu people are best found at our guild room at the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems, the Puu1 building! You can visit the guild room any time, drink some coffee and play our traditional game Siantappo!

You can recognize us by the yellow sleeve in the overalls and the guild's board by the full yellow overalls. You can contact me if you want to ask anything about the industry or the guild!

Congratulations on getting accepted and on the excellent choice you have made! Welcome to Otaniemi and see you around!



Ida Heimo
Chair of the Board 2026
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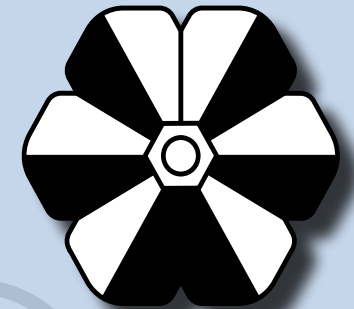
The Guild of Materials and Metallurgy

Vuorimieskilta, is the Guild of Materials Science and Metallurgy founded in 1947. The guild is responsible for those studying materials science and metallurgy, but anyone is free to join our activities — Vuorimies is a state of mind! The guild's roots are in mining engineering, but as years passed and curriculums advanced the guild has evolved as well. The roots can still be seen in our traditions: we closely cooperate with companies active in the mining and metal refining industries, and proper guild members can be identified by the trial drilled -patch sewn in the middle of their backs, which can only be bought by those who have undertaken the Trial Drilling event.

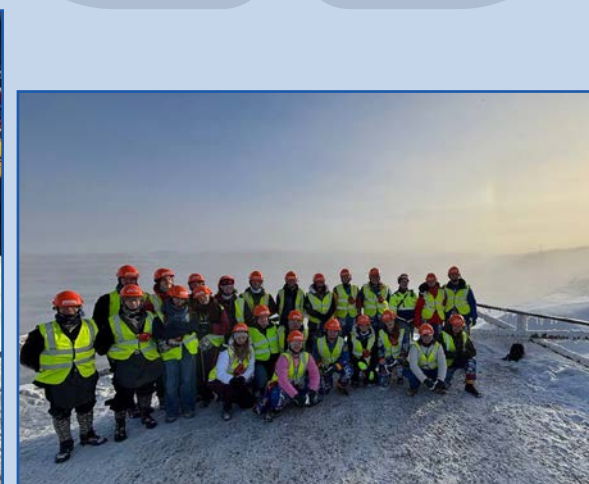
For the whole of its long history the guild has been known for producing impressive volume compared to our modest size. This can be heard in our activities, and seen in the trombone hanging on the wall of the guild room. Speaking of, our guild room can be found behind the door adorned with a diamond drill bit in pHuone. Even though our guild room is also modest in size, its sofas have been deemed the best ones to sleep rest your eyes for a bit on the whole campus.

The guild organizes sitsi parties, regular parties, career and summer job infos, and this autumn, for the first time ever, MateriaMayhem, the gathering of all the material engineering students in Finland. I highly recommend joining! In events I and the other board members can be identified by blue capes decorated with the diamond drill bit. Feel free to come by and ask us anything! The guild can also be found in Instagram and TikTok.

Congratulations on getting to Aalto, and welcome to the most wonderful community that is Otaniemi!



Elias Kallio
Chair of the Board 2026
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STUDIES



Director's greetings

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology at Aalto University! We enthusiastically welcome you to start your academic life with us!

We are committed to offer you a study programme during which you can develop an interdisciplinary skill set to tackle new challenges with a creative and problem-solving mindset, to craft innovative solutions in science, engineering and beyond. The education we provide is crucial to tackle and advance the disruptive information-technological transformation currently facing our society. Studying in any of our six majors in Chemical, Computational, and Computer Engineering; Data Science; Digital Systems and Design; and Quantum Technology will position you excellently to pursue Master's-level degrees in the various programmes offered at Aalto and elsewhere.

Aalto is a leading research institute, hosting several top-notch research groups and world-class research infrastructures, many of which are focused on advancing computing in science and engineering at scale in versatile and sustainable manner. Examples include supercomputing quantum computers and Aalto scientific computing, providing support for high-level computational research both in terms of hardware and knowledge. Our top faculty is committed to bring their research excellence and passion for their research fields into our education – this provides you a stimulating and inspiring learning environment, where only the universe is the limit.

Starting your university degree might appear daunting. You will need to tackle plenty of new challenges to be more independent, responsible, and self-driven with even a higher study load and more difficult topics than before. All this will challenge you to go out of your comfort zone. I can assure you that every passed course will be a stepping stone towards the gratifying realization that you excellently master the basics to be able to apply this knowledge to real-world problems that impact our society, and come up with your own ideas, solutions, or projects.

Therefore, I encourage you to stay focused



in your studies and to build a solid foundation of mathematics, science, and technology. This will not come without some effort and sweating, but it will support you in your future academic endeavors for the rest of your professional career. The extremely rapid pace of advancing technology demands you to stay curious and willing to develop your skills ever further. To prepare for the unknown future challenges we guide you to approach your studies with a problem-solving attitude.

Be curious, never stop intellectually challenging your teachers and your peers, and seek for creativeness. Pursue your own ideas, do not hesitate to discuss them with the faculty, start projects with your classmates, and bravely shake and mix the boundaries of research fields. The time at Aalto is the time you become a game changer at heart.

Most importantly, have fun! The best things happen when you enjoy what you do and feel good about your choices. As the happiest country in the world, Finland holds great potential in offering you also this momentum.

To the infinity and beyond!

-Buzz Lightyear

Maarit Korpi-Lagg

Programme Director

Associate Professor (tenured) of Computer Science

Astroinformatician

Recent Graduate's story

Hello new fuksi!

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University School of Chemical Engineering and a warm welcome to Otaniemi! I can imagine how excited you may be for your studies and the whole university experience. Aalto is sure to enable you with plenty of amazing opportunities, both in terms of your studies and the famous Finnish student life. I myself have graduated in summer 2025 from the Master's Programme in Chemical, Biochemical and Materials Engineering. Studying at Aalto has been a truly wonderful time with countless unforgettable memories of fun student events, highly enjoyable study evenings with friends, and meeting all the amazing people.

As you begin your university studies, I can imagine how excited and slightly nervous you may be at the thought of all the new subjects in the upcoming courses, meeting so many new people, and all the student events ahead. As hectic as things might seem now, especially if you are new to the Helsinki area or haven't heard much about how studies are at Aalto, do not worry, you are in very good hands. The Aalto community is incredibly welcoming and your tutors will be there to help you along the way, so if anything feels unclear or overwhelming, just ask them, and if they wouldn't be able to help you, then they can surely find someone more senior at Aalto who can.

The first year at Aalto will not only be full of various courses that will expand your knowledge of chemical engineering and related subjects, but it will also be filled with plenty of student events designed specifically to provide you with a warm welcome to Aalto. These events will enable you to meet new people, learn about the student culture, and get a better overall understanding of Aalto and what being a part of this university's community means. Hopefully you'll have such a wonderful time as I had during my studies!

I would encourage you to keep an open mind and try different courses, not only those from chemical engineering, but also from other schools of Aalto, as you



could be surprised how much you might enjoy them and how useful they might become later on in your life. I would also encourage you to try different summer jobs during your studies, as they can give you a good idea of what your work might look like after graduation. I have heard from many people that their summer jobs have convinced them to take a certain direction with their studies, either because they enjoyed what they did so much, or because they learned that the tasks were actually different from what they imagined and they decided to take a different path. Either way, it should be a good learning opportunity, and will also teach you more in practice about working life, than just hearing about it.

"University is a great time for personal growth as it provides you with excellent tools to deepen your knowledge in your area of interest, learn new skills, and meet amazing people who might become your friends for life."

