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International Captain's Greetings



Hello everyone and welcome!

First of all, congratulations on coming to Aalto! Finland has a rich and unique academic culture, and our university is surely a gem of it!

Me?

I am Kirill, your International Captain, and I will be guiding you through this year. Being an international student myself, I once went through the same journey that you are starting right now. You must be thrilled and excited, waiting to know everything that awaits you in the coming year (half a year for some of you). You are coming to a new environment, unsure of what lies ahead and how to prepare, and that's exactly why there is:

This guide

This guide's purpose is to help you plan your arrival, find accommodation and get started both with studies and student life. You will find answers to questions such as: Where to apply for housing? What will the first days look like? What does it mean to be a student in Otaniemi (Aalto)? The guide includes the description of the first events of the year and also teases a bit of what's coming next. There is quite a lot of information, so I encourage you to read it carefully! But do not worry if you miss something, or if something you want to know is not here, as you can always ask me or one of the

Tutors

Tutors (also known as ISOs or BIGs) despite their name, are not your teachers or other staff, but older students who eagerly volunteered to help. They are your group's personal guides that help you from the very first day. They will be with your fuksi group during the first weeks

and beyond, helping you get to know the campus, your classmates and what it means to be a Teekkari. You can always count on them to help you with studying technicalities and other practicalities with living in Finland. Your tutors will contact you separately through the email before you arrive to Finland.

When should I arrive?

The earliest event is the headstart on 18th of August, but do not worry if you cannot make it there. The main orientation week is from 26th until 30th of August, and the studies start on the next week, September 2nd. You can read more about the upcoming events on pages 18-19

How should I prepare?

You should receive instructions on activating your Aalto account and other practicalities in an email from the school. In addition, pages 20-25 will tell you some info.

Computer Science Guild, Tietokilta

In Aalto, a guild is not “an association of artisans and merchants who oversee the practice of their craft/trade in a particular territory” (Wikipedia), but an association of students studying in a specific field. In particular, you belong to Tietokilta - the Computer Science Guild. You will read more about it and other guilds and subject associations on pages 28- 41.

Fuksi? Teekkari?

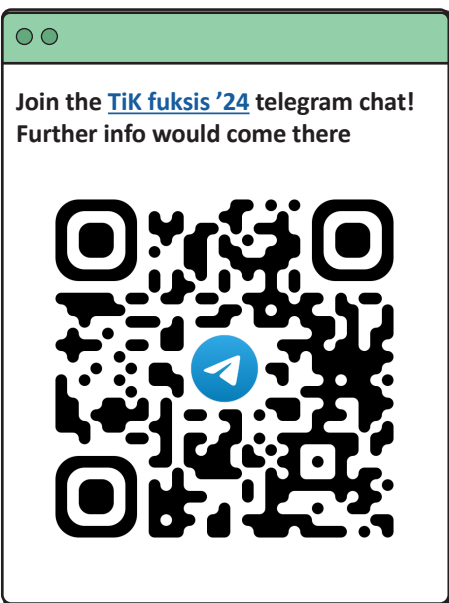
As you might have guessed, fuksi is a term for freshmen in the field of technology. Once fuksis pass through their first year and earn the right to wear their cap, they become a Teekkari. The teekkari culture

is full of terms and traditions, but do not worry, as you can read more about them on pages 46-48. You can also find an Otaniemi to English dictionary on page 50. In the end of the guide you will find some useful links, map of Otaniemi and a checklist.

The vastness of student culture might make you feel confused, but do not worry, as on your journey you will meet a lot of wonderful people who would help you integrate into this community, and several of the following pages are dedicated to some of them greeting you.

Finally, I want to ask you to be brave, explorative and curious. I hope you will enjoy the year ahead of you, have great parties, meet new friends and, most importantly, have a lot of fun.

See you all in the autumn!



Greetings from the Tutor Coordinator

Hello new computer science fuksi, welcome to the guild!

You have an unforgettable freshman year ahead of you, filled with lots of new and exciting experiences. Studying abroad may feel scary, but fear not, because your ISOs are here to help you with any problems you might encounter!

What is an ISO, you might wonder. ISO is a word used for tutors in technical fields at Aalto. In Finnish it means the word “big”. This year, the Computer Science Guild has a whopping 82 ISOs who are here just for you. You can approach any ISO if you have any questions. You can recognize the Computer Science Guild ISOs by their “Tutor in Aalto University” shirts, white tassel caps, and black overalls with the @-logo on the back. All ISOs work hard on organizing events for you, so you will see them around quite often throughout the year!



You can meet ISOs already at the headstart, but at the latest during the orientation week. You will get to know your own freshman group, which will be guided by two ISOs. Don't stress too much about the orientation week schedules, as your ISOs will ensure you know where to be. With your own freshman group and ISOs, you will get to start your university journey and make lifelong friends!

Have a great summer, see you in fall!

Eemeli Oksanen
Tutor coordinator



Greetings from the Fuksi Captains

Hi there!

We are Noora and Filip, the Fuksi Captains of Tietokilta. We are responsible for all the Finnish bachelor's degree fuksis and our job is to integrate them into the teekkari culture and Aalto together with Kirill, the International Captain.

This is an exciting time for all new guild members, regardless of whether you are coming from abroad or not. So, in addition to the studies, remember to have fun and participate in guild events! The guild offers various activities, from which you can certainly find something suitable for you. Even though we manage the Finnish fuksis, all fuksi events are a joint effort together with your International Captain. We warm-heartedly encourage you to attend fuksi events!

Your International Captain Kirill is possibly the closest contact person for you. However, do not hesitate to ask us for help if needed!

Have an amazing summer and see you in the autumn!

Noora Puhakka & Filip Eller,
Fuksi Captains



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Experiences from previous year

Hey there! Welcome to Aalto and welcome to Otaniemi! As you'll come to discover soon, there are very few places like them- a unique little pocket of student life nestled between Helsinki and Espoo with just the right mix of work and leisure, vitality and peace. I am also confident that you will come to love this place just as much as I do.

I am Emnet, a student in the department of computer science that just finished my fuksi year. I came here from Ethiopia so I was completely unfamiliar with the language, the culture and not to mention the climate. I never could have imagined that within just a few months, this strange place would feel like home. My journey started with meeting my tutors and going through the orientation week. In that week, the tutors and many others from the campus community introduced us to what life in Aalto would look like. And during your orientation, you will also get to see what your guild (Tietokilta) has to offer you, what associations you can join and what the campus is like on top of having ample opportunities to meet your fellow freshmen.

The end of this orientation marks the start of everything else. You will start your classes proper and get to be a part of many activities like a true fuksi. Whether you are the sporty kind and want to put your body through the ringer, the nerdy kind that prefers mental simulation, the crafty kind and want to work with your hands... or whether you're all of these or maybe even something else entirely, you will still find something to do and a community to be a part of.

And I've still said nothing of the classes themselves. You get to do everything on top of getting a world class education in a very friendly and (probably) relaxed environment. The professors and other faculty never feel out of reach and assistance is always just a question away. You will also

find all the facilities to support you on your way to wherever your academic curiosity takes you.



I personally tried to take part in as many activities as my schedule would allow and the many, many patches on my overalls (black, like a Teekkari's heart) are testament to that. And I encourage you to do the same. Go out of your comfort zone, have a friendly and open attitude and you'll find your time at Aalto some of the most rewarding of your life. Welcome again and good luck in all you set out to do!

Hello Fuksi,

Congratulations on your first step into your Fuksi journey at Aalto University! My name is Ulaş Aydın, and I am a master's student in the Security and Cloud Computing program. Having just completed my Fuksi year, I can say that it was filled with enjoyment, good memories, valuable learning experiences, volunteering, and laughter.

I was quite intimidated by the idea of leaving home and arriving at Aalto University. I remember the day I arrived with two suitcases, stepping into an unfurnished room and feeling a mix of excitement and anticipation. The thought of settling into a new place, starting classes, and having new experiences was intense.

Over time, I found great support and companionship at the university and the guild. Whenever I needed a place to study, the 24/7 student hubs were a lifesaver. We also used to book a room for group assignments. The camaraderie and support were always there.

Furnishing my new home was an adventure in itself. I discovered second-hand groups where I found great furniture at cheap prices. Moving a sofa with friends became a fun activity, and soon, my place felt like home. We often watched movies together, customized our overalls with patches from various events, and sometimes volunteered at events. In fact, I even became the chair of an association in my first year!

The CS guild (Tietokilta, TiK) supports you in every aspect, ensuring you have the best Fuksi experience. Beyond TiK, numerous associations match your hobbies and interests, allowing you to meet new people and enjoy your time at Aalto. Whether it's a book club, a movie-watching association, a gaming association, or a sports club, there's something for everyone.

There will be times when exams and assignments pile up, and you'll feel overwhelmed about participating in events. In these moments, I use a technique to convince my friends: "Two years from now, you won't remember going home to rest, but you will remember this event very well." This mindset helped us create countless good memories, and soon, my friends started using the "two-year" technique on me, too. Of course, it's important to balance fun with academic responsibilities.

I wish you a fun, successful year where you will create memories that you will remember "two years from now" by actively participating in all events and sewing patches. Embrace every moment and welcome the incredible journey at Aalto University.

Warm regards,
Ulaş Aydın
Master's Student, Security and Cloud Computing
Aalto University



Teknologföreningen



Welcome to Aalto University!

My name is Viivi Winquist and I'm the International Captain at Teknologföreningen (TF). My task is to be the primary support for new international students at TF, the Swedish speaking student nation at Aalto. Whether you are a Swedish speaker or simply interested in the language and culture, TF is a welcoming environment where you can meet new people, participate in various events, and enjoy a rich student life. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or want to learn more. Can't wait to meet you!

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Hello everyone!

My name is Sara Blomqvist and I'm the Fluxivator at Teknologföreningen. Our community offers a unique opportunity to engage in student life in Swedish and we welcome anyone who is interested. My main task is taking care of new students who find their way to TF. If you come by our house during the orientation week you'll likely see me there! Feel free to contact me as well if you have any questions!

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International Director's Greetings

Greetings, new fuksi!

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University, you have made a choice of your lifetime applying here! I wish to warmly welcome you to our Aalto community and the unique community of technology students, Teekkaris!

My name is Joonas Sorvari, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union, also known as AYY. I'm the chair of the International Committee, KvTMK for short, which consists of the International Captains, International Officers, or Master's Captains of the Teekkari guilds and associations. Our goal with the aforementioned International Captains of the Teekkari associations and your ISOs or BIGs is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable.

