

# DATA GUILD



**FUKSI GUIDE 2023**





## *Hello, Data Science fuksi!*

This guide contains useful information for you  
You should at least read the first page and last pages  
containing the links, map and checklist

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# Fuksi Captain's Greetings.

Hello there!

Welcome to Data Guild! I'm Pranava Varshan, your Fuksi Captain. I'm here to ensure you have an incredible first year and a smooth transition into university life. Alongside me is Christian Guidikov, the Tutor Coordinator, and an amazing team of tutors. Together, we'll make sure your entry into this new chapter is seamless and enjoyable.

In this Freshman Guide for 2023, you'll find essential information about your studies, university life, and all the wonderful things that Aalto has to offer. If you're short on time, I highly recommend going through the checklist and links provided, as they contain vital information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via Telegram, WhatsApp, email, or phone. Telegram is our primary communication channel for all activities at Aalto and Data Guild, so I recommend downloading it.

As an international student who arrived in Finland with little knowledge of what Aalto had in store, I can confidently say that my time here has been amazing. The vibrant student life and rich culture continue to astonish me. Within Data Guild, our tight-knit community fosters a warm and welcoming environment.

I encourage you to participate in as many events as possible and trust me, every Freshman event at Data Guild is guaranteed to be a banger!





Studying is also an important part of being a student (it surprised me too!). Attending exercise sessions with your classmates is highly recommended. Additionally, Data Guild organizes the famous Pre-exam party before each exam week, helping you unwind and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Getting involved in Data Guild and the Fuksi community is a fantastic way to make the most of your time here. Whether you attend events, contribute to the organization, or even consider joining the board, there are plenty of opportunities within our vibrant student life. You can also explore Teekkari culture or join one of the many associations in Otaniemi. From Heavy Metal to cocktail making or pole dancing, there's something for everyone!

Remember, there's a wealth of possibilities for you to explore, but nothing you absolutely have to do. Use this opportunity to try out different activities, discover your passions, and find what works best for you.

Once again, welcome to Data Guild! Your first year as a Freshman is a unique experience, so embrace it fully and enjoy every moment.

See you soon!



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*Don't forget to join our Fuksi Telegram group! There you can get to know your tutors and fellow fuksis before orientation week, and get all the info regarding the upcoming events.*

*You can find the link in your emails from the school and here:*

*<https://t.me/+G1Jr4bs8mVBINGNI>*



# Tutor Coordinator's Greetings.

Heyyy y'all!

A warm welcome to the Data Science program and to Data Guild!

Congrats on making it here, now prepare for the most exciting part of your life, being a student! We know that there is a big part of unknown, especially when moving to a new place, having to make new friends and starting your studies. Thankfully, you are of course not alone in this situation, and on top of the amazing first years you'll be able to meet, there are also tutors here to help guide you in this adventure! These people carry the "Tutor" title on Telegram, and can be identified by their tutor shirts, caps and silver/black overalls! They are second year students or older, so you can greatly benefit from their past experience and knowledge! If at any point you have questions regarding life here in Aalto or in Finland, feel free to ask them. With 25 tutors this year, we will try our best to answer your questions and find solutions together to any problems you may encounter.

I very highly recommend that you try to attend the events we will be organising for y'all during orientation week and during the year! This is best place to meet your new friends, amazing tutors and have tons of fun! You'll be learning a lot about Aalto, Teekkari culture and all the different traditions that will make your experience here super unique and fun! Before the begin of the year we will divide you into smaller groups (called fuksi groups), where you will get to explore campus and play games together with your tutors!

In the meantime, have an amazing summer and hope to see you really soon!

*Christian Guidikov*

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# Fuksis of the Year.

Hiya fuksis! Welcome to Aalto University and to Data Guild! DG is our very own organization with its own board, committees (both of which you can join) and a whole host of events. I'm so excited for all of you students entering your first year!

The beginning of the year will help get you settled into university life, while offering your first glimpse into Teekkari culture. The year will be packed with events, consisting of sitsit dinner parties, bar crawls, chill hangouts, speksi theatre and a whole lot more, culminating in May Day, or better known as WAPPU!

Aalto and Data Guild can offer you so many opportunities and experiences to make these next few years the best years of your life! I encourage you all to make the most out of it and I can't wait to meet you all. See you soon!

## **Tony Heinola**

*Fuksi of the year*



Hello, fuksi of 23! Welcome to the guild internationalen of Otaniemi!