Aalto also has plenty of different student clubs, so you are sure to find something where you can feel at home again, or alternatively, something that takes you out of your comfort zone where you can be challenged in the best of ways. Everyone has their own approach to learning and how they like to spend time, so choose what works best for you and don't forget to enjoy that time as it will pass quickly.

All the best on your new journey and once again a warm welcome to Aalto University!

Weronika Wojnicka
Fuksi '20



STUDIES 101

What is my bachelor's programme?

Chemical Engineering, Computational Engineering, Computer Engineering, Data Science, Digital Systems and Design and Quantum Technology majors are all part of Aalto University's English-medium Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology, jointly organised by all four Aalto schools of technology. The Chemical Engineering major is run by the School of Chemical Engineering, Computational Engineering major by the School of Engineering, Data Science major by the School of Science, Computer Engineering and Digital Systems and Design majors by the School of Electrical Engineering and finally, the Quantum Technology major is run jointly by the school of Science and the School of Electrical Engineering.

Depending on your major, the contents and credit scopes of different study modules in your bachelor's studies may vary. You are required to complete a 65-67-credit core curriculum, referred to as basic studies, which focuses on mathematical and computational methods and provides students with a solid foundation in information technology skills. The degree programme also includes 65-69 credits of studies towards the major, 20-25 credits of studies towards the minor and 19-30 credits for electives. Once you have completed all these elements, you will be awarded a Bachelor of Science (Technology) degree worth 180 credits.

Orientation week

Your studies will begin with an orientation week, running from Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2026. Orientation week will give you additional information about your programme, Aalto University as an academic environment and student life on campus. Orientation week gives you a chance to get to know your new fellow students and the staff of the programme. You will be assigned to a tutoring group and guided by student tutors to help you get off to a good start with your studies. The orientation week schedule will be published on Starting your studies website where you can also find other helpful information concerning the start of your studies: aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/starting-your-studies

Timetables of the academic year

The first courses will start on Monday, 31 August 2026. Teaching in the academic year 2026-2027 is divided into five seven-week periods. The final week of each period is an evaluation week reserved for the finalisation of coursework, presentation of course results and evaluation of student performance with various methods. Classes may also be held during the final week.

In addition to the evaluation weeks, additional evaluation periods will be organised outside the teaching periods.

As a first-year student, or "fuksi" in Finnish, you will be provided with a model timetable (or recommended study schedule) covering the courses that you are recommended to take in the first academic year. You can find the timetable on the Student Guide of your programme: aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/recommended-timetable

If you follow the model timetable, you will earn the recommended number of credits (60 credits) in your first year. The first-year curriculum includes e.g. basic courses in programming, mathematics, an Introduction Course for Bachelor's students, and language courses. You should be prepared to work hard and invest time in your studies, because studying at the university level is different from studying at upper secondary school and requires more independent work.

Academic year 2026-2027

Autumn term 2026

Teaching/evaluation periods	Dates	Week numbers
First evaluation period; orientation	24 Aug – 30 Aug 2026	35
Period I and evaluation week	31 Aug – 18 Oct 2026	36 – 42*
Period II and evaluation week	19 Oct – 6 Dec 2026	43 – 49
Second evaluation period	7 Dec – 13 Dec 2026	50

*No teaching or examinations 1 September after 12 o'clock (Opening Ceremony)

Spring term 2027

Teaching/evaluation periods	Dates	Week numbers
Period III and evaluation week	11 Jan – 28 Feb 2027	2 – 8
Period IV and evaluation week	1 March – 25 Apr 2027	9 – 16*

*No teaching or examinations 25-31 March 2027 (spring break)

Period V: A period in which diverse forms of teaching are given, including:

- Teaching for 6 weeks including intensive periods of evaluation of learning with diverse lengths
- A project course, beginning with contact hours and continuing as a summer project
- Summer schools

Course registration policy

You need to register for each course you want to take. This is done online using the Sisu system. During the orientation week you will be guided in creating your first study plan (HOPS) in Sisu and how to register for the courses you will have in the first teaching period. You will need to have a course selected on your study plan in Sisu to be able to register for it. Each course is worth a specific number of credits, which will be entered into your student register when you have passed the course. 1 credit is equivalent to 26.7 hours of student work.

Completing courses

Teaching methods in different courses vary and may include lectures, assignments and group exercises or projects. The first lecture will cover all the practical matters needed to pass the course (course assignments and examinations, study materials, course evaluation etc.), so you have good reason to be there! Though lecture attendance is not always compulsory, it is beneficial from a learning standpoint. Many courses have assignments, and in some cases they are compulsory. In other courses, you can do assigned work for extra credit to supplement the total points received on interim tests and the final examination. Whatever the case, maths exercises are always important, because they give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in practice. In-class exercises in mathematics, called laskarit, include reviews of the subjects covered in the lectures. The exercises are often given out online in advance.



Support and advice for studies

Studying in a university requires more independent work than in high school or upper secondary school. As an adult, you are expected to learn how to find the information you need on your own and take responsibility of your studies. Fortunately, there are many sources of help available.

You can always turn to *Student Services* if you are unsure about where to start or whom to ask about something. In fact, Student Services can assist you with almost anything related to your studies, and if not, they can probably direct you to someone who can.

You can contact the Student Services' staff members of your programme Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology by email at bsc.tech@aalto.fi. They can assist you with matters connected to your own study programme and planning of your bachelor's studies, such as approval of your personal study plan, scheduling of your studies, exchange studies, credit transfer, tuition fee matters and graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree if you wish to meet the programme staff in person, you can book a personal appointment through the MyStudies system or visit us during our walk-in hours for quick questions: [aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/contact](https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/contact)

Hanne-Maaria Hirvonen and **Johanna Tuomola** are working as study coordinators. They can give general study guidance, assist with study planning, help with matters connected to graduation etc. **Jaakko Autio** is working as the planning officer of the programme. You can contact Jaakko if you have e.g. questions concerning credit transfer and exchange studies.

Jaakko and Hanne-Maaria work in the Student Services of the School of Science (the Computer Science building, Konemiehentie 2, floor 1, corridor B) where they will also have meetings with students. Johanna will particularly focus on assisting students studying in the majors of the School of Electrical Engineering, i.e. Digital Systems and Design and Computer Engineering, but can assist students from other majors as well. She is working in the Student Services of the School of Electrical Engineering (Maarintie 8, floor 1, room 1151) and will also have meetings with students there.

Starting Point offers general student services for all Aalto students without an appointment. They can help you with general matters, for instance receiving documents such as certificate of student status or official transcript of records, can give guidance with annual enrolment, support in course enrolment or help to update personal information in SisU. You can find the location, contact details and opening hours for Starting Point here: [aalto.fi/en/support-for-studying/starting-point](https://www.aalto.fi/en/support-for-studying/starting-point)

International Student Peer Advice (ISPA) offers peer support and assistance for international degree students at Aalto University. The advisors themselves are international Aalto students and can offer guidance with practicalities after admission and after moving to Finland as well as with other topics related to living and studying in Finland. ISPA is a seasonal service in 2026, advisors

An *academic advisor* is assigned to every first-year student for the duration of their bachelor's studies, that is, the first three years. Academic advisors belong to the university's research and teaching faculty, they are usually professors, associate professors, or university lecturers. Academic advising is a form of guidance aimed at developing the student's own initiative and goal-setting, and at giving students the chance to get to know at least one academic staff member a bit better.

In addition, there are also various services and individuals at Aalto University who can help you for instance with your study wellbeing and career reflections. You can learn more about opportunities for guidance and support here: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/where-to-get-guidance-and-support>

Links

- Contact information: [aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/contact](https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/contact)
- Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology: [aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology](https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology)
- Curriculum: [aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/curriculum-2026-2028](https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/curriculum-2026-2028)
- Aalto.fi: [aalto.fi/en](https://www.aalto.fi/en)
- MyCourses: mycourses.aalto.fi/



Guilds with English

Bachelor fuksis

Aura & Antti, SIK

Nicolas & Ronja, IK

Laura & Oskari, PT

Eero & Inari, FK

Milja & Elsa, AS

Aawez, DG

There are also other guilds in Otaniemi that welcome English-speaking fuksis. Above are their captains! Go and say hi if you see them! We are not as cool as we try to look :D



WHERE DO I GET HELP

With this new chapter in your lives you will also need a ton of new services and websites. We have listed some of the ones we consider crucial, as well as a couple of apps and sites that make life a lot easier!