The Teekkari culture is very unique and something that you can experience only in Finland. The community, the International Committee and your own International Captains will provide you with events in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Otaniemi and the rest of Finland and meet your fellow students. The activities are a great chance to enhance your stay in Aalto and to have the time of your life!

The Teekkari culture has a veeeery long history and Teekkaris have had a presence throughout Finland over many years, especially in Otaniemi and Helsinki. Teekkaris have been based in Otaniemi since 1966. The most prized distinction of a Teekkari is their tasseled cap (Teekkarilakki), which goes back to 1893. Outside of Otaniemi, Teekkaris are known, among other things for their pranks (jäynä), tempaus, and singing culture. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy not only in itself but also for those around it. The Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance- Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are and leave none behind.



Fuksi education and upbringing has a long tradition in Otaniemi. My, and your International Captains' task, is to welcome you to the Aalto community and guide you through your first year or semester in Aalto. As a fuksi, you will be able to collect fuksi points from various events and activities, which will earn you your very own Teekkari cap. The fuksi points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, as well as to all the fun memories! The fuksi year will culminate in the largest, most joyful, and revered event for us Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that you, the fuksis, have proved yourself worthy. If you are an exchange student leaving after the autumn term, I strongly suggest visiting Otaniemi again for the potential Wappu.

In addition to technology students, there are also arts and business students studying in Otaniemi. The united and multi-disciplinary university, as well as the Aalto community, will provide you with a rich and abundant selection of student activities to complement your studies. Everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

My most important advice for you is to participate with an open mind and heart. Get to know your International Captains, tutors, and your fellow students. Besides studying, experiencing new things together and building friendships are some of the best opportunities our university can provide you during your time here as a student. Your guild or association, the International Committee, and countless other people and organizations create the framework for the activities, but you decide how you want to shape your time as a student. A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you and I recommend that you make the most of it! I am in the privileged position of accompanying you and your fellow students on your journey to becoming Teekkaris.

With best wishes,
Joonas Sorvari



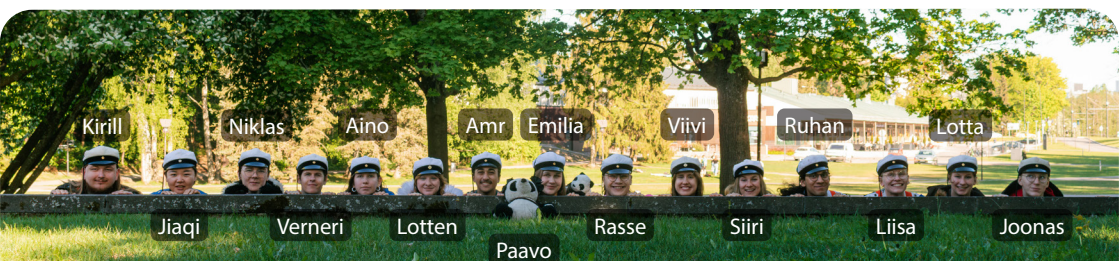
International Committee



The International Committee or KvTMK (comes from the Finnish word Kansainvälisyystoimikunta) consists of the people in charge of international students and matters in different guilds and associations and is led by the International Director. KvTMK is involved in the fuksi and tutoring activities regarding the international fuksis (new Master's students, exchange students and Double Degree students). The events organized by KvTMK are for all Aalto students, yet prioritizing the internationals as the main language in KvTMK's events is always English. Furthermore, KvTMK also promotes internationalism and the role of foreign students at Aalto and the Teekkari guilds and associations.

KvTMK works under Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto in Finnish), or TJ when shortened. Teekkari Section's main job is to uphold various Teekkari traditions and organise many different kinds of activities that are meant to strengthen and enrich the Teekkari spirit. Although its main objective is to focus on Teekkari life, the activities are open for all Aalto students.

Additionally as the representative of the oldest and original technical university students in Finland, Teekkari Section's opinions have a big impact on the future of Teekkari traditions.





Aalto University Student Union

As a student of Aalto, Aalto University Student Union, AYY, is your student union. AYY brings together about 17,000 students of arts, design, business and technology. We work to ensure the well-being of all our members and we want to develop 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 throughout Finland. AYY offers several services for its members, such as affordable student housing, rental facilities, and advocacy. As a student of Aalto, you can also participate in activities and events organised by AYY and over 200 associations within the Student Union.

AYY in Figures

- More than 17,000 members
- Approximately 200 organisations and associations
- Approximately 2,700 student apartments
- Nearly 50 employees
- 10 full-time board members
- Approximately 500 volunteers

Communication Channels

You can find comprehensive information about all AYY's services and opportunities at ayy.fi. We compile all current information concerning students in the weekly newsletter published by email on Mondays.



@ayy_fi
@ayyhousing



Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunta - AYY
AYY Housing



ayy.fi



Aalto University Student Union AYY



AYY Info
AYY Events



Student Union AYY

Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!



A warm welcome to Aalto University and especially to your Student Union AYY. Student life is a matter close to our hearts, and we at AYY are working hard to ensure that you can experience the best student life in the world! Our goal is to ensure that every student enjoys a safe and supportive environment during their studies.

A new open world full of great opportunities is now in front of you. We encourage you to be curious – to learn, to discover, to explore and above all to enjoy your time at Aalto. Challenges are part of life and finding your own path can be challenging at times. So don't hesitate to contact us as we are here to support you with any problems you may have.

See you on campus!

AYY board '24

Services

Student housing

AYY owns 2700 student apartments and offers home for over 3400 residents. Apartments are located in Otaniemi and Leppävaara in Espoo and in various parts of Helsinki.

Living in AYY's apartments requires AYY membership and a valid right of residence to AYY apartments.

AYY has single room apartments, studios, two room apartments and bigger apartments. Single room apartments are offered primarily to new students and exchange students. All the apartments are unfurnished, and rent includes Internet and water. Laundry room and sauna slots are extra service for free.

You can browse and search for AYY's housing through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi. You can read more detailed application instructions on AYY's Housing website. As a student, you can also apply housing from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS).

Advocacy and interest representation

AYY represents students' interests and rights on university level and national level, making sure students are being heard in the society! You can take advantage of AYY's advocacy services, for example, if your exam results are late or you may get in touch with an

equity officer if you encounter any type of harassment. As a member of AYY, you can apply for administration as a student representative and influence the decisions made at the university.

AYY's highest decision-making body is the Representative Council (RepCo), which is elected by vote. In the elections, all AYY members can vote and run as candidates. The next Representative Council elections will be held next year. Members of the Representative Council decide on the goals and policies of the Student Union.

Student culture

Volunteering, association activities and diverse events are an essential part of Aalto student culture and the Aalto community. The highlights of the year include Wappu and Orientation week events, annual ball, Shrovetide celebrations and many other events.

In addition to the Student Union, events are organised by volunteers who work in sections and committees. AYY has six sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum Section, New Students Section and Advocacy Management Group (more commonly known as EduJory). The call for volunteers will open in late autumn. Information on the call will be published in AYY's communication channels. In addition, AYY has more than 200 associations that organise activities in the fields of sports, music, games, and other hobbies. New students are always welcome to join association activities, and AYY

offers help, support, and advice for the establishment of associations and their activities. Keep an open mind for different opportunities and get to know the associations in upcoming events!

The Museum of Student Life has expanded its exhibition and activities to cover the student cultures of the entire Aalto community - technology, business and arts. In addition to technology students' culture, the museum now also presents the history and present of KY - Aalto University Business Students and TOKYO, Students of Art, Design and Architecture. In addition, AYY's art collection will also be presented in the exhibition collections. The museum is located at Jämeräntäival 3A.

Rental facilities

In addition to housing, AYY has numerous saunas, event venues and recreational facilities that members can rent. Some facilities are free of charge. AYY also rents a van.

Scholarships and project grants

You can apply for a project grant from AYY or the TTE-Fund for a project organised by a group of friends or an association. You can also apply for scholarships awarded by AYY.

Student benefits

You will receive a digital or plastic student card to prove your student status (card delivered by Frank). By showing your student status, you are entitled to hundreds of benefits from 1 Aug onwards, including Kela, Matkahuolto and VR, as well as to student lunch discount in student restaurants. You are also entitled to student discount in public transport in the metropolitan area if you live in the HSL area and have updated your student status in your travel card at the HSL service point or activated the student discount in your HSL-app. You can find the list of all benefits and discounts available with the student card on Frank's website at frank.fi.

The digital student card Frank App is an official student ID, which you can download and activate starting on 1 Aug once you have enrolled for attendance at the university and paid AYY's membership fee. You can check the prices of other card options on Frank's website. You can also add an ISIC license to both digital and plastic student cards. More information on different student cards can be found on Frank's website at frank.fi.

If you have chosen the plastic student card, please remember to pick up the academic year tag (aka. sticker) for your card from AYY's service point! At the same time, you can also pick up a free Design Notebook and a badge.

The first days in Otaniemi

The student community at Aalto organizes outstanding events for all students, but most of them, also the most special ones by far, are exclusively made for the Fuksis. Keep in mind that there is no second chance for the first year. If you miss something, you can't repeat it another time in the same way. So if the only reason you are not coming to an event is that you feel just too lazy to get out of your room- get up and go!

On the other hand don't stress yourself in participating in everything, it's anyway not possible. Focus on finding the events that are the right ones for you, for example based on the event description. But listen to other student's advice as well which events are important, you might be surprised about what type of event is nice for you once you try. The easiest way to enjoy an event is an open attitude upon arrival at the event location.

Especially in the early autumn you won't have a chance to get bored due to the high variety of events happening. Of course it is not mandatory to attend any events, but highly recommended and the best way to get to know people from the start. You will also be able to receive the guild's overall in that time. Here's a brief selection of some of the upcoming events:

Headstart 18.8

That's your first chance to meet us, your tutors, and other fuksis! Attending is highly recommended, but don't stress about it if you can't make it!

Orientation week 26.8 - 30.8

There's full program in this week, expect to be up and busy all day long: in the mornings mostly with the official parts from the University, in the afternoons and evenings from the guild and other associations.

You can find the school's orientation schedule for your program here:

[CCIS](#)
[SECCLO](#)

Exchange students should receive their program from the school

Campfire evening, Monday 26.8

The Monday of orientation week starts early and ends late, so have a good night sleep from Sunday to Monday. The part we're looking forward to most is the campfire evening. Next to the coast, you can for example grill food here and make new friends!