Whether you have been singing teekkari hymn next to your bed for the last six month in anticipation of the greatness that is Otaniemi, or are not quite sure yet what even is a teekkari, I am looking forward to you all experiencing the teekkari life. Fear not as there is no one right way to be a teekkari. Teekkari is a state of mind and we all got a mind of our own.

There will be events special tailored just for you fuksis, so jump in and have a great time! I sure did last year when I was a fuksi!

*Can I now see my family again Pranav? NO*

## **Toivo Palmén**

*Fuksi of the year*

Dear Fuksis, welcome to Data Guild!

Since we are a very international guild, we understand that transitioning to a new country can be daunting at first. Data Guild is committed to creating a welcoming environment for everyone, with English as the primary language of communication. Our diverse community will ensure you feel at home and provide support as you navigate the Finnish university experience.

We believe that our differences make us stronger and enrich our community, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and respect. As you embark on this thrilling chapter of your academic life, make the most of your Fuksi year. Attend as many events as you can, forge new friendships, and embrace the Teekkari culture that is a cherished part of Aalto University. Remember, Data Guild is your platform to explore, learn, and create lasting traditions.

With Pranav as your captain, leading the way with his enthusiasm and expertise, I can confidently say that your journey at Aalto University will be extraordinary. We are excited to have you on board, and we can't wait to see the incredible contributions you will make. Cheers to an amazing Fuksi year!

### **Ojaswi Tyagi**

*Fuksi of the Year*

Why hello new fuksi, and welcome to your new life at Aalto University!

I encourage you to participate in everything that Data Guild organises in your first year, so you know what to prioritise in the years to come. However, in the midst of the studies and partying, maybe you'll want to try a new hobby?

There are dozens of associations and groups you can join, most of them for free or with student-friendly prices. The themes of the associations range from sports, games, arts, music and pretty much every hobby imaginable to international associations, groups tackling social issues, or bringing young entrepreneurs together. If you can imagine it, the association probably exists. And if it doesn't, it's pretty easy to start your own!

I hope you have an amazing start of year and I can't wait to meet you all at orientation week!





# Orientation Week & Beyond.

The fuksi year is full of amazing events, many of which you can only experience once. The most important thing is that you have fun, not that you can tick all the boxes. Take part in anything that sounds interesting and enjoy yourself to the fullest. The fuksi captain strongly recommends you attend every event during orientation week if possible. This will help you get started with your university life.

In this section, you find an overview of events for Fuksis coming up in early Autumn. This list does not cover every event so keep your eyes open for more events at <https://dataguild.fi> closer to the date that they happen.

*You will receive more information regarding each of these events in the Fuksis'23 telegram group!*

## **Before orientation week**

### **Saturday, 26.8 - Headstart**

If you're already in Finland, come to the head start to get to know your tutors and fellow fuksis. The head start begins at Alvarin aukio.

## **28.8 - 30.8: Orientation Week**

### **Monday, 28.8 - Campus Tour**

We will start the orientation week with a tour of the campus and a fuksi sauna night in a luxurious rooftop sauna.

### **Tuesday, 29.8 - DG Checkpoint Crawl**

Come experience a staple student event in Otaniemi! The checkpoint crawl is a fun way to get to know the campus and is filled with games and activities.

### **Wednesday, 30.8 - OtaOrienteering and University Info**

Morning, the university hosts a program orientation for our major. Evening, OtaOrienteering (Otasuunnistus), a checkpoint crawl where every possible organization in Aalto is hosting a checkpoint.

### **Thursday, 31.8 - Chill and Hang**

We take it easy and relax with some board games. This is to ensure that everyone is in the best possible condition for the final two days. There is a fair hosted by Aalto in the morning and a lecture on Student Life.

## Friday, 1.9 - SClva and Teekkari Life

On Friday, you'll get to meet other students from the School of Science at the SClva event and have fun! You also have an opportunity to attend a lecture on Teekkari Life.

## Saturday, 2.9 - Fuksi Tournament

The final event of the orientation week awaits you. The Fuksi Tournament is a test of skill, intelligence and humour where you will face off against the tutors and the board of Data Guild!

## *Beyond orientation week*

## Tuesday, 5.9 - Aalto Day One

The famous Aalto Day One event where the university hosts a wild party and an even wilder afterparty.

## Thursday, 7.9 - StadiOrienteering

After getting to know Otaniemi it is time to head to the capital of Finland for a fun event around Helsinki. A great way to get to know Finland's capital city.