Regarding Studies



Aalto University

mycourses.aalto.fi

MyCourses, also known as MyCo, works as a general study platform for most of your courses. Here you can find the course timetables, notifications, assignments, course materials, deadlines, homework and much more.

You can start using the Pre-Orientation from July 1, 2026 (once you've activated your Aalto user ID). In the Pre-Orientation, you will get acquainted with the campus and study facilities, key information systems,



Aalto University

sisu.aalto.fi

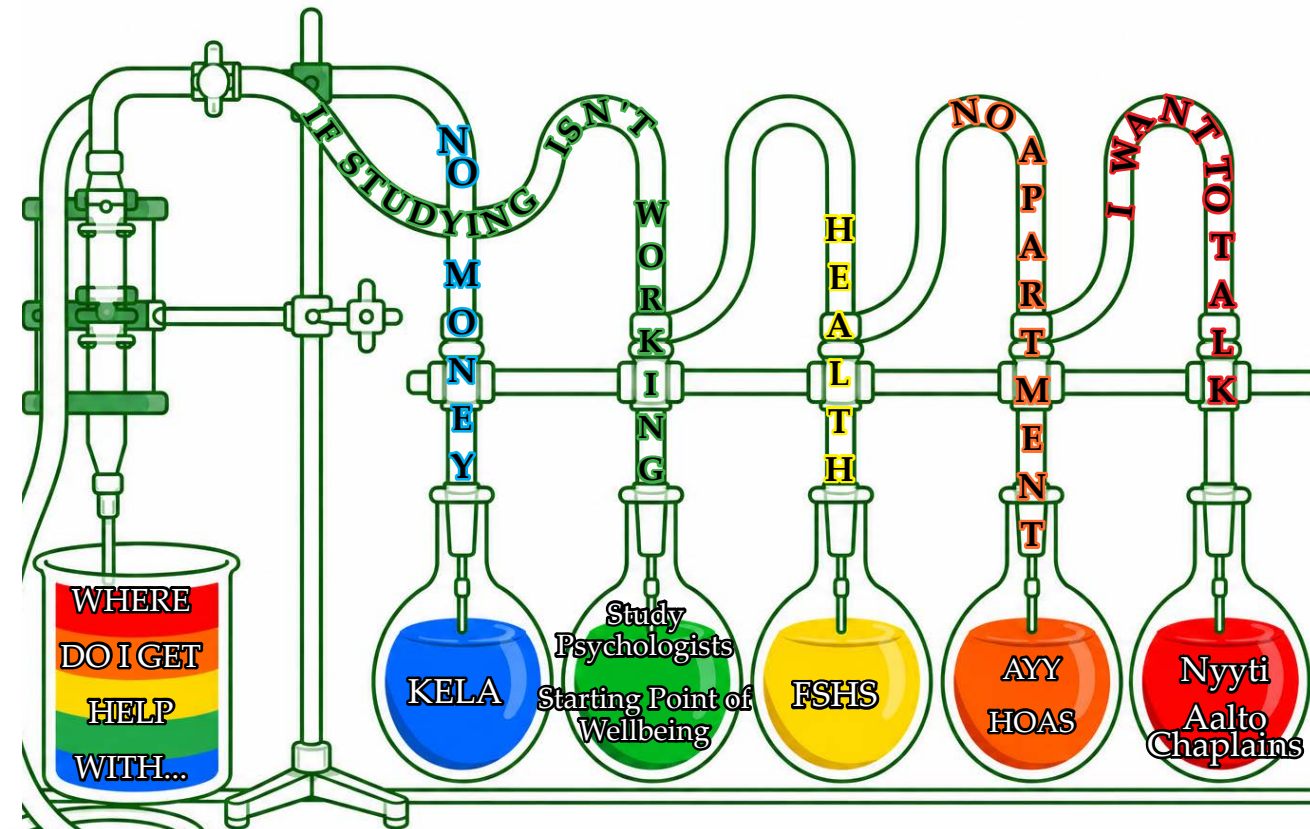
Sisu is the tool for planning and constructing your personal study plan (HOPS), signing up for courses and exams, as well as checking your grades and achievements. The first time you will use Sisu will be with help!



Aalto University

aalto.fi/en/student-guide

Aalto student portal for information on studies, university services and other matters. It contains major and minor contents, model schedules and important contact info.



STUDIES

Student Services
Student advisors

You can find previous exams for your courses at tentiarkisto.fi

Student Services can assist you with almost anything related to your studies, and if not, they can probably direct you to someone who can. Student Services for all majors of the Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology are in the Computer Science building, floor 1, corridor B. They can also be reached at bsc.tech@aalto.fi

If you have any questions regarding your studies at CHEM the Student advisors can be found in the main lobby of the Chemical Engineering building! There, you can get help with things like creating your study plan (HOPS). During Orientation Week, there is already an advising session on Friday if you have any questions about starting or planning your studies.

Make sure to go check

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide>



kela.fi

Kela is used to apply for student and housing aid, as well as any other aid you may be entitled to. You also use this to pay for your annual Finnish Student Health Services (FSHS) fee.

If you are a Finnish citizen (or a foreigner under certain circumstances), apply for student financial aid and general housing as soon as you receive your study place. Financial aid includes a study grant, student loan, and subsidized meals (the latter is available for non-Finns).



yths.fi

The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) offers health care services to students who have paid the health care fee. They provide general health, oral health, and mental health services. To effectively use FSHS, create an account on their online service self (yths.fi/en/using-services/digi/) for convenient appointment scheduling and changes. If FSHS is unavailable, municipal health care or health center emergency services can be used.



domo.ayy.fi | hoas.fi

Applying for Student housing is good to make a priority, either through AYY, HOAS or both. Waitlists can be very long depending on the type and location of the housing you are seeking.



Useful Apps

Frank works as an electric student card that also shows daily deals and student discounts!



Aalto Space allows you to reserve university study spaces to use for self study or group work.

The HSL app contains public transport routes and allows you to purchase tickets



Kanttiinit contains the weekly menus and locations of all nearby student restaurants.

You can use MyCo through its app as well!



Kide.app works as a platform for ticket sales for multidisciplinary student events. You'll need fast fingers and luck.

You'll need an access credential to move around campus. You can pick up a physical access card from the Undergraduate Centre lobby, or use the Bitwards app. By showing the app, you'll be able to access campus



Mobilepay allows you to instantly send money to friends, split bills, and pay in-store or online by simply linking their phone number to a bank account or payment card.

You need this to buy guild merch ;)



Moving to Finland?

If you come from a non-EU/EEA country, you need to apply for a residence permit, which can take time. Apply early. EU citizens only need to register their right of residence, which also takes time. Find more information at migri.fi/en. Within a week of arrival, submit a notification of moving (see <https://dvv.fi/en/moving>). Once registered as a permanent resident, you'll have access to municipal healthcare services.

You'll receive a Finnish personal ID code, necessary for various activities, like receiving a salary, getting a mobile phone connection, or opening a bank account. Opening a Finnish bank account is advisable as it provides convenience and strong authentication for online services.

Visit

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/international-students>

for more details.



Pumppu!



Tase!

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION BOOSTER

A sandbox for sustainability

Welcome to Aalto!

We know there's a lot of new things to take in right now but we wanted to stop by and say hello.