Fuksi-ISO-fun, Tuesday 27.8

More chances to get to know your tutor group better. This day's evening program is organized completely by your tutors.

Guild initiation, Wednesday 28.8

In the guild initiation you get introduced to the guild's committees. Also you will receive your own Fuksi point card, your companion through the first year, until Wappu, if it happens.

Otaorienteering, Thursday 29.8

Having a checkpoint crawl is a common thing for Teekkaris. Otaorienteering is the very first chance for you to participate in one. Team up with a small group and search in Otaniemi for the associations' checkpoints, to get to know them and the campus at the same time.

OtaFest, Friday 30.8

During the day you will get to know people from the other SCI guilds. In the evening the biggest party of the orientation week, OtaFest will be organized, where there will be live music and program from various associations!

Aalto Party + Afterparty, Tuesday 3.9

Aalto Party is a festival style event organized at the Alvari Square. The Party gathers all associations of Otaniemi. The stands in the event will have for example various activities and overall patches from the associations. The evening will culminate in an Afterparty at Dipoli. This is a wonderful day, organized by the whole Aalto community.

Stadiorienteering, Thursday 5.9

A similar event to Otaorienteering, but this time organized in Helsinki!

Fuksisitsit, Friday 20.9

Just after the orientation week one of the most important events of the whole year will happen. The fuksis of Tietokilta will be introduced to sitsit culture in an exclusive event for them and ISOs. Simply described sitsit is an academic dinner party with three courses, singing, drinking and a theme. During the evening you will get to know different sitsi traditions, experience Finnish student culture and you might even dance. The most important thing is to spend a fun evening with good company, food and drinks. That's what sitsits are at their best.

The sign-up for Fuksis will be arranged early so don't miss it. This is probably the one event you should attend even if you don't attend any other! Caution, participants in sitsits, especially this one, are required to follow some instructions, if you just want a wild party without limits we will gladly recommend some other events to go to.

PhTMK is preparing a wonderful fuksi year for you all!



Fuksi Survival Guide

Whether you were born in Finland or are here for the first time, questions always arise when rearranging your life. These pages are a starting point to solve the most practical questions of student life. However, as you will probably figure soon for yourself, often there are no standard solutions for exceptional people, and since you received this guide, here you count as such. That means practically that there would have to be around 200 different versions of these pages to meet the different needs of each of you. And the sad truth is: no single person would be able to write this guide, because no single person knows all the answers to your specific case. The overwhelming first advice is therefore to decide what you need, if you are willing to invest time in or decide to let it be.

An example: you might be able to receive some financial support from KELA ("an independent social security institution" of Finland), but that depends on many things. If you want to get it, you will have to figure out if you are eligible, fill at least one form, spend time on dealing with the institution. For many of you that's probably not worth it.

Additionally these regulations have been changed many times in the past year, so giving an advice from experience can be misleading in the worst case. Matters like this are discussed in the 'Aalto international' Telegram chat. If you are stuck with such problems I'd start there.

Apartments and other services

AYY owns apartments that are rented to Aalto university students. Unfortunately the amount of available apartments is insufficient though new apartments are build every now and then. Therefore reach out to other options.

Additionally AYY offers other services, for example renting of spaces, saunas and vans. Check also libraries and similar local offers for renting extraordinary things you need.

Apartments

AYY website: ayy.fi/en/housing

Apply for an apartment through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi

HOAS: www.hoas.fi

University of Helsinki student nations: eng.nation.fi/housing

IMPORTANT!

Apply to as many apartments as possible no matter the location as the amount is scarce. It also extremely important that you accept ANY apartment you are offered.

HINT: If you have a friend arriving at the same time, you can apply for a two-bedroom apartment together.

Private service providers:

nolistudios.com/en

vuokrahuone.com

oikotie.fi

You can also checkout Forenom:

www.forenom.com

Student Card

By showing the student card you gain student benefits from all around, like the cheap student meals in the canteens on campus. You can order a physical card or install the "Frank app" on your phone. The physical card needs a small sticker given out by the university to be valid. If you possess already a student card like ISIC, you can instead attach the sticker to this card and don't use frank.

Food

Otaniemi has numerous student restaurants offering different meals for around the same price. You can also eat at the University of Helsinki's restaurants at student rates. The price of a meal is typically €2.95, which includes salad and bread. Student meals are state subsidized, so it's worth enjoying this benefit and eating good food cheaply!

In order to receive a student discount you have to show your student card, although the staff doesn't always remember to ask. Before you receive your card, you can show the receipt of your student union membership fee instead. You might get refused with this though, the longer the semester is ongoing, the more likely.

In terms of student restaurant specialties, TF (Täffä) deserves a mention. TF is a student restaurant maintained by the Swedish-speaking student nation, and its pièce de résistance is spaghetti, which is on the menu every Wednesday. The computer science building hosts a Subway restaurant offering 15 cm Sub meals for the price of a student meal. In addition to the student restaurants, Otaniemi has a burger and hotdog stand, X-burger, which is situated close to the AYY building.

Of course you can also buy food from the shop, and you can warm it up and eat it- for example- in the guild room. Cooking yourself (with friends) is fun and healthy. Join the grandma club of the guild to discuss and share ideas and get help!

If you want to eat a bit nicer there are a few options in A-Bloc, and if you really want to celebrate and spend money there's the Fat Lizard with really fancy kitchen. Of course there are more restaurants around, but then you have to leave the campus.

Transport

The public transport system in the Helsinki region is provided by HSL. In addition to buses, you can also travel by commuter train, tram and metro, and all with the same ticket!

Student card

www.frank.fi/en

Canteens & Cooking advice

kanttiinit.fi

Grandma Club

Travel routes

www.reittiopas.fi

Big library with services

www.oodihelsinki.fi/en

Student Healthcare Service

www.yths.fi/en

HSL divides Helsinki currently into four different transport zones, designated A, B, C, and D. Otaniemi is located in the B-zone, so when travelling to Otaniemi, you always need a ticket covering the B-zone. The other zones included in your ticket depend on where you travel from and through. For example, to travel from Helsinki City Center to Otaniemi, you need an AB-ticket. The easiest way to find out about routes and timetables is to use HSL's route finder, Reittiopas. From this site you also see the zone limits and what sort of ticket will you need to have for a certain trip. HSL app is also really handy. Students living in the Helsinki Region can get a 45% discount for monthly tickets. More information at <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/discount-tickets/students>. You can also use city bikes from late spring to early fall. A seasonal ticket costs 30€. More info: <https://kaupunkipyorat.hsl.fi/en>

Approaching by car

There are a reasonable number of parking spaces at Otaniemi, but it tends to get crowded around the main building. Parking is generally free, but beware of receiving a parking fine on Otakaari road. Parking is also available around Innopoli, but you will need to pay.

Health and Wellbeing

FHFS (YTHS)

The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS www.yths.fi/en) takes care of the health of university students. You can receive help from FSHS for general health, oral health and mental health issues once you have paid your student union membership fee. Appointments are made by phone, and FSHS uses a call-back service. Contacting FSHS and general health visits are always free of charge.

In order to use the service effectively, create an account with FSHS's online service, Self (www.yths.fi/en/self). The service allows you to make and change appointments and manage other health-related issues online. Note! If you wish, you can use the services of any FSHS unit, also in other districts. When FSHS is closed or you cannot get an appointment, you can use your own municipal health station or health centre emergency services.

Study Psychologists

For challenges related to your studies, you can turn to your own school's Student Services or to Aalto's study psychologists. Study psychologists guide and support students in challenges related to learning, motivation, self-regulation, stress management and study skills. They can best be reached by email: opintopsykologit@aalto.fi.

Starting Point of Wellbeing

The Starting Point of Wellbeing offers students easy access to counselling and advice on matters of well-being and study ability. The services available to you include drop-in (no reservation) advising/counselling sessions, peer support groups, and online materials. You can also make an appointment to receive individual counselling. More info [here](#)

Nyyti and the Aalto Chaplains

You can turn to the Aalto's university chaplains, better known as the Aalto priests, when you wish to talk confidentially about anything that is weighing on your mind. They are at the disposal of every member of the Aalto community, irrespective of religion or worldview. www.aalto.fi/en/services/aalto-chaplains-provide-services-for-everyone-at-aalto

Nyyti, of which AYY is a member, is a nationwide association for the promotion of students' mental health. The aims of the organization include student mental health and supporting students' study skills. Additional information: www.nyyti.fi/en/

University Sports - UniSport

UniSport provides members of the Aalto community with low-cost sports services. UniSport gyms and sport centres can be found at Ota-niemi, on the University of Helsinki's City Centre Campus, and in Kumpula, Meilahti and Töölö. UniSport services include group training, ball sports, gyms and various courses, and its sea-son and day tickets are permanently cheaper for Aalto University students. Additional information: www.unisport.fi

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TOKYO ry is the student association that brings together students of the school of arts, design and architecture.

We're the umbrella association open to all of Aalto ARTS and arts-inclined students.

As a school-level association, TOKYO takes an active part in student advocacy and organizes events to gather together all the ARTS-minded students and alumni.

Our annual events include a Lapland trip, our annual ball Maskerad, and the Christmas and Spring student arts sales.

TOKYO also owns the vegan and non-profit Kipsari restaurant, as well as the Torso magazine, which features content contributed by ARTS students and discusses current events and topics.

Find more info about us on Instagram!

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TOKYO



University Studies 101

As explained previously being an international student in computer science can mean very different concepts of study. If you have questions about your program, ask the contact person of that program. The few things which are the same for all are wrapped up here.

Orientation week

From Monday the 26th of August to Friday the 30th is the orientation week, the start of all studies. Though no courses are happening in this week, it is an important part of the study process as well. Especially in the morning parts of the timetable the university staff will explain the practicalities of studying extensively.

Timetable

The first courses will start on 02.09.2024. At Aalto the academic year is divided in five teaching periods, each having an evaluation week at the end for determining the course results. Some modules cover several periods, some only one. Therefore it is also possible to have exams after half-time of the course. When making your weekly schedule carefully check the workload you have in each period and possible overlaps. You have to sort this out manually and it will take some time and energy! Something that might

differ from universities you have attended previously: The only big holiday break is over christmas and new year, so portion your resources.

Course registration

You have to register for every course you want to take. The webpage for registration will change this year, so the procedure is new for all students. It's not entirely resolved if exchange students will be intergated in this system, but likely. The name of the system is SISU. Degree students will also make their personal study plan (called HOPS) in this system. It might be necessary to have a course first in your study plan before you are able to register for it. In the past a separate registration for certain exams was necessary. In computer science at Aalto we have a high variety of teaching and evaluation methods. Read the course's information before registering for it. Remember: One credit (ECTS) is supposed to be 26.7 h of work, but in practice it can be very different- meaning more or less time spent.

