

Another perspective

The multidisciplinary experts at the School of Arts, Design and Architecture create better living environments and change the world through artistic means

Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture (Aalto ARTS) educates towards the future with a focus on fostering a more innovative society. Our programs prepare students to be global citizens; providing graduates who contribute to their communities focusing on collaborative, compassionate, and unconventional solutions to some challenges facing the world today. As new generations are faced with constant reinvention we must embrace more imaginative, intuitive, and aware ways of working. Aalto ARTS advocates for this what if approach at all levels. Through our multidisciplinary studies we move beyond academic silos, bridging the fields of art, technology, and business to forge something anew.

At Aalto ARTS societal challenges and wicked problems are tackled with a human approach highlighting personal, emotional, and embodied experiences. Design in all scales of human environment and everyday life builds on our design tradition over many fields and embraces the expanding role of design in the development of products (large and small), the built environment, and services. Here also the power of stories – meanings and expressions; storytelling – is understood and applied within diverse contexts, such as images, films, games, texts, and multi-sensory productions.

Research is core to Aalto ARTS' identity. We develop our research practice as a strategic long-term, experimental, and academic activity paving the way for future art and cultural activities through insight and understanding in multicultural and multidisciplinary contexts. We model a culture of sharing by embracing new ways of planning, producing, and distributing. The relationship between consumers and designers is ever-changing, and so a newly co-created notion of design must become accessible and necessary as new service fields and industries emerge.

<https://www.aalto.fi/aalto-university-stories>
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/collaboration>

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Academic information

Programmes in English

Master's programmes (M.Sc. & M.A.)

Animation, Architecture, Cinematography, Collaborative and Industrial Design, Contemporary Design, Design for Theatre, Film and Television, Fashion, Clothing and Textile Design, Film and Television, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, New Media, Nordic Visual Studies and Art Education, Photography, Visual Communication Design, Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art

Multidisciplinary programmes (M.Sc. & M.A.):

Creative Sustainability (with School of Business and School of Engineering), International Design Business Management (IDBM, with School of Business and School of Science) and Urban Studies and Planning (with School of Engineering and University of Helsinki)

University Wide Art Studies (UWAS):

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/research-art/university-wide-art-studies>

Application information

Students interested in an exchange at the School of Arts, Design and Architecture are first to contact the study abroad coordinator at their home universities. The School of Arts, Design and Architecture accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities only. After being nominated by the home universities the students will receive a link to an online application form. Students are to provide a CV, a photo, portfolio and a transcript of records as attachments. Once the application is completed and if approved, the students will receive an official letter of acceptance. More information at into.aalto.fi > New Students / Incoming Exchange Students

Application dates:

March 15 - April 15 and September 15 - October 15

Language requirements

Although no official test records of English like TOEFL or IELTS are required, we expect nominated students to be proficient in English both in writing and in communicating in the classroom in order to fulfill the course assignments. The home institution verifies students' proficiency prior to nominating them to Aalto. The expected level of English proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6,5 (total) or TOEFL 92 (total).

Visa requirements

Depending on the nationality and the length of stay, the student may need a visa or a residence permit. Students should immediately proceed with the visa/residence permit application after receiving the letter of acceptance as the process takes up to 8 weeks. Travel arrangements should only be made once the visa/residence permit has been issued. Information about Finnish consulates and embassies can be found at forin.finland.fi.

Housing

In the Helsinki region there are two large student housing organizations that Aalto works with: HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region) and AYY (Aalto University Student Union). Student apartments typically consist of 3-5 bedrooms, a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom. Student apartments are situated around the Helsinki area. Students apply for housing directly through the above organizations.

Health insurance

By joining the Aalto University Student Union students are entitled to the services provided by the Student Health Service (YTHS) (valid until 31.12.2020). The service does not cover all medical costs, so international students are expected to have a medical insurance of their own. For some international students it is mandatory to have a medical insurance in order to get a residence permit in Finland.

On campus services

Group training and gym are offered by Unisport. There is a campus wide wireless network available.

Useful links:

<https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en>

<https://www.espoo.fi/en-US>

<https://www.hsl.fi/>