Sustainability can feel like an overwhelmingly broad topic and Action Booster is here to make approaching it a little easier and more tangible.

Here's what we have to offer:

Funding

Our money don't jiggle-jiggle, it folds and it's earmarked for your sustainability projects!

You can apply for an expense grant up to 5 000-10 000 €!

Inspiration

Get inspired by other projects
Meet like-minded people in our events and take part in other communal projects!

Support

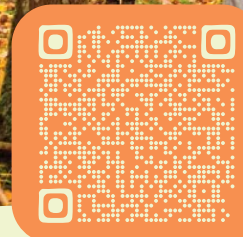
Interested but no ideas?
Stuck with a project?

We are here for you.

We have a wide community network, spaces and resources for you to utilise.



Scan for more info!



We support student sustainability projects by providing funding and resources. We encourage experimentation and creative action and promote a student-driven sustainability culture at Aalto.

Even a small action makes a difference.



Sustainability Action Booster

AALTO



Briefly about Aalto

Have you just arrived to Finland? Are you maybe in the metropolitan area for the first time? Don't worry! Soon you will be able to navigate the campus area like an old fox! During the Orientation Week and the first fall, the campus and the rest of the Otaniemi will get more familiar to you. Let's take a small sneak peak of everything here!

Aalto University is a singularity of innovation, breaking the borders of study disciplines at the pinnacle of development. It's also known as a respected university. Founded in 2010, it is the love child born from the merger of the Helsinki University of Technology, School of Art and Design and Helsinki School of Economics to form one, unique, multidisciplinary university. Named after the legendary Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto, who is responsible for the designs of some of the campus' iconic buildings, Aalto University takes in around 3000 Bachelor and Master's students from around Finland and the world every year. You're sure to run into a multitude of different people from all sorts of backgrounds in Aalto!

The campus is located in the idyllic Otaniemi in Espoo, easily accessible using the metro, buses running around the clock, and even with the brand new Jokeri Light Rail! The ever-in-construction campus has everything a student could need: red brick as far as the eye can see. In addition to the iconic main buildings, these include shopping centers tailored for student needs, study spaces open around the clock, libraries, 13 different student restaurants, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, and of course well-renowned student housing, that you might also end up in some day!

The community of Aalto University is like no other. Teekkari culture blooms and evolves here constantly. That is the best thing here. We do our best for you to find your own place from here!



Aalto University Student Union

As a student of Aalto, Aalto University Student Union (AYY) is your student union. AYY brings together approximately 18,000 students of arts, design, business, and technology. We protect our members' interests and work to ensure student well-being, as well as to improve teaching at Aalto and the best student life in the world.

As a member of AYY, you are entitled to numerous student union services and student benefits, both locally and across Finland. AYY provides its members with a range of services, including affordable student housing, rental venues, and advocacy. As a student of Aalto, you also have the opportunity to take part in activities and events organised by AYY and by more than 200 associations operating within the student union.

AYY in figures

- ~ 18,000 members
- ~ 200 student associations
- ~ 2,700 student apartments
- ~ 40 employees
- ~ 10 full-time board members
- ~ 400 volunteers

Communication channels

You can find detailed information about all AYY services and benefits at **ayy.fi**. We compile all current information concerning students in our weekly newsletter published on Mondays.



Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!

A warm welcome to Aalto University, and especially to your student union, AYY. Student life is close to our hearts, and we in the student union work to ensure you have the opportunity to enjoy the best student life in the world! Our goal is to ensure that every student has a safe and encouraging environment throughout their studies.

A new world is opening up before you, filled with exciting opportunities. We encourage you to boldly take on new challenges; to learn, gain new insights, explore, and above all, enjoy your time in Otaniemi. Challenges are a part of life, and sometimes it can be difficult to find your own path. You are supported by the entire Aalto community, for which the student union creates a strong foundation.

See you on campus!

AYY Board '26

Joona, Emma, Anu, Kerttu, Ellen, Saska, Antti, Brynna, Lauri & Vilppu



Services

Student housing

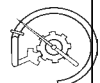
AYY owns approx. 2,700 affordable student apartments in Helsinki and Espoo. They provide a home for approx. 3,500 residents. Housing is primarily intended for Aalto University degree students with a valid housing period. You can apply for housing alone, with your friend, spouse, or with your children. Housing options range from shared apartments to studios, two-room apartments, and larger family apartments.

You can browse and apply for AYY housing on our website: www.ayyasunnot.fi

Advocacy

AYY supervises students' benefits and rights at the national and university level, and ensures that student voice is heard in society! You can turn to AYY's advocacy if your exam results are delayed, or contact a harassment contact person if you encounter any form of harassment. As a member of AYY, you can apply as a student representative in administration and influence decisions made at the university.

AYY's highest decision-making body is the Representative Council elected by vote. All AYY members are eligible to vote and run as candidates in the election. The next Representative Council election will be held in the autumn of 2027. Representative Council members get to decide on the student union's objectives and policies.



Student culture

Volunteering, association activities, and diverse events are an essential part of the Aalto community and student culture. The highlights of the year include Wappu and orientation week events, and there are events for all tastes throughout the year.

In addition to the student union, volunteers in various sections and committees also organise events. AYY includes five sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari Section, Museum Section, and Advocacy Management Group (EduJory). Volunteer applications usually open in late autumn, and this will be announced through AYY's communication channels.

In addition, about 200 associations operate within AYY, organising activities ranging from sports and music to games and other hobbies. The associations receive support from AYY for their activities.

AYY also maintains the Museum of Student Life where you can explore the history and present of student cultures within the student union and its predecessors. The museum is located in Teekkari Village, Otaniemi.

Rental facilities

AYY rents saunas, event venues, meeting rooms, and various recreational facilities to its members. Members can also rent the student union van.

Scholarships and project grants

Based on applications, AYY annually awards scholarships to active members and operating grants to associations within the student union. You can also apply for project grants from the TTE Fund for projects organised by a group of friends or an association.

Student benefits

Once you have enrolled for attendance at the university and paid AYY's membership fee, you will receive a digital or plastic student card for proving your student status (provided by Frank). The validity of a plastic student card is verified with a year tag available from AYY service office. At the same time, you can also pick up the free Design Notebook and an overall patch.

With a student card, you will have access to hundreds of benefits, such as student restaurants, VR, Matkahuolto, and HSL. You can also link an international ISIC license to the app, which provides benefits worldwide.



Clubs, hobbies and activities in Otaniemi

Otaniemi is full of club activities! In the vicinity of AYY there are as many as 200 different associations, so you're sure to find a great group for yourself—whether you enjoy sports, board games, dancing, or singing. If you can't yet find a suitable club or collective for your interests, you can even start one yourself and receive support from AYY for your activities!

Here's our short list of examples of the many things you can find here. You can easily find more information about these, as well as all the other associations and organizations, at:

<https://www.ayy.fi/en/list-of-associations>

Sports

- Aalto Skate
- Skipoli
- Aalto Basket
- Polin pallo
- Kiipeilykerho Oranki
- Aalto Aikikai



Theater, dance and culture

- Aalto Photography Club
- Film Club Montaasi
- Otanko
- Teekkarispeksi
- Polijazz

Hobbies and games

- Aalto Beer Pong
- Aalto Chess
- Aalto Cocktail
- Aalto Gamers
- AaltoDJ



Society

- Aaltoes
- GAYY
- Women of Aalto
- Fashion Forward
- Aalto Debating Society



Music

- The Polytechnic Choir
- Metal Club Mökä
- PELMU
- Dissonansi
- Entropy
- Polirytmii



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AYYevents



MTMK:

The Master's Committee (MTMK) organizes multicultural events throughout the year, ranging from cultural events to parties. Despite the name, everyone is welcome regardless of their year of study.



FestTMK:

The Fest Committee (FestTMK) organizes two of Aalto's biggest parties: the Aalto Afterparty, which concludes the orientation period, and the free outdoor festival Aalto Open Air, which kicks off the May Day celebrations.