Online services

As the first step, check out the [student guide](#). It doesn't require a login and provides you with useful information. For example on your program, the courses you have to take and also what

Academic calendar 2024-2025

www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide/academic-calendar

Orientation	26.08.- 01.09. 2024	Autumn Term
Period I	02.09.- 20.10. 2024	
Period II	21.10.- 08.12. 2024	
Second evaluation (for exam retakes)	09.12.- 15.12. 2024	
Period III	06.01.- 23.02. 2025	Spring Term
Period IV	24.02.- 13.04. 2025	
Period V (multimodal)	13.04.- 06.06. 2025	
Summer courses (separate guidelines)		



steps you have to take when entering Finland as a foreigner. The second step then is SISU, as mentioned before. Log in and plan your studies. Finally you use **MyCourses** to overview information and tasks of the courses you have registered for. The quality of the course pages depends highly on the course staff though as they are responsible for content. Some courses organize their exercises over **A+**. Sometimes you get the automated evaluation of your homework there in a few seconds before you can try again if there's a mistake.

For remote studies Zoom and Microsoft Teams are in use. You can also log in Aalto workspaces as virtual machines on your computer at home.

Study support and advice

You can always turn to the student services if you are unsure about where to start or whom to ask. Student services can assist you with matters as:

- Questions related to studies
- Approval of your personal study plan (HOPS)
- Graduating with a BSc. or MSc. degree
- Getting transcripts of records or certificates of student status
- Registration for the academic year
- Tuition-fee payments
- Student exchange
- Transfer of credits

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.

Useful Links (all services share the same login credentials!)

Student guide: www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide

Sisu: sisu.aalto.fi

MyCourses: mycourses.aalto.fi

A+: plus.cs.aalto.fi

Remote workplace login: vdi.aalto.fi

Examination archives: www.tenttiarkisto.fi



Congratulations 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.

TEK is a community of around 80,000 university students and graduates in the field of technology. We strive to ensure that our members have the best working conditions possible, in order to help them solve the major issues of our time; from climate change and natural resource scarcity to artificial intelligence.

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

Best regards,



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Aalto University



At ESN Aalto, we believe in the power of cultural exchange, friendship, and collaboration. Whether you're an exchange student looking to immerse yourself in Finnish culture or a local student eager to connect with peers from around the world, ESN Aalto offers a wide range of activities and events tailored to your interests.

ESN Aalto is the local section of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) at Aalto University. We are a diverse community of students dedicated to enriching the international student experience and promoting intercultural understanding. Our vibrant team consists of passionate individuals committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for both international and local students.



From exciting cultural festivals and language exchange sessions to adventurous outdoor activities and volunteering opportunities, there's something for everyone at ESN Aalto. Join us and become part of a global network of students united by a shared passion for diversity, inclusion, and lifelong learning.



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Welcome to Tietokilta!



Chairperson's greetings



Hey fuksi! I'm Mikael, a third-year computer science student and the chairperson of the board of Tietokilta. It's amazing that you've decided to study computer science at Aalto University and welcome to Tietokilta!

Tietokilta is the subject association for computer science students in Otaniemi. The guild is responsible for the recreational activities, welfare and student advocacy of its members. Tietokilta works in close collaboration with other subject associations and societies in Otaniemi and the Aalto University Student Union (AYY).

The weekly affairs of the guild are handled by an 8-member board, which deals with membership applications, invoices and other mandatory matters on a weekly basis. In addition to the board, the guild has nearly 150 volunteers in 20 different committees, not counting the ISOs, your tutors. The committees organize a wide range of events

for guild members (for you!), such as sittings, sporting events, company visits, trips abroad, food and drink tastings, sewing and cooking nights, sauna evenings and LAN parties. So there's something for everyone! And, if you feel that something is missing from the guild's offerings, you can go start something new alone or with a group of friends, because the guild lives with its members and is constantly renewing itself.

In addition to Tietokilta, there are many other clubs and associations in the Aalto community that offer a wide range of activities or hobbies alongside your studies. The clubs within AYY share a common interest, such as board, role-playing or computer games, a sport, dancing, theater, music, barbecuing, urban farming, sailing, fishing and much more. I highly recommend checking out what Otaniemi has to offer as it is a great way to find leisure activities, meet new people and make interdisciplinary friendships.

Getting involved in the guild has been hugely rewarding for me and the role the guild has played in my life is indescribable. In addition to the memorable experiences, I've made lots of new friends and acquaintances, both in guild and other student events. The best thing about university studies compared to high school has been that everyone is already partly united by shared common interests and it is easier to get to know others.

So make the most of your fuksi year, because it's a unique experience in the best company, and an experience that you may never get again!

Enjoy the summer to the fullest and see you in the autumn!

Mikael Siidorow

Chairperson of the Board of Tietokilta

The Board of Computer Science Guild

The guild's daily life is ran by a board consisting of 8 members. The board takes care of for example the practicalities and finances of the guild. The board is chosen every year in a caucus organized in November, where every member can stand as a candidate. In the next two pages, the board of 2024 is going to introduce themselves. In addition to the board, the guild also has numerous committees that keep almost 180 guild members busy. The members of the committees develop the guild activities and organize different kinds of events for the guildes. The committees are introduced on pages 34-36.



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Hello! I am Mikael and I serve as the Chairman of the Board of Tietokilta. As Chairman, I prepare and lead the weekly board meetings and ensure that the board members and committee chairs are doing well and are up to date with current matters. Additionally, I act as a contact person and advocate at the School of Science and the student union in cooperation with other association chairpersons. Feel free to ask me anything about the guild, even if we just run into each other at the guild room!



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Hey! I am Lauri and I serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Tietokilta. My duties include taking minutes at board meetings and guild meetings, as well as managing the guild's community matters with other board members. I also assist our chairman with various ongoing tasks as needed.

Hello again, I am Noora! I am one of the two Finnish Fuksi Captains of our guild. The role of the Fuksi Captain involves assisting and integrating new candidate degree students into the guild and student life at Aalto. I am the only captain currently sitting in the board, so I am responsible for communication between the board and the fuksi committee (phtmk). Together with all the captains and the phtmk, we will organize you events and all kinds of fun things throughout the year!



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Hi! My name is Roosa, and I'm the Head of Communications at the guild. I keep guild members up to date on events and other important matters through weekly mails and Telegram. Additionally, I manage the guild's social media channels together with my committee!

Hi! I am Elsa, the guild's head of academic affairs. I serve as a low-threshold advisor and problem solver for issues and questions related to studies and courses. Additionally, I act as a student representative in the university's decision-making processes in various administrative bodies, especially in the School of Science.



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Hello! I am Mikko and I serve as the head of corporate relations for the guild. I am responsible for the collaboration between the guild and companies. This collaboration is most visible through the guild's recruitment platform job postings, excursions organized with companies, and the UraTIKAS recruitment fair organized together with the AS guild.

Samu (Chef). I'm the treasurer of the guild. I handle the guild's finances and make sure everything stays within the budget.



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Hi! I am Lasse and I serve as the external relations officer for the guild. I am mainly responsible for collaboration with guilds and subject associations outside of Otaniemi, in addition I also stay in touch with Otaniemi guilds. I also organize the excursions going outside the Helsinki metropolitan area with the external affairs committee.

History of Tietokilta since 1986

The following is a summary of the guild's history and traditions divided by topic. Much can happen in 38 years, so it is impossible to go through everything here, but by reading this text you will already know much more than the average member about the Computer Science Guild's past.

Founding of the Guild

The first computer science Fuksi (around 40) began studying at Helsinki University of Technology in autumn 1984. Because the guild had yet to be established, the first two years of Fuksi education were provided by the Helsinki University of Technology Guild of Electrical Engineering (SIK). The meeting which founded the Computer Science Guild was arranged on 13 February 1986, when the guild's rules were made official and the first board was chosen.

Attempts were already made to register the guild with the Finnish Register of Associations in 1987, but this failed due, among others, to a lack of clarity over the guild's rules. The Computer Science Guild eventually became a registered association in 2002. Today, the guild receives over 150 new members every year.

The Guild's Symbols

The guild's unofficial @-sign logo and its official cogwheel logo are two different things. The guild's badge, in the shape of the guild's logo, is called *pränikkä* ("brand new"), while the Pro-TiK badge functions as a medal of honour. Both the logos and *pränikkä* were adopted in 1986, Pro-TiK in 1990. The unofficial @-sign logo can be seen, among other places, on the back of guild members' overalls, while the official logo can be admired, for instance, on the wall of the guild room.



The Guild Room

The guild room of the Computer Science Guild was initially located in the main building of Helsinki University of Technology, since when it has moved on at least two occasions. The furniture was replaced when needed, usually at the latest when the room became unbearably cramped.

1998 saw the completion of the long-awaited Computer Science Building (T-building), to which the guild room also moved. At this stage, we also acquired our own kitchen and store cupboard. The guild room was renovated in 2005, the fur-

niture was replaced, and an enormous picture of the Tietokilta's official logo was painted on the wall. In 2015, a whole wall was demolished in the guild room to make more space, and in recent years the interior design of the room has been vigorously re-vamped. Next to the guild room you can find computer classes T7 and T8 which also go by their old name "Paniikki" (Panic room).

Sauna Nights and Partying

Throughout its history, the Computer Science Guild has arranged an innumerable number of sauna nights, academic dinners, games nights and other recreational activities for its members. The guild's largest and grandest party is its annual celebration Muistinnollaus ("Memory Reset") or M0, which is arranged every year between February and March.

The Computer Science Guild's traditional Otaniemi game board was made from the guild room's first table top, which dates from 1986. Today, the game is usually only played during the week of the annual party and occasionally with other guilds or with excursion guests from outside Otaniemi.

Culture, Sports and Travel

The guild's cultural activities were established at the beginning of the 1990s, when the guild was also particularly active in this area. Excursions were made to musicals, operas, ballets and concerts. In turn, physical culture has always been the responsibility of the guild's own sports club, nowadays called AthleTiKs, earlier Lenskin Dynamo. One of the sports most peculiar to the guild is its traditional kuutiopallo ("cube ball").