VujuTMK:

The Anniversary Committee (VujuTMK) coordinates AYY's anniversary week, which culminates in the annual ball and the traditional "sillis" (afterparty brunch) held over the weekend.



STMK:

The Adventure Committee (STMK) organizes adventure-themed events. Traditional events include the Tour de Terde terrace crawl during anniversary week and the Aalto Amazing Race in the autumn, aimed at first-year students and gathering participants from all fields of study.



LTMK:

The Sports and Wellbeing Committee (LTMK) organizes events that promote students' physical activity and wellbeing. Traditional events include Herkkuappro, Sporttiappro, and MökkiCup.

The Community Section Aava organizes events for all Aalto University students and maintains and renews Aalto culture. Aava's goal is to bring together all schools within Aalto and create joy in doing things together, as well as unforgettable experiences for all Aalto students. Under Aava, there are five committees that recruit members. Participation does not require a large commitment, and you can apply without prior volunteering experience.



Harrasment contact persons

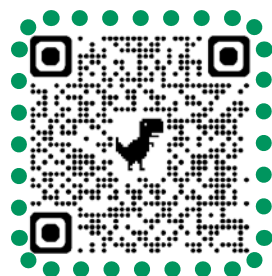


Everyone is welcome at Aalto University and in Otaniemi exactly as they are, and we have absolutely zero tolerance for any form of harassment in our guild, activities, and events. We do everything we can to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable fuksi year without experiencing inappropriate or disturbing behaviour.

If you do encounter such situations, you can contact the Prosessiteekkarit harassment contact persons, who can help and advise you on how to handle the situation. You can also talk with them about topics related to equality and inclusion. In addition, AYY has harassment contact persons who support students in resolving harassment cases (equity@ayy.fi).

You can reach out to the harassment contact persons even if you're not sure whether what you experienced qualifies as harassment. Their email address is yhdenvertaisuus@prosessiteekkarit.fi, and the Telegram usernames of all harassment contact persons can be found via the QR code. All contact is confidential, and no action will be taken unless you wish for it to be. You can find more information on the websites of Prosessiteekkarit and AYY.

Hi! We are Ella, Fanny, Mikael, Aki, Arvi, Dominic, Selja, Valteri, Julia, and Laura, the harassment contact persons of Prosessiteekkarit. Our role is to act as an easily approachable channel for discussion and support in possible harassment situations for all guild members. You can contact us if you have experienced or witnessed harassment, need help dealing with a harassment situation, or simply want to talk about inappropriate behavior you have encountered.



Teekkarispeksi – a full-fledged musical production with an interactive twist



dance, music
stage tech, set design
costumes
graphic design
photography
marketing...

Also open dance courses in the beginning of the autumn semester!



More information

[teekkarispeksi.fi/
in-english](http://teekkarispeksi.fi/in-english)



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Open rehearsal 31.8. at 18:00
Audition dates 2.9. & 3.9.

Ask for more information and reserve your audition
fuksivastaava@dominante.fi

The main language of the choir is Finnish.



www.dominante.fi
@dominantechoir

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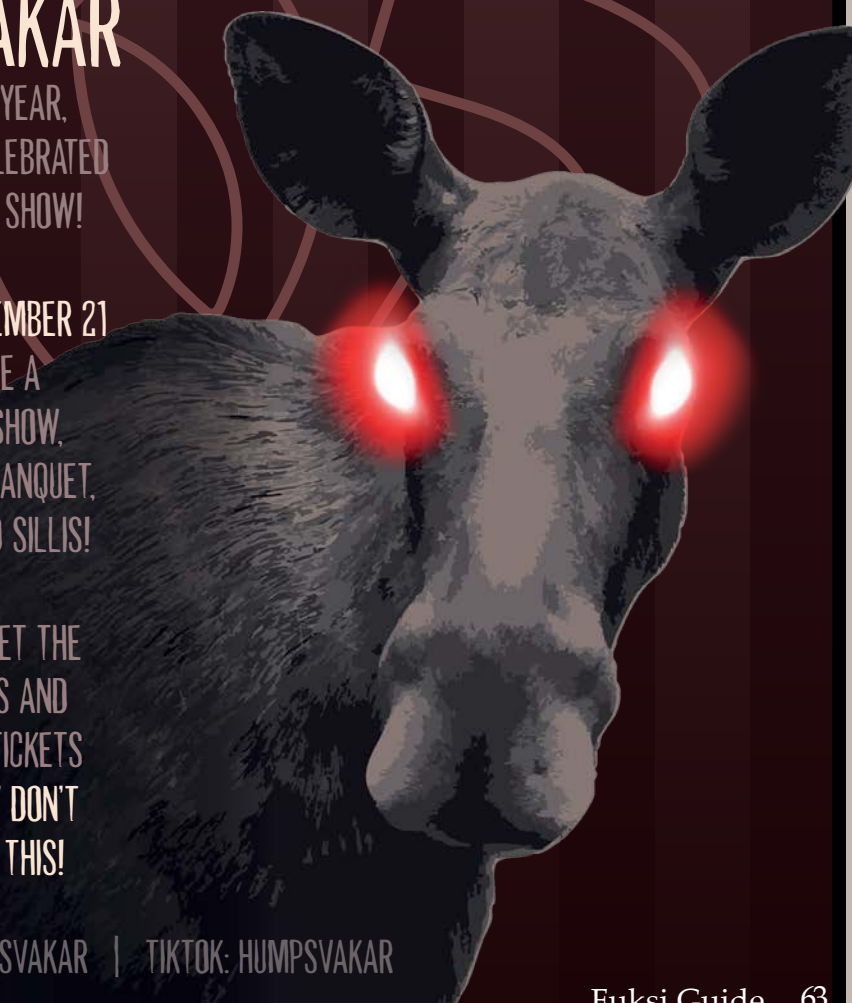
TEKNOLOGORKESTERN HUMPSVAKAR

URNS 65 THIS YEAR,
WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED
WITH POMP AND SHOW!

ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21
WE WILL HAVE A
SPECTACULAR SHOW,
FOLLOWED BY A BANQUET,
AFTERPARTY, AND SILLIS!

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LATEST UPDATES AND
DETAILS ABOUT TICKETS
- YOU DEFINITELY DON'T
WANT TO MISS THIS!

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Other student associations of Aalto

KY



Aalto University Business Students, more familiarly known as KY, was founded in 1911 and was its own Student Union until Aalto University was formed in 2010. KY students can be recognized from their dollar green overalls that have a Caduceus, the staff of Mercury (the god of commerce and trade) on the back of the overalls. When mursus (=walrus), first year business students, get their overalls they are a much darker shade of green, and fade in use towards the dollar green color. KY students study e.g Economics, Finance, Marketing, Management, Information and Service Management, Business Law, International Business and Accounting.

TOKYO

TOKYO (The Association of Students in Design and Fine Arts at Aalto University) is the student union for art and design students at Aalto University. It brings together students from fields such as design, architecture, and fine arts, supporting their studies, community, and creative work. TOKYO also organizes events, activities, and advocacy efforts that strengthen the student culture and promote artistic collaboration.



Other associations of ARTS include DADA, NuDe, SISTA, Klaffi and GRRR!

grrr-ry.fi

nude.ayy.fi

sistary.wordpress.com

<https://www.ayy.fi/en/list-of-associations/subject-clubs>



POLYTEKNIKKOJEN KUORO

The Polytech Choir



AUDITION

(FOR FINNISH SPEAKERS ONLY)

7.9.2026

AT 17.00. JMT1

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO:

WWW.POLYTEKNIKKOJENKUORO.FI/KOELAULUT



TEKKARIUS



What does “tekkarius” mean?

Teekkarius is working together. It's guild, association and student activity, and it's respecting old traditions and developing new ones. These next pages introduce the most notable, sometimes over 100-year-old tekkari traditions and ways you can identify students of engineering during your coming years. There are limitless correct ways to be a tekkari: you'll surely find your place, just look around or make your own!

The Teekkari Cap

The Teekkari Cap has been the most notable sign of being an engineering student for almost 130 years. The Otaniemi cap has six corners, with a black tassel connected to the center that hangs over the right shoulder. The cockade is the insignia of the old student union of the old University of Technology, and the colour of the lining is the “Red of Engineering”. Only tekkaris are allowed to use the caps, and they too, only during the summer (from 1.5. to 30.9.), unless they've been granted a special permit.

As a fuksi, you get to place the cap on your head for the first time at midnight during Wappu, or May Day (if the Fuksi Major so decides). This is a ceremonial moment, because you have to earn your Teekkari Cap by collecting enough fuksi points into your Fuksi Point card!

Sitsit

At Sitsit, or academic table parties, you get to eat and drink your fill, but the evening is really centered around singing. A tekkari is known to sing loud rather than well, so nobody needs to be shy about their voice! There's always more space next to the note. The songs are usually traditional tekkari-songs, or just academic party or drinking songs. You also don't need to know the words by heart, since there's always a song leaflet at your seat.

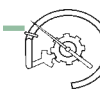
Guilds and associations also often have their own song books. PT's song book *Sidos* was published in 2022. You can purchase one too with you to sitsit! The dress code at sitsit is usually business attire or cocktail. At themed sitsit, people can also party in whatever's appropriate, overalls, theme outfit or something else!



Annual Balls

Guilds and associations celebrate their anniversaries with style. The celebration often starts with a cocktail-event, where invited guests can present gifts, which are traditionally as creative and as inconvenient as possible, to the board. This is followed by the main celebration, which is an academic table party of the fanciest end, as the dress code is White Tie. The party is followed by the afterparty and possible after-afterparty, which continues all the way to the Herring Breakfast, or Sillis, the following morning.

PT's annual ball is known as *Lämmönsiirto*, and it is celebrated in September!





JÄYNÄ

THE COMPETITION IS ON

Jäynä [jæynæ]

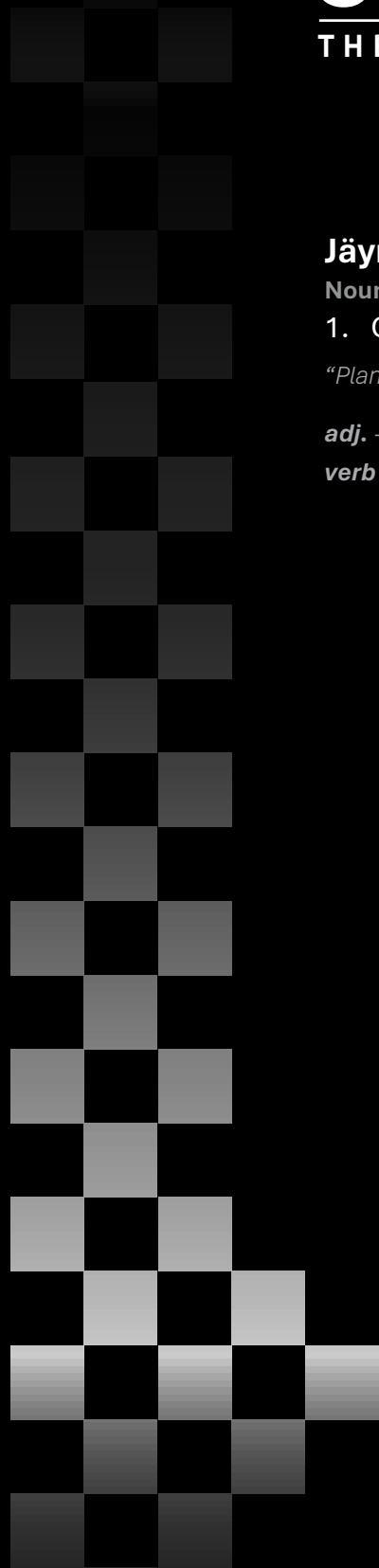
Noun

1. Competition, prank, gag

"Planning and executing jäynäs is giga fun"

adj. - jäynäed - "Haha, you are so jäynäed"

verb - to jäynä- "Let's jäynä our freshmen captain"



www.jayna.fi/en



Overalls of Otaniemi -A Very Short History

You may have come across student overalls before. Where are they from, and what do their different colours mean?

Overall-culture arrived from Sweden to Finland in the beginning of the 1980's, and by engineering students the custom has spread out slowly, and nowadays almost all subject associations of both universities and vocational schools have their own overalls! Overalls are still strongly associated with engineering students, and they're carried with great honour. While wearing your overalls, you're representing your association or guild, and it is proper to wear them and behave in them with due respect.

Each guild has their own coloured overall (yes, even the shades of white differ from each other), and there is often a long history or fun story behind their colours! However, each student has the right to make their overalls their own, and they're often decorated and modified with whatever people come up with. The most common modifications are overall patches, but people also sew on new pockets, attach knickknacks like soft toys or wine glasses... you'll get the gist!

You can also swap pieces of your overalls with others! For example, couples often swap a leg, and friends sometimes swap sleeves. You may also come across a CHEM guild's sleeve attached to PT's overalls! There's really only one gentleman's rule restricting decorating your overalls: you can't cover sponsorships or the association logo

The sleeves and legs of PT's overalls are adorned by red, blue and yellow stripes. These are a memento of the three CHEM guilds: the Chemistry Guild, The Guild of Materials and Metallurgy and The Forest Products Guild!

! The following spread presents the student overalls and founding years of all the Otaniemi guilds !



Many people exchange overall patches of different associations and sew them to the back of their overalls! You should buy a couple of our guild patches for trading currency during the orientation week and the autumn!

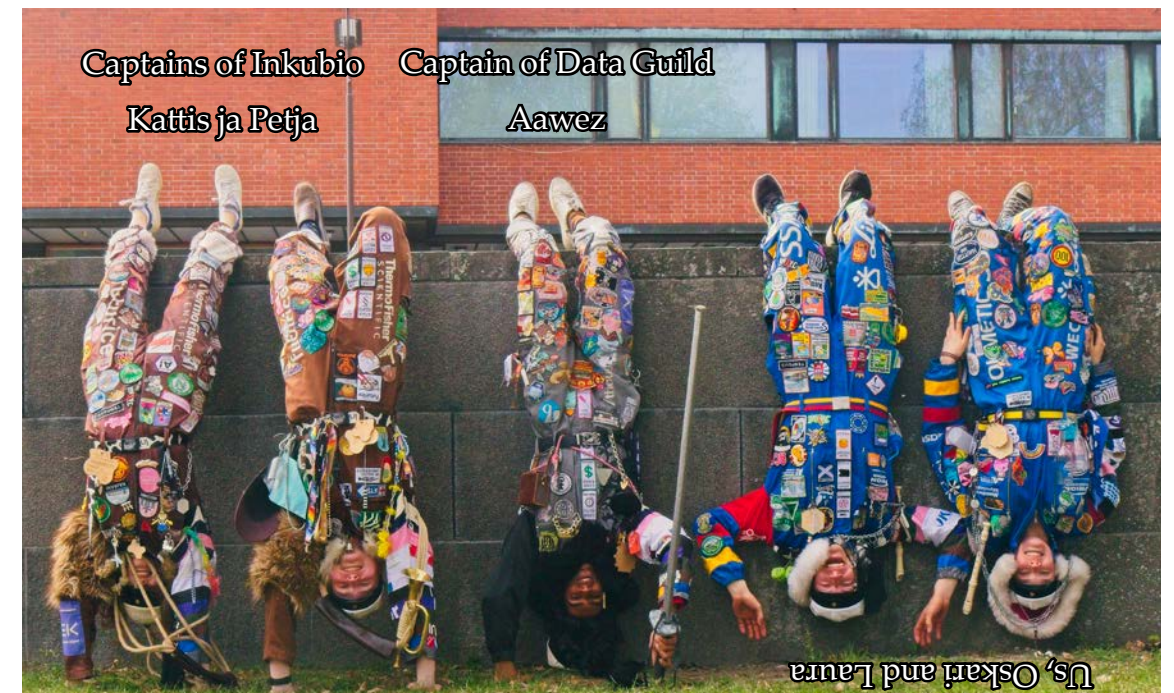


Youngest guilds of Aalto

Did you know that PT is the second youngest guild in all of Aalto? We turn 15 next year and the celebrations will echo through the whole year!