The Computer Science Guild has traditionally enjoyed a strong singing culture, of which members can be proud. The guild has produced several song booklets and vociferous Masters of Ceremony (or gherkins) who have ensured that the songs never stop at sauna nights or academic dinners and that those present also remember the lyrics.

Summa summarum

Many old traditions are still going strong while others have slipped slightly. New events and forms of activity arise every year according to the wants and needs of the guild members.

Guild room is a good place to meet other guild members.
Can you spot any familiar faces?



Committees of the Guild

Tietokilta has several committees providing workforce and organisation in a certain field the guild needs. Old committees, whose purpose became pointless can be sorted out and new ones can be invented and established at the yearly election meeting of the guild. The chairpersons of the committees are elected there as well. If you are a guild member you can join one or several committees by contacting the respective chairpersons. It follows a selection of (relevant) committees.

Abimarkkinointitoimikunta Student Marketing Committee

The tasks of the student marketing committee include marketing the field of computer science to high school students in various ways. The committee comes up with ideas and produces materials for marketing the guild and the study program, and visits high schools and various events. Additionally the committee may organize events for high school students.

Alumnitoimikunta Alumni Committee

The guild's alumni committee serves as a bridge between the guild's graduated members and students. Additionally, the alumni committee organizes events where alumni and students can meet and receive, for instance, career and academic guidance.

Digitoituimikunta Digitalization Committee

The Digitalization Committee is responsible for the guild's IT infrastructure and it maintains and develops the guild's digital services. These services are built in cooperation with the members of the committee, utilizing the latest technologies.

Herkkukurkkutoimikunta Songmaster Committee

The Songmaster Committee consists of the guild's Songleaders, responsible for introducing and leading songs at the guild's academic dinners. A Teekkari sings "rather than well" – which means that you don't need to be a talented singer to be a Songleader, as enthusiasm is more important than a note-perfect voice! Instead, it is important to remember how songs begin and to be able to introduce a song whatever the situation, even by using the most tenuous and bizarre connection. In addition to acting as Songleaders in academic dinners, songmasters develop and improve the guild's song culture by, for example, writing new lyrics and encouraging guild members to sing in various events.

Kiltahuonetoimikunta Guild Room Committee

The guildroom committee is responsible for the state of the guildroom. The guildroom is an important hangout place for many guild members and multiple committees organize meetings there. The committee acquires everything needed for the guild room and organizes cleaning events.

Kiltatuotetoimikunta Guild Product Committee

The guild product committee is responsible for designing, acquiring and selling guild products, such as overall patches and clothes. Part of the activity is also finding out what kind of products the guild members want.

Kulttuuritoimikunta Culture Committee

The Culture Committee takes care of the cultural enlightenment of the guild by organizing cultural events such as tasting evenings, workshops, the traditional UFO-sitsit, and group departures to various events, such as theater and music performances, and beer festivals.

Liikuntatoimikunta Sports Committee

The Sports Committee is responsible for the guild's physical activities and fitness. It organizes various sports events, such as indoor surfing, paintball, and padel. The committee also includes the guild's sports team AthleTiKs.



Marttakerho - The Grandma club

The Grandma club's most important mission is to bring everyone together by organizing cozy and relaxed events for the members of our guild. The grandma club has developed and expanded since its founding and nowadays it's mostly known for baking and patch sewing events. The committee also organizes Grandma-sitsit and a trip to a fluffy alpaca farm yearly. Most events are alcohol-free.

Muistinnollaustoimikunta Muistinnollaus Committee

The Muistinnollaus Committee is responsible for organizing the most solemn and grand event of Tietokilta – the annual ball, Muistinnollaus, affectionately referred to as M0. The M0 Committee plans and executes the events of the annual ball week under the leadership of the M0 Directors. At the beginning of next year, the memory will be wiped for the 39th time as Tietokilta turns 38 years old! The age of Tietokilta has traditionally been measured in bits, so next year will mark the 100111st Muistinnollaus!

N-toimikunta - N Committee

N-committee organizes activities for older guild members that are still students (Nth years students as we say here). For example, organizing sitsis for Nth-year-students of different guilds.

Opintotoimikunta Study Committee

The Study Committee takes care of student advocacy, protecting the students' rights and keeping our voice heard in the university's matters, such as course issues or study program adjustments. The committee also arranges a master's degree info and an exchange sauna where you can hear about the experiences of students who have been on exchange before.

Pakutoimikunta - Van committee

Van committee is the youngest of the guild's committees. As the name implies, the committee is responsible for Packet Loss the guild van. This mission can be divided into two main areas. Firstly general upkeep of the van. Secondly, lending out the van for guild members for guild activities and personal use.

Pelitoimikunta - Games Committee

The Games Committee organizes various game activities in the form of LAN parties, tournaments and weekly role and board game evenings. The committee has also acquired many games for the guild room, which anyone can play!

Phuksitoimikunta - The Fuksi Committee

The Fuksi Committee plans and arranges the largest fuksi events. The committee consists of the Fuksi Captains, the Tutor responsible, the International captains and the responsible tutors.

Rytmiyhmä - The Rytmi Committee

The Rytmi Committee is responsible for producing Alkorytmi, the guild's official magazine. Alkorytmi is published on a regularly occasional basis, consisting mostly of what the writers themselves are interested in writing. Alkorytmi has always been a magazine that reflects it's makers! Creating content for the magazine let's your creativity soar. There's a need for doing layout, graphics, photographing, writing, proofreading, as well as talented knitters and puzzle creators.



Yrityssuhdetoimikunta Corporate Relations Committee

The Corporate Relations Committee functions as the right and left hand of the Master of Corporate Relations Committee members assist in organizing excursions, corporate events, and other forms of corporate collaboration. Being on the Corporate Relations Committee is an easy way of making contact with IT-sector businesses.

Sisätoimikunta Internal Committee

The Internal Committee is responsible for organizing guild events under the leadership of IE (Isäntä and Emäntä, host and hostess). Organizing events includes planning them, making necessary purchases, and recruiting workforce.

Ulkotoimikunta External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee organizes trips to various events such as the annual Titan's Battles, bar crawls, as well as fun longer trips (excursions) outside Otaniemi and occasionally outside Finland as well. Members of the External Affairs Committee assist the Head of External Affairs with planning trips and with practical arrangements.

Tiedotustoimikunta Communications committee

The Communications committee is responsible for the Computer Science Guild's information flow and communications. Internal communications include weekly mails and Telegram announcements, while external communications involve social media management. The guild has active accounts on, for example, Instagram and TikTok (@tietokilta).



Tietokilta Organisation

The Board

The Guild is an officially registered association. As such it has to follow certain rules in the Finnish law creating a base for how it is run. The guild is required to have a board containing a chair, a treasurer and a secretary. Additionally, in practice, the board has additional members, up to twelve. Nowadays the additional members are any other actives of the guild.

The board guides, coordinates and overviews the operations of the whole guild and meets weekly for that purpose. Any guild member can attend board meetings to listen. In the past years an ongoing process started to outsource community work from the board into the committees, possibly giving more room for self-organization and development of the community. This is accompanied by occasional meetings of the chairpersons with the board members (some are both).

The yearly meetings

Members of the guild can influence the future of the guild by attending meetings, like the most important, the election meeting in November. The members of the board, the committees and the committee chairpersons are decided by democratic vote. Every member of the guild has a vote and can also be elected.

How does this matter to me?

1) It's recommended for you to join the guild so you might want to know a bit more about what's behind the organisation.

2) If the activities you'll experience through

the guild are fun for you, you might feel like becoming a helper in some way.

3) After all the guild's business is a practical one: supporting it's members. Who is elected in a certain position can make a big difference for what actually happens. Take your chance to have a say!

An example:

Even if you are an exchange student leaving after (half) a year you can think of the following generations of exchange students. If you think something concerning exchange students generally should be changed you can bring it up pretty easily. Who can and will advocate this point of view better than you?

International in the guild

In the time the guild was founded not many students came from elsewhere. And though at this point in time the guild takes in more international students every year than Finnish students, often the Finns are much more active in the end. There are many reasons for this to happen, and it causes that internationals are sometimes underrepresented (in events).

If that happens, remember that the guild is totally a place for you! Ask people if they could change to English if you don't understand what's going on.

If something feels weird, maybe just noone yet came to mind it could be different, so then it's up to you. Talk to the International Captains, to tutors and other guild members if you run in such issues.

Recognize the Teekkaris

The student union (AYY) contains a lot of different groups and student associations. Some exist to unify students in a certain hobby (dancing, gaming, diving, singing ...), some have more administrative character (e.g. the board of the representative council of AYY), some serve, besides doing other things, also as links between others (e.g. international committee). Depending on the position of the group inside AYY they have certain rights

and duties. Just like Tietokilta there are other guilds in the schools of Aalto which are “special status” associations. Most of them give home to Teekkaris, “technological students”, determined by their study program. But just because someone wears an overall or a similar “uniform” that doesn’t mean they are Teekkaris (in the original sense) necessarily. For example the business students of Aalto (see p. 44). Some guilds don’t take in their own Fuksis and one group of overall-wearers is a student nation and not a guild, connected by the language instead of the study program.



The complexity of the associations working together in AYY has grown historically and is in an ongoing process. This is caused for example by the introduction of new study programs or the restructuring of them done by the university. In the end every student (group) tries to find their place and advocacy in the existing system. For example the increasing amount of international students coming to Aalto caused that the relevance, workload and purpose of the international committee has changed a lot and keeps changing.

Some associations' descriptions are listed here now to cover some of the confusion. Luckily noone has to know all this information and you can always ask if you want to see through the system a bit better. After all we are all students and can have a good time together no matter which guild we belong to. Note that all underlined associations on page 38 have more detailed information on one of the pages 39 - 41. In CHEM only one guild accepts fuksis, so the others aren't presented here in detail.



Teknologföreningen (TF)

is Aalto's 150 year old Swedish-speaking and only student nation. Everyone is welcome to join TF, irrespective of their study programme. The only requirement is the desire to learn or speak Swedish. The Teknologföreningen is located in Urdsgjallar, the large concrete building next to Dipoli, where TF has a fully licensed restaurant. TF members wear "engineer red" overalls.



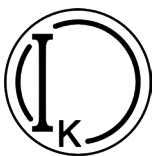
Maanmittarikilta (MK) - Guild of Surveying Engineers

was founded in 1901 and is the oldest guild in Finland that still accepts Fuksis. It is said that of all the guilds, MK feels the most like a family, "killoista perheen". Their overalls are matt black with a fuchsia left sleeve and thigh pocket to represent the Built Environment major. The back of their overalls is decorated with the guild's logo: "three hard" ("kolme kovaa") and the course year code is displayed on the left calf.



Arkkitehtikilta (AK) - Guild of Architecture

was founded in 1908 and is Otaniemi's third oldest guild. It is home to students of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design, so their members are a mix of students with either technical or artistic backgrounds. The Guild of Architecture's overalls are broken white and they are made of a very easily soiled cotton. The Landscape Architects can be identified by the self-drawn tree on the left leg, to which a leaf is added every Wappu. The logo on the back of the overalls is different each year, as it is designed by the Fuksis themselves.



Rakennusinsinöörilikilta (IK) - Guild of Civil Engineers

more commonly known as "Raksa", is a subject association that was founded in 1913 and accepts undergraduates studying Energy and Environmental Technology. As of this year, they are also welcoming Computational Engineering students to their ranks. The association, which was originally named "Engineers' Club" (IK) is Otaniemi's third oldest guild that still accepts Fuksis. Before 2013, the guild members majored in Building and Environmental Technology. Raksa members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls and their legendary chant of "RAKSA JAKSAA" ("Raksa perseveres!")



Koneinsinööri Kilta (KIK) - Guild of Mechanical Engineers

was founded in 1915 and is one of Otaniemi's largest guilds. This subject association, earlier for students of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Technology and from 2013 for students of Mechanical and Construction Engineering, is part of the School of Engineering, or ENG. KIK members can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink caterpillar tractor mascot and their jubilant chants of "Yy, kaa, KO, NEI!" ("one, two, THREE, FOUR/ MACHINE")



Sähköinsinööri Kilta (SIK) - Guild of Electrical Engineers

was founded in 1921- let's wish them a happy anniversary! The energetic and hard-working electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls, the back of which sports their light-bulb logo. Their overalls are also decorated by a depiction of a telegram on their right thigh pockets. 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!".



Fyysikkokilta (FK) - Guild of Physics

is a subject association, founded in 1947, which gathers under one roof all of Aalto's physics and mathematics students. Each FK member later specializes in either physics, mathematics or systems sciences, unless they are studying Quantum Technology. The guild's overalls are a natural white and in order to achieve the right shade Fuksis dye their own overalls with tea.



Prodeko - Guild of Industrial Engineers

was founded in 1966. 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 for the first time in November at the Sikajuhlat (literally "pig party" = Cännärit of Prodeko), to which you are also warmly welcome!



Nuoret Designerit (NuDe) - Young Designers

is the association for the Department of Design in ARTS. NuDe was founded already in 1986, before NuDe's former home, the University of Art and Design, was merged with the faculty of Architecture- forming what is now known as Aalto ARTS. NuDe members can be spotted in their design student 'uniform': the Vapputakki ("Wappu jacket"). Its pattern changes yearly, although it is named after the first pattern 'Vappu flower'.



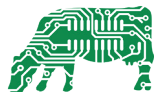
Automaatio- ja systeemiteknikan kilta (AS) - Guild of Automation and Systems Technology

members, sometimes known as aASit (ASses), can be identified by their violet overalls, the left sleeve of which is black. The black sleeve of Telecommunications students also has a white pocket to recognise their SIK accomplishments. The back of the overalls sports the guild's logo and the words "Aivan Sama" ("whatever"), which AS members can sometimes be heard shouting. Since 2018, the guild has also been accepting Digital Systems and Design students.



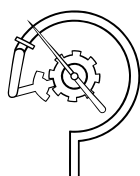
Athene - Guild of Information Networks

is the subject association for Information Networks, established in 1999. While it may be one of the smaller and younger guilds of Otaniemi, it is all the more lively and jolly for it. Members of Athene can be identified by their forest green overalls and their logo: Athena's eye. The overalls are decorated by a black left sleeve to commemorate their computer science roots.



Inkubio - Guild of Bioinformation Technology

was founded in 2007 and is thus Otaniemi's second youngest guild. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Ikubio's overalls are a reddish brown, and 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.



Prosessiteekkarit (PT) - Process Engineers

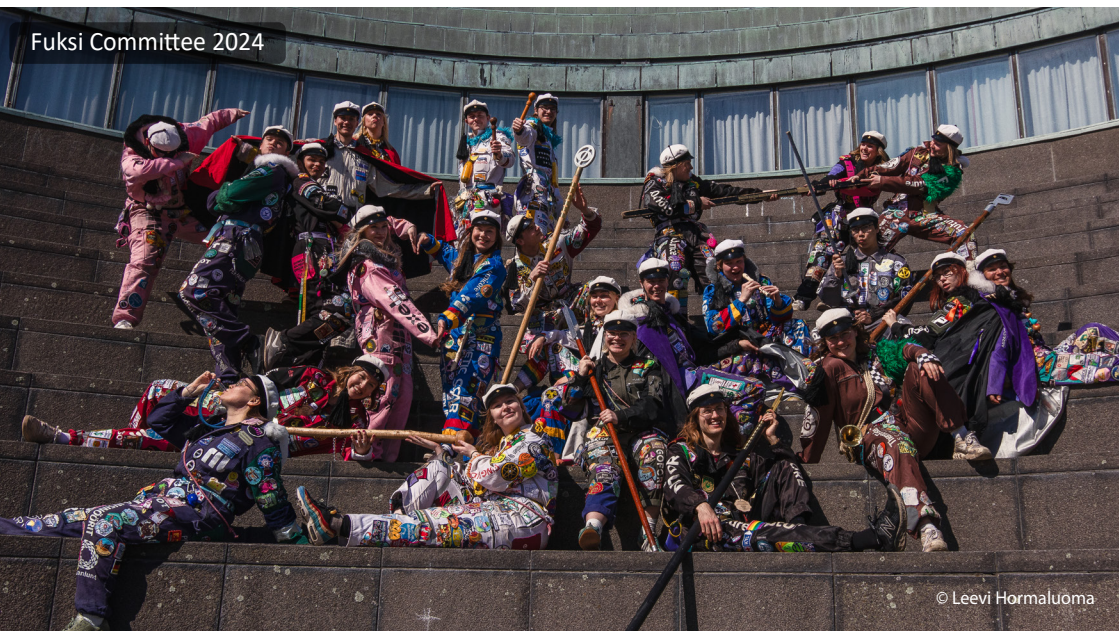
founded in 2012 PT receives all of the Fuksis from the School of Chemical Engineering, including, since 2019, those from the english bachelor programme. Members of PT sport blue overalls whose legs and sleeves are decorated with yellow, red and blue stripes. The stripes commemorate the school's old guilds which used to accept Fuksis. PT members are characterised by their chant of "Pumppu, Tase!"



Data Guild (DG)

is the guild for students of the Data Science bachelor programme. Founded in 2019, Data Guild is Otaniemi's youngest guild. The current students of the guild can be identified by their black overalls with a silver left sleeve. In the future Fuksis will get silver overalls with a black sleeve which will remind them of the time when students in the programme were still part of Tietokilta.

Fuksi Committee 2024



JÄYNIÄ

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HELLO FUKSI AND WELCOME TO AALTO COMMUNITY!

KY - AALTO UNIVERSITY BUSINESS STUDENTS

KY is a community of more than 3000 business students, "kylteris". Our purpose in the Aalto community is to cherish our 110-year-old traditions, uphold KY culture and advocate for our members. At the campus you can spot us in our dollar green overalls.

KY is home for hundreds of volunteers, who participate actively in KY's clubs, subject clubs, subcommittees and committees. They organize a wide selection of activities to make sure that everyone gets the most out of their time in the university. We have many traditional events that are also open for anyone in the Aalto community, such as the adventure competition Aalto City Challenge, Hukkaputki pub crawl and KY Wappu.

Website: ky.fi
Instagram @[@ky_1911](https://www.instagram.com/ky_1911)
TikTok @[@ky1911_](https://www.tiktok.com/@ky1911)

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PROBBA RY

Probba is the Student Association of Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus. All students who study at Mikkeli campus are members of Probba, bringing their size to around 240 members.





Website: probba.org
Instagram: [probbary](https://www.instagram.com/probbary)



Focus on *what matters*

Welcome to Aalto University! It's going to be a wild ride, so remember to take a breather whenever you need it. Maybe stop and smell the flowers. If you can't find any actual flowers, here's a game for you:

Find the four specified flowers in the field, and count how many of each there are. **Count the numbers together ($a+b+c+d=\text{NUMBER}$), and go to avp.aalto.fi/NUMBER for a small prize!**

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Aalto Ventures Program helps all Aalto students see through the noise and find their own thing. You'll learn how to think like an entrepreneur, see problems as opportunities, and know how to pick the right ones for solving. Our courses and open events focus on entrepreneurship, sustainability and well-being, and provide everyone with tools for building a better future — for both yourself and the planet. Someone's gotta save those flowers..

Follow us for more!

Teekkari Culture and Traditions

Traditions and a twinkle in the corner of their eyes since 1872. The long history of Teekkaris has brought about countless traditions and created a multifaceted culture around technical university students.

Teekkari culture and traditions don't exist in a vacuum – they are shaped by both time and place. As is the nature of traditions, from time to time some older ones die and new ones are born. Additionally, what may be a dying tradition in one part of Finland might be a new and exciting one in another Teekkari community. During the Fuksi year it is highly recommended to participate in events with students from another locality!

It would be impossible to cover all the facets of Teekkari culture and the plethora of different traditions within the covers of this book. However, we will cover some key aspects of what it means to be a Teekkari in the following sections.

During your Fuksi year you will experience and learn a lot about the Teekkari culture and traditions. Look forward to a chance to visit the Teekkari Museum on a guided tour!

Teekkari Cap

The Teekkari cap is the symbol of Teekkari, and its appearance changes slightly based on which university it is tied to. The current form of the cap in Otaniemi has been worn here for already over one hundred years. In many ways it is reminiscent of Finnish high school graduation caps, but its hexagonal shape, black bushy tassel, and gear

wheel cockade communicate the carrier's dignity and value from afar.

With this great distinction comes great responsibility – and rules. The tasseled cap is a summer cap, and therefore it can only be worn from 1.5. to 30.9.. During the winter, wearing the cap requires a valid reason, as well as a written permission from the Aalto University Student Union (AYY)'s Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto).

The Teekkari cap cannot be worn by just anyone – permission for its use must be earned. Every Fuksi that gathers enough Fuksi points during their first year of studies may place the cap on their heads at midnight on the potentially organized Wappu. Should enough points not be earned, the cap can be worn slightly later, after mothers' day. In the fall the cap is removed during the Lakinlaskiaiset (lit. "cap downing") event.