Inkubio is lowkey pushing thirty (just turned 22) and Data Guild has just turned 7.

PS. Mark 13.11. on your calendars, THIS IS IMPORTANT!





Guilds of Otaniemi

TF = Teknologföreningen
 MK = The Guild of Surveying Engineers
 AK = The Guild of Architecture
 IK = The Guild of Civil Engineers
 KIK = The Guild of Mechanical Engineers
 SIK = The Guild of Electrical Engineers
 FK = The Guild of Physics

Prodeko = The Guild of Industrial Engineers
 TiK = Computer Science Guild
 AS = The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology
 Athene = Guild of Information Networks
 Inkubio = The Guild of Bioinformation Technology
 PT = Guild of Process Engineering
 DG = Data Guild

Other guilds of Otaniemi

In addition to the CHEM guilds, PT co-operates actively with the rest of the guilds of Otaniemi, and there sure is a load of them! There will be multiple chances to get to know your fellow fuksis over guild and association borders. Lets see how many different overalls you can recognize after Orientation Week!



Teknologföreningen, TF, is the Swedish-speaking and the only student nation at Aalto. Everyone is welcome to TF, regardless of study programme or language. The only requirement is to be interested in learning or speaking Swedish. Teknologföreningen owns Urdsjallar, the big concrete building next to Dipoli, and runs their own student restaurant Täffä. TF-members are recognized from their teekkari-red overalls that are usually combined with parts of the guild or university association overalls.



Maanmittarikilta, The Guild of Surveying Engineers is the association for students enrolled in the degree programs of Real Estate Economics and Geoinformatics, as well as Sustainable Communities. MK, established in 1901, is the oldest guild that still receives new undergraduate students every year. You can spot the members of the guild by their matte black overalls with a fuchsia colored sleeve. The MK guildroom, Monttu (it means a gob or a pit), is located at the K1 building.



The Guild of Architecture was founded in 1908 and is the second oldest guild in Otaniemi still receiving fuksis. These days the guild lives in the intersection of engineering and the arts. It's members: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Architecture students study in the school of Arts and Design but the guild holds on to its roots in technical university. The Guild of Architecture's overalls are off-white ("painter white") and made of very easily soiled cotton. The Landscape Architects can be identified by the tree on the back of the left leg and Interior Architects design their own fabric to decorate their overalls with. The overalls change every year as the fuksis design the logo on the back themselves.



The Guild of Civil Engineers, more commonly known as "Raksa", is a student association that was founded in 1913 and accepts undergraduates studying Civil Engineering and Computational Engineering. The association, which was originally named "Engineers' Club" aka IK, is Otaniemi's third oldest guild that still accepts fuksis. During the years 2013-2021, the guild members also majored in Energy and Environmental engineering. Raksa members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls with a green sleeve and back pocket and their legendary chant of "RAKSA JAKSAA" ("Raksa perseveres!")



The Guild of Mechanical Engineers or **Koneinsinöörikielä** was founded in 1915, and it is one of the biggest guilds in Otaniemi. This guild of energy technology and mechanical engineering students is a part of the School of Engineering a.k.a ENG. Members of KIK can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink crawler tractor mascot Tela-Vera and their echoing chant of "YY, KAA, KONE!" ("ONE, TWO, MACHINE").



The Guild of Electrical Engineers (also known as SIK) was founded in 1921. The members of SIK study electronics and electrical physics, electrical power and energy engineering or computer engineering. The energetic electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls with the cog logo on the back of the overalls. These overalls can be seen on SIK fuksis from day one, as they are the first guild to receive their overalls in Otaniemi. SIK's chant is "Jappadaida, jappadaida, hei, hyvä SIK!"



The Guild of Physics (aka Fyysikkokilta, FK) is a guild founded in 1947. It gathers all Engineering Physics and Mathematics students as well as Quantum Technology students in Aalto under the same roof. Each Engineering Physics and Mathematics student specializes in either physics, or mathematics and systems sciences. The guild's overalls are natural white and in order to get the right shade, fuksis dye their overalls with tea. For Quantum Technology students, the left sleeve is beige.



Prodeko, The Guild of Industrial Engineers was founded in 1966, although it says 1866 in their overalls due to a legendary mistake. Although the guild only has a small intake, their members are all the more active! Industrial Engineers can be recognised by their white overalls, which are decorated with rainbows. New fuksis design the overalls from the ground up and put them on for the first time in November at the Sikajuhlat, to which you are also warmly welcome!



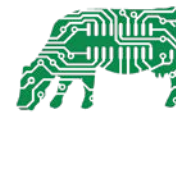
Tietokilta, or Computer Science Guild, is a student guild founded in 1986. Tietokilta is one of the largest in Otaniemi. Many of the younger guilds in Otaniemi have started as a part of this guild, namely AS, Athene and Data Guild. Members of the guild are recognized by their shiny black overalls with the guild's unofficial @-logo in the back. The chant of the guild can be heard from far away as a two-part call-and-response: "tieto-KILTA!"



The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology AS was founded in 1998. It brings together students majoring in Automation and robotics, Information technology as well as Digital Systems and Design. AS members can be recognised by their violet overalls. The left sleeve is black with a white pocket that reminds of shared history with TiK and SIK. The arduino-blue pocket on the right leg represents Digital Systems and Design students.



Athene, the Guild of Information Networks, was founded by Information Networks students in 1999, and from the year 2022 also includes students of Engineering Psychology. Athene's overalls are forest green or "Athene green"; the left sleeve, collars, and back pockets are black as a tribute to the Computer Science Guild, which Athene separated from in 2003. The guild's official logo, the "eye of Athene," is featured on the back of the overalls.



The Guild of Bioinformation Technology (Inkubio) was founded in 2007 is the bestest guild in Otaniemi. In their studies, Inkubites combine medical science and either electrical engineering or natural sciences. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Inkubio's overalls are a reddish brown. They are decorated with white "cow" patches, which guild members sew on themselves, to commemorate the time when they were part of the Guild of Electrical Engineers. On their backs, they proudly carry their logo, Maikki, a circuit board in the shape of a cow.



Data Guild (DG) is the guild representing students of the Data Science degree programme. Founded in 2019, it is the youngest guild in Otaniemi. The members of Data Guild have two different overalls. The older ones are shiny black with a silver sleeve and the current ones are shiny silver with a black sleeve to commemorate the time Data Science students spent as part of the Computer Science Guild.



Greetings from the Guild Godparents

Hello!

We are the Prosessiteekkari's Guild Godparents aka Kiltakummit. Like the BIGs, we're here to help you get started with your studies and guide you through your fuksi year. Many of us are already further along in our studies, so we can share knowledge and experiences about different majors, career opportunities, exchange studies, or even volunteering here in Otaniemi. You'll get to meet us already during Orientation Week, and later in the autumn at various events or perhaps over lunch. Good luck with the start of your studies, and see you in the fall!



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Greetings from the Guild of Physics

Hi!

Congratulations on our behalf on your admission to Aalto and welcome to Otaniemi! Unfortunately, your promising career as a physicist was cut short by a misclick, as it seems like you ended up as a process engineering student. Of course you can apply next year as well, but if your heart beats for chemistry, then the misclick was a blessing in disguise! Have an amazing fuksi year!