Overalls

Overalls are an accessory from which Teekkari can be recognized. They are worn in several events in which participants move around in public as Teekkari. Every guild has its own overalls, and they are like a uniform for these guilds. Students traditionally decorate their overalls in several different ways, for example by sewing on patches that they have traded with others or by exchanging parts of their overalls. In some cases the location of a patch or overall piece may have a special meaning: for example, a pant leg is often exchanged between partners in a relationship.

The Computer Science Guild's overalls are shiny and black, and are adorned with the guild's unofficial @-logo on the back. As the story goes, the Computer Science Guild chose black as its color as its parent guild, the Guild of Electrical Engineering has white overalls, and an opposing color was wanted.





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Sitsit

Sitsit are an academic table party, where participants sit at tables and eat a three-course (entrée, main, and dessert) meal. The main point of sitsit, however, is to spend the evening in good company – and to sing! Sitsit also often include some activities and performances. Sitsit naturally also have their own sitsit-etiquette and general good behavior. There are many kinds of sitsit. There are fancy sitsit, where one dresses nicely and strives to behave most appropriately, without sacrificing fun. These kinds of sitsit usually include a dress code of dark suits for men and cocktail dresses for women. The second type of sitsit are themed, where the etiquette is slightly less strict and the dress code goes in accordance to the theme.

Singing Culture

Singing is an important part of Teekkari parties, and here Teekkaris are renowned for making up in enthusiasm for what they lack in talent. For this reason, for instance at academic dinners, songs are usually led by a Master of Ceremony who can actually sing them correctly. Singing

culture is also evident in collaboration between Teekkaris, also in many Teekkari choirs, the best known of which, at least around Otaniemi, are the Polytech Choir and Dominante. To support this singing culture, several Teekkari songbooks have also been published, which contain numerous popular Teekkari songs from down the years.

An excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to sitsit is the Fuksi Sitsit being held at the very beginning of the fall!

Tempaus

Tempaus is a way for Teekkaris to affect current affairs with a bit of humor, but still seriously.

The idea behind tempaus is to utilize the mass force of Teekkaris to bring attention to a common problem to a large audience. Sometimes a tempaus might involve raising money for public good. A tempaus can't be organized just like that. In Otaniemi, a tempaus is called to action by the Rugged-bearded Engineer, whose call obligates all tasseled people to work together for the common good. This bearded man shouts irregularly regularly roughly once in four years

You are lucky to be in Otaniemi just in time for Tempaus, as the call for it was made just last spring and so it is going to happen this autumn! Follow <https://www.tempaus.fi/> for the updates!

The previous time a call went out was in 2016 for Tempaus2016, during which Aalto students visited almost 1500 primary schools across Finland to talk about the importance of education. Other well-known tempaus are Temppu66 from 1966, during which the Helsinki University of Technology (TKK, nowadays Aalto University) moved from Helsinki to the current Otaniemi campus, and the 2009 Mahtavaa! Ihanaa! Räjättää! ("Amazing! Wonderful! Explosions!") tempaus for the founding of Aalto University during which students created a massive human chain to link all the 3 Aalto campuses to signify solidarity.



Sauna Culture

Not exclusive to the student culture, but of course important in Finland in general. The most important thing is that you do, what feels good for you - the sauna is there to relax and enjoy. That means on the one hand that you can go in a swimsuit, even if many students here don't need more than a towel to go to sauna at events. It means that you don't ever have to go to sauna if you are uncomfortable with it. It also means that the sauna is a special place where we respect each others privacy - let other people be as they are, don't make a big deal out of it. Whatever is the best way for you to have or not have a sauna, expect that people here will go often at events.

(Possible) Wappu - May Day

Wappu is the most important party of the year and involves different traditions depending on the area. At Otaniemi, these include the declaration of Wappu rowdiness on Wappu eve and permission to don the Teekkari cap at the stroke of midnight. At Otaniemi, the Wappu celebrations

begin if and when the Fuksi Major decides to arrange Wappu. At Otaniemi, traditional signs of Wappu are a presentation of various pranks and tricks and the launch parties of the Wappu magazines, which should under no circumstances be missed in your Fuksi year! April promises many other great events, particularly for Fuksis, but let's keep them secret until the spring...

Wappu Magazines

Teekkari's Wappu magazines are a sure sign of spring and the coming of Wappu. Wappu magazines are humorous publications whose level of humour varies from head to toe. The proceeds from magazine sales support all kinds of Teekkari activities, all the way from building saunas to arranging concerts and comedy nights. Naturally, magazine sellers also receive a share of the profits. Selling Wappu magazines is, after all, a popular way for Teekarists to earn a little extra for the Wappu festivities. Wappu magazines vary from area to area, and at Otaniemi, since 1978, between Äpy and Julkku, which are published in alternate years. Next Wappu, it is the turn of Äpy.



Harrassment Contact Persons

Hi fuksis!

I'm Joonas, the equality officer and one of the harassment contact persons for Tietokilta. My role, along with the other harassment contact persons in the guild, is to develop our activities to be more equal. We believe it is essential to have a safe atmosphere in the guild where everyone feels welcome just as they are.

You can reach out to us if you experience or witness any form of harassment, discrimination, or other inappropriate behavior at guild events. Based on our ethical guidelines, Tietokilta has a zero-tolerance policy for harassment, so feel free to contact us without hesitation. The easiest way to reach us is by email at hairinta@tietokilta.fi. All conversations are completely confidential and will be conducted on your terms.

Some guild events have designated harassment contact persons listed, who can be contacted during the event. You can also reach out to other event organizers; they can direct you to the appropriate person. If no specific harassment contact person is mentioned for an event, you can contact the main event organizer (listed on the event page). For the headstart, orientation week, and other freshman events, these contact is your international captain, Kirilli! If anything concerns you after the event, feel free to send an email.

The role of harassment contact persons is relatively new in the guild, so you can contact us if you think any aspect of equality needs improvement: guild activities should evolve with the times and reflect the current members!

Congratulations on your study place from me as well, and see you at the events this fall!

Joonas Sorvari
Equality Officer of Tietokilta



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Otaniemi - English Dictionary

A-Bloc	Big building with Otaniemi's Metro station and shops, see also Väre	HOPS (Henkilökohtainen opintosuunnitelma)	Personal study plan. Made by degree students at the start of their degree, but changeable later.
AK (Arkkitehtikilta)	Guild of Architecture	HUT = TKK	Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011
Alvari	A student cafeteria in the under-graduate cante	HY	University of Helsinki
Alvarin aukio	A grass park located between the undergraduate center and AYYs office.	HY	Helsingin Yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta
Amfi	Amphitheater at Otakaari 1.	IE (Isäntä ja Emäntä)	Host and Hostess of the Guild
ARTS	Aalto university School of Arts, Design and Architecture.	IK (Rakennus-insinöörikilta)	The Guild of Civil Engineers
AS (Automaatio- ja systeemitekniikan kilta)	The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology	Inkubio	Guild of bioinformation technology
assistentti, assari	Course or research assistant, usually holds excersise sessions for courses.	Innopoli	Bussiness center in Otaniemi
Athene	The guild of information-networks students	IRC	Internet Relay Chat, a communication device for computer scientists, in recent years it has lost popularity to Telegram
AYY	Aalto university's student union	ISO(henkilö) = Tutor	Student, who in addition to his/her/* own studies, helps Fuksis as good as he/she/* can.
AYY-kalenteri / AYY-calendar	Free booklet calendar, also student unions yearly information blast	JMT (Jämeräntaival)	One of the streets in Otaniemi where students live
AYY:n palvelupiste / AYY service office	AYY services office in Otaniemi, located at Otakaari 11. You can handle all things related to the student union here.	Julkku	Wappu magazine that is published in even years.
BIZ	The School of Business	jäynä	A good natured Teekkari style prank
CHEM	The School of Chemical Engineering	keto (keskustoimisto)	= AYY office, at Otakaari 11
Cännärit	Also called Cänniballs in earlier times. A big party organized by the Fuksis of the computerscience guild.	KIK (Koneinsinöörikilta)	The Guild of Mechanical Engineers
DI (Diplomi-insinööri)	Finnish Master's level academic degree. Official english translation is Master of Science.	Kiltahuone, kiltis	Guild room. A room for all students in a guild.
Dipoli	Official main building of Aalto university, also works as a celebration space.	KK (Kemistikilta)	The Chemistry Guild
ELEC	School of Electrical Engineering	Kvarkki	Student canteen in Otakaari 3
ENG	School of Engineering	KV- (Kansainvälisyys-)	international
Etno	Otaniemis grill, A.K.A. X-burger. Stays open untill late into the night!	KVTMK (Kansainvälisyystoimikunta)	International Committee, formed by the international captains of the guilds, responsible for big events for the international community.
excursio	Or excu, an excursion to a firm or to somewhere in the world.	KV-vastaava	International Captain. Is an equivalent of the Fuksi captain for international / Master students.
FK (Fyysikkokilta)	The guild of physics	KY (Kauppakorkeakoulun Ylioppilaskunta)	The Foundation for Business Students in Aalto University (KY Foundation)
FTMK (Fuksitoimikunta)	Fuksi committee, formed by the Fuksi captains of the guilds, responsible for big events involving all Fuksis	kyleri	A Business student in Aalto
Fuksi	A technological student who studies the first time at Aalto, turns into a Teekkari after the first year.	lafka	A school or a department in Aalto
Fuksikapteeni / Fuksi captain	Leads the Finnish BA students through their first year. Organizes also events for you, in cooperation with others.	laskarit	Sessions organized by a course, where you can get help from the course assistants
Gorsu	A sauna in the basement of JMT 5.	M0 (Muistinnollaus)	"Memory reset", The computer science guild's annual celebration.
		Maarintalo, Maari	Used to be a building with a lot of computer classrooms, open 24/7. They are moved to otakaari 1 now

MK (Maanmittarikilta)	The Guild of Surveying Engineers
museo	A museum showcasing the history of the Teekkari, holding many historical relics, located at JMT 3.
MyCourses	A portal where you can find all information about your courses.
n:th year student	Student who has been in the university over 4 years.
OK20	A facility owned by AYY used for events. Is split in three rooms and has a sauna, located at Otakaari 20.
Oodi	Former now SISU
op (opintopiste), noppa,	Credit. A unit to measure study effort, courses have varying credits and one is equal to around 27 hours of work.
Ossi	Ossi Törrönen, Teekkari villages first longtime-leader, Teekkari h.c
Otaniemipeli, Otaniemi Game	Guild's legendary drinking game played about twice a year.
OUBS	A student association, that for example streams and records big student events in Otaniemi.
Päälafka, päärakennus, Undergraduate Center, main building	Otakaari 1, contains teaching & studying facilities and a canteen. Official main building before Dipoli, some people still call it the main building.
Paniikki	Literally 'Panic' in English, a computer class located at CS-building, next to the guild room.
PJK (Puunjalostajakilta)	Forest Products Guild
Prodeko	The guild of Industrial Engineering and Management
pruju	Teaching handout or more generally any copy.
PT (Prosessiteekkarit)	The Association of Process Engineers
Rantsu (Rantasauna)	"Beachsauna", located in the student village near the shore, owned by AYY.
rekursio	Recursion, see rekursio
SCI	School of Science (You're part of it!)
SIK (Sähköinsinöörikilta)	Guild of Electrical Engineering
sillis	A breakfast enjoyed after a party night, usually sitsit. Biggest sillis happens on Wappu at Ullanlinnanmäki.
SISU	Information system for studying and teaching (HOPS is made there)
sitsit	Formal student party, themed social evening with rules, where you usually eat, drink and sing songs.
Smökki	"Servin mökki", Servi's cottage, once a canteen but now frequently used for sitsit and parties.
SMT, Servin Maijan tie	Road in Otaniemi

speksi	A musical with humour in which the audience can participate by shouting "Omstart!"
Teekkari	One who has earned the tassell, an engineer. Usual evolution from Fuksi.
Teekkari h.c. (honoris causa)	A honorary Teekkari title, can also be granted to non-Teekkaris.
Teekkari kylä, Teekkari village	The student village, an area in Otaniemi where around 2500 students live.
Teekkarilakki, Teekkari Cap	Waiting for you, earliest at Wappu.
Teekkari perinneviikko, Teekkari tradition week	First week of december, when we celebrate the Teekkari traditions, the climax is the Teekkari Tradition party.
TEK	Trade union of engineers and architects
Telegram	Mobile chat program which almost everyone uses in Otaniemi
TF	Teknologiföreningen ("Täffä"), swedish speaking students society at Aalto University. Also canteen, famous for it's wednesday pasta.
TiK (Tietokilta)	Literally "Knowledge Guild", actually computer science guild, your guild!
TKK = HUT	Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011
TKY	The student union of Helsinki University of Technology.
TOKYO	A student organization which aims to bring together students of Aalto University's school of Arts, Design and Architecture.
Trinet	Campus area network
T-talo, CS-building	The computer science building
TUAS	Building behind T-talo, lecture halls.
Tupsufuksi, tassell Fuksi	Second year student (a Teekkari, despite the name)
Tutor	= ISO
Väre	Big building, home for ARTS. Connected to A-Bloc and BIZ building. A-Bloc and Väre also used as synonym for the whole building complex. Metro station is underneath.
VK (Vuorimieskilta)	Literally "Mountain man guild", guild for students in the programme of Materials Science and Engineering
vuosijuhla, vuju	Annual celebration for a guild or an association. Events, party, fine dresses and food for up to a week.
Wappu	The biggest celebration. Teekkari's second Christmas in spring. Most important: 30.04 - 01.05.
YTHS (Ylioppilaiden Terveystieteiden Säätiö)	FHS (Finnish student health service) in English.
Äpy	A wappu magazine which appears during odd years. Comes in various forms.

Where to get information?

Telegram

Telegram is the main communication platform used in Otaniemi. All guilds and associations have their own telegram groups where they announce upcoming events and help each other.

Remember to join the international fuksi chat of Tietokilta by scanning the QR code or clicking the link: t.me/+ts-i5--EerwwZmQy



You don't need a smartphone to use Telegram. Additional information on using Telegram is available at www.telegram.org

Here are a few more links to Telegram groups:

t.me/aaltomarketplace

t.me/annetaantavaraa

for buying and selling things like furniture, for example.

English info and guild groups:

t.me/TiKinternationalinfo

t.me/tikenglish

E-Mail

You will receive e-mails from the university and the international captain. In case you become a member of the guild you can ensure to end up on the mailing list of Tietokilta to receive the weekly newsletter. Especially after the first year it's an important source of information since no one else will tell you about ongoing stuff anymore.

The guild's website

At www.tietokilta.fi you will find information about upcoming events. While the english side of the web page might seem lacking, our new page will have more information (when they are finished that is...)

Kide.app

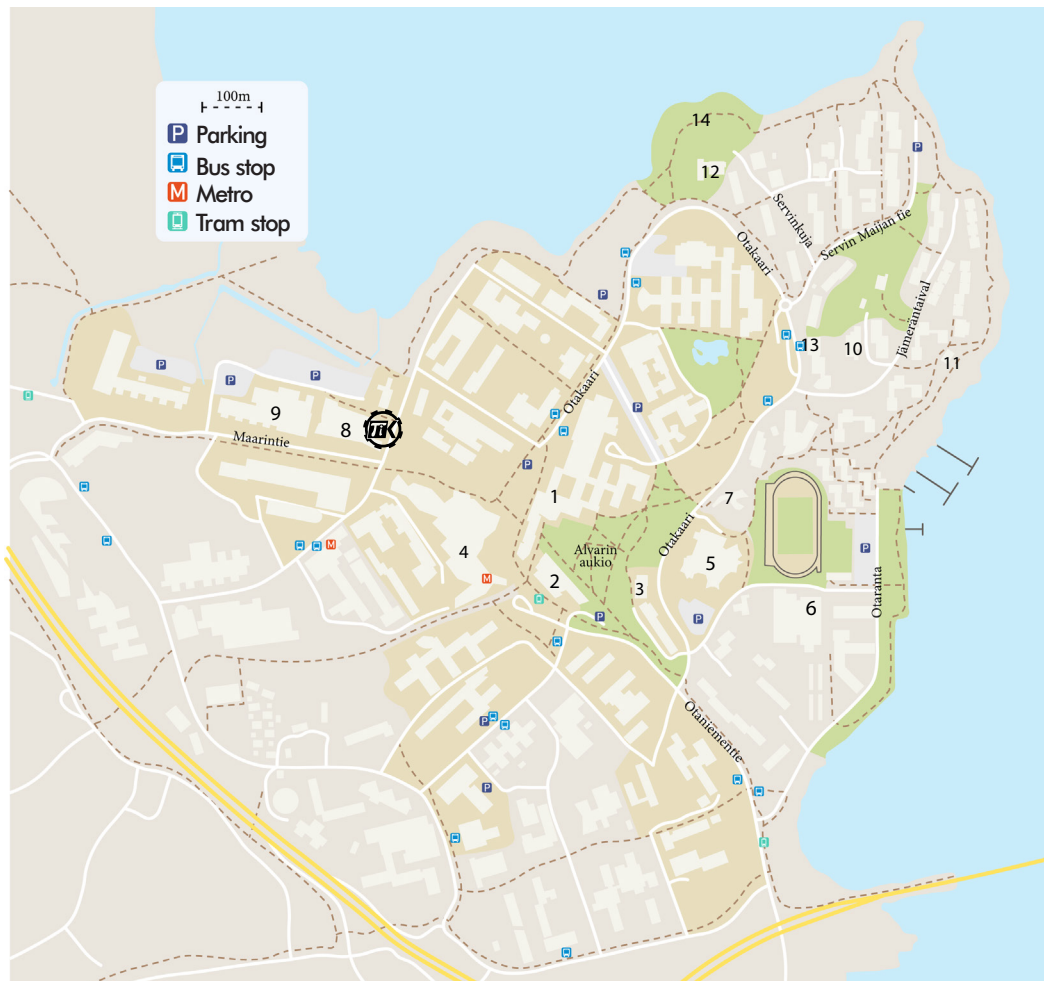
Kide.app is a platform for buying, using and sending tickets to certain events. The guild membership is paid through Kide.app so make sure to download it! Being a member of the guild is mandatory if you wish to attend our events.

kide.app/memberships/27218669-d5e2-42d1-9e76-358062290ca1




Emails are often used for university announcements. You will receive important announcements and instructions by email, so check for messages from your school regularly! Don't forget to check the spam folder!

Map of Otaniemi



1. Undergraduate Center, main building
2. Main library
3. AYY's office
4. Väre and A-Bloc
5. Dipoli
6. Otahalli (Unisport)
7. Täffä
8. T-talo, CS-building

9. TUAS
10. Smökki
11. Rantasauna or Rantsu
12. YTHS / FSHS
13. Ossinsauna
14. Niemenkärki / cape corner
-  Tietokilta's Guild room

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- is studying towards a Bachelor's or Master's degree at a Finnish higher education institution
- has registered as an attending student for the current semester.

Read more about paying the healthcare fee for students in higher education and exemptions to it at kela.fi/healthcare-fee. Please note exchange students are currently not eligible to use FSHS services.

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with our Self online service and start using Self right at the start of your studies. There you can, for example, update your contact information, manage health-related matters easily with service forms, use chat services and manage your appointments. More information at yths.fi/en/self-info.

Read more about our services and accessing them on our website at yths.fi/en/using-services/for-new-student/.



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Checklist

Before I move to campus (before mid to end of august)

- » I have acquired or applied for an apartment in Helsinki Metropolitan area
- » I have the official documents necessary for me to enter Finland, study, live...
- » I have organized my journey to Finland (booked a flight, etc.)
- » I have joined the telegram group for International Fuksis 2024
- » I have enjoyed the summer and prepared for the semester

Before the beginning of school (before 26.08)

- » I have paid the AYY membership fee in time for my program
- » I have paid the membership fee for Tietokilta / CS-guild
- » I have figured out the best way for me to travel around the area
- » I go to the headstart event on the 18.8 at 2pm at Alvarin aukio (see p. 18)

On the first day (Monday 26.08.)

- » In the afternoon I arrive in time at the announced location
- » I know the group letter of my tutor group
- » I have AYY's membership fee receipt with me
- » I have money for lunch and beverages
- » I have my identity card with me
- » I have time until night
- » I have clothes to spend the night by the campfire
- » I know how to get home after the day

During the first weeks

- » I have the (electronic) student card / AYY's membership fee receipt with me
- » I have the HSL card / app, if I need with student status for discount
- » I read the incoming information in chats
- » I have an open-minded and happy attitude
- » I am free during the evenings / nights and ready to meet new people