Throughout history, the physics and chemistry students of Aalto have competed and done jännäs to each other in good spirit. You recognize us by our natural white overalls. On the back of the overalls is the logo of the Guild of Physics, the most balanced letter of the Greek alphabet, Phi. At parties, you might find us in a closed circle in a corner talking about differentiation, but you can still talk to us, we don't bite! By interacting with a physicist, you might notice that we are not so different after all, as chemistry is just a branch of physics!

On the Tuesday of Orientation Week, you will have your first chance to get to know us. We challenge you, the PT fuksis, to compete against the Guild of Physics fuksis in the traditional FK x PT Mighty Adventure! So gather at the amphitheater of the old main building of the Helsinki University of Technology at a time later announced to find out who this year's winner will be... and what the ancient prize awarded may be!

Once again, congratulations on the great choice of studies! The fuksi year is only once in your life, get the most out of it. The student community in Otaniemi has something to offer for everybody, so you will find your place here. As the saying goes, not everybody can be born in Otaniemi, but you can always move here! Have a nice summer, and see you at the Mighty Adventure!



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P.s. if it is still bothering you that you didn't choose technical physics and mathematics as your major, you can always become a member of the Guild of Physics here: <https://fysikkokilta.fi/fi/jaseneksi>

Otaniemi-Finnish-English dictionary

Decades of separation have generated a small language bubble in Otaniemi, which can be intimidating at the start as the words rarely make sense, even in Finnish! These words and phrases are ones you'll surely hear used during your fuksi year. Don't ever be afraid to ask if someone uses words you don't know!

Aava AYY's community section, hosts parties, trips and other fun activities

A Bloc also Bloc, a shopping center and popular cafeteria located in conjunction with the Otaniemi metro station.

A Blanc shopping center in Otaniemi.

Alumni a graduate.

Alvari

1. a cafeteria at Undergraduate Center
2. a park between the Undergraduate Center and AYY's Central Office.

Amfi also Amfiteater. An amfiteater-like outdoor building at the Undergraduate Center.

Assari Assistant, a course assistant who can help you in exercises and labs.

AYY Short for "Aalto-yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta", the student union for Aalto students.

BP / Beppo Beerpong, the correct pronunciation of the name divides opinions. Forget everything you think you know about the rules of this game.

CanCan The greatest dance troupe of all time consisting of PT fuksis.

CHEM The School of Chemical Engineering.

DI Finnish abbreviation of Master of Science in Technology.

Dipoli One of the main buildings of Aalto with a cafeteria, big parties and a huge pinecone at the entrance.

DOMO AYY's housing application service, domo.ayy.fi

Excu Excursion for short, a visit to a certain company.

Fuksi You! A first year student.

Päle Fuksi Captain, responsible for the fuksi upbringing of PT. A helping hand, arm and leg to the new students.

Gorsu A sauna in the downstairs of JMT 5A.

HOPS Personal study plan.

Häry Harassment contact persons, HCP

IE Host and Hostess, The precious people in charge of arranging parties.

ISO/BIG Tutor who you'll get to know within your first days. Their duty is to help, guide and support you fuksis throughout the year.

Julkku A Wappu magazine, published on even years.

JMT Jämeräntaival, the main road alongside the student resident area.

Jäynä Term for harmless and fun teekkari pranks.

Kandilafka Undergraduate Center, Main building in Otaniemi, has lectures and exams held there.

Kavitaatio A student party held by PT fuksis, the theme changes annually.

Keto Central Office, AYY's Central Office, located on Otakaari 25.

Kilta Guild, Technology students' student association.

Kiltis Guild room, where the members of the guild can hang out and chill, play games and drink coffee.

KK Chemistry Guild.

Kokkarit Cocktail event

Kondensatio also Kondis, KK's annual ball.

Kuumahionta also Kuumis, PJK's annual ball.

Kylteri A student of Aalto School of Business.

Lafka Colloquial term for buildings where studying happens, i.e. "päälafka" = main building.

Laskari A study exercise session, held on various courses where the main objective is to solve related math problems

Lukkari Songleader, leads the song at table parties.

Lämmönsiirto also Lämppäri, PT's annual ball.

Läsy A booklet containing sitsi songs

Manta/Havis Amanda A statue in Helsinki that's given a student cap at Wappu.

MAYDAY A wappu publication made entirely in English!

MT/Miestentie, the newest residential area of Otaniemi a bit further away from Teekkari Village.

Mouho An academically older person who sometimes likes to complain about how much better things used to be.

Mursu "Walrus", Colloquial term for first year business students.

MyCo a platform where you can find information about courses you've signed up for.

N Meant to signify that a certain student has studied for many years. "Nth year student".

Nakki "Wiener", A small, usually fairly easy task that's given to people working at events etc.

Niemi Short for Otaniemi.

Noppa/op Study credit (ECTS) that corresponds to the amount of work the course will have.

OK20 A sauna and sitsi space at Otakaari 20.

Otaantuminen A term for when a student ignores the world outside of Otaniemi for too long. It's good to get out sometimes!

pHuone also called the Process Room, the living room for all of our members at Kemistintie 1D (a guild room essentially).

PJK Short for "Puunjalostajakilta", or Forest Products Guild. Pronounced [pu: yee: kho:]

ProTeesi The guild magazine of PT

Pruju Lecture notes/test subject area in a concise packet that you can consume on a short time's notice.

PT Short for "Prosessiteekkarit", Guild of Process Engineering, aka us!

Pälekanu Captains' Channel on Telegram. Used to share the most important information about your fuksi year! Remember to follow this channel!

Pälewiikkis Captains' weekly mail, The fuksi captains' weekly mail distributed to all fuksis on Sundays. If you should read something, this is it!

Rantsu Large sauna in Otaniemi, Vastaranta 1.

RWBK Short for Retuperän WBK, Retuperä's Woluntary Fire Department, a band that plays modern french horn music.

Selkkari Lab report. Lab reports are done

after labs to transform completely gibberish lab results into comprehensible text.

SK/Servinkuja a road in Teekkari village.

Sillis Herring breakfast, a breakfast event that's usually held after an annual ball.

Sitsit Sittning, an academic table party with good food, good company and lots of singing.

SMT/Servin Maijan tie the side road of the student resident area with mostly family apartments.

Smökki Colloquial term for Servin mökki, "Servi's cabin", the largest party venue in Otaniemi that holds lots of sitsit and other parties in the evening time.

Speksi a fun interactive musical theater production with an improvisational element.

Teekkarihymni Teekkari hymn, a teekkari song that's only sung at midnight.

TG/Telegram a very popular messaging app around Otaniemi.

Toimari Official, an association's volunteer worker.

Tupsu Tassel fuksi, a 2nd Year student who has acquired their teekkari cap.

Täffä also TF, Teknologföreningen, AYY's Swedish speaking student nation. Also a cafeteria famous for its iconic weekly spaghetti. Make sure to try it!

Ullis Short for "Ullanlinnanmäki" in Kaivopuisto in Helsinki, the main stage for Laskiaisrieha party and Wappu morning.

VK Short for "Vuorimieskilta", The Guild of Materials and Metallurgy.

Vujut Short for "vuosijuhlat", Annual ball, Annual party on the association's or guild's birthday, usually essentially sitsit but finer.

Wappu The biggest event for technology students. Held if the fuksi major so graces us.

Wiikkis Weekly mail, the association's weekly newsletter delivered to you every Monday. (miniWiikkis comes on Tuesdays)

YTHS Finnish for FSHS (Finnish Student Health Services). The Otaniemen service point can be found at Otakaari 12.

X-Burger The only food stand in Otaniemi, open late. Located next to A Blanc

Äpy A Wappu magazine, published on odd years