## Saturday, 16.9 - Fuksisitsit

Arguably one of the highlights of the autumn! Sitsis are a type of student dinner party with lots of singing. It's one of the most fancy sitsit of the year, and it's just for you fuksis. You'll get an introduction to sitsit and singing culture, good food and, most importantly, a really fun evening. ***You don't want to miss this!***





The following pages try to give a comprehensive overview over all the things you need to know for your student life. If you still have questions, feel free to ask!

## Moving to Finland

If you come from a non-EU/EEA country, you need to apply for a residence permit, which can take time. Apply early. EU citizens only need to register their right of residence, which also takes time. Find more information at [migri.fi/en](https://migri.fi/en). Within a week of arrival, submit a notification of move (see <https://dw.fi/en/moving>). Once registered as a permanent resident, you'll have access to municipal healthcare services. You'll receive a Finnish personal ID code, necessary for various activities like receiving a salary, getting a mobile phone connection, or opening a bank account.

Opening a Finnish bank account is advisable as it provides convenience and strong authentication for online services. Visit <https://www.aalto.fi/en/international-students/international-students> for more details.

## Housing:

Aalto University students can apply for affordable student housing through AYY and HOAS. First-year and non-metropolitan area students have priority, but availability is limited. Apply early, consider priority/bonus points, and accept any offer received. Studio apartments have long waiting lists, so first-year students usually receive offers for single rooms in shared apartments. If you can't get an apartment in time, don't worry! Contact the Fuksi Captain or your tutors and we'll try to arrange a roof over your head for the first few days.

Learn more at: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/housing-for-students>

## Financial Aid

If you are a Finnish citizen (or a foreigner under certain circumstances), apply for student financial aid and general housing as soon as you receive your study place. Financial aid includes a study grant, student loan, and subsidized meals (the latter is available for non-Finns). Apply online and earn 5 course credits per month to receive aid.





## Food:

In Otaniemi, there are several student restaurants offering a variety of food options at an affordable price of €2.95, including salad and bread. You can also enjoy student rates at restaurants outside Otaniemi. These meals are subsidized, so it's a great opportunity to eat well on a budget. To avail the student discount, show your student card physically or digitally through the Frank app. If you don't have a student card yet, the receipt for your student membership fee will suffice.

For grocery shopping, visit A Bloc, the shopping center in Otaniemi, near Väre and the Undergraduate center. You'll find K-Market and Alepa there. Other easily accessible shopping centers from Otaniemi include Ainoa in Tapiola, Iso Omena in Matinkylä, and Sello in Leppävaara.

Money-saving tip: Many supermarkets have discounted sections for expiring food, and Alepa offers a 60% discount on all bakery products after 22:00 every day.

All the student restaurants are marked in the map at the end of the booklet.

## Sports:

UniSport, the university sports service, provides affordable sports facilities and services for Aalto students. Gyms and sports centers are available in Otaniemi, the University of Helsinki's City Centre Campus, Kumpula, Meilahti, and Töölö. UniSport offers group training, ball sports, gyms, and various courses. Visit [www.unisport.fi](http://www.unisport.fi) for more details.

AYY (Aalto University Student Union) hosts various student associations for different sports, ranging from aikido and sailing to pole dancing. These associations allow you to practice sports alongside other students and offer group trainings and courses at student-friendly prices.

Learn more at [www.ayy.fi/en/list-of-associations/sports-and-camping](http://www.ayy.fi/en/list-of-associations/sports-and-camping)

## Getting Information:

For comprehensive information about your studies, student life, moving to Finland, and living there, refer to <https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide>. At the end of this guide, you'll find a collection of useful links. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask the Fuksi Captain, your tutors, or other students.

# Health Services.

## **FSHS:**

The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) offers health care services to students who have paid the health care fee. They provide general health, oral health, and mental health services. To effectively use FSHS, create an account on their online service self ([www.yths.fi/en/self](http://www.yths.fi/en/self)) for convenient appointment scheduling and changes. If FSHS is unavailable, municipal health care or health center emergency services can be used. International exchange students, doctoral students, continuing education students, and tailor-made education students are not covered by FSHS.

Find additional information at [yths.fi](http://yths.fi)

## **Aalto Study and Career Planning Psychologists:**

Aalto University's Psychology Service provides counseling and support for various areas, including learning, motivation, study skills, stress management, and career choices. You can make appointments or visit the Starting Point of Wellbeing without an appointment. Study psychologists assist with time management, motivation, study methods, and study-related stress. Career counseling psychologists help with career planning and transitioning to work.

Learn more at <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/student-services-psychologist-group>

## **Aalto Chaplains:**

Aalto's university chaplains are available to discuss work, personal relationships, or life situations confidentially. They are open to all members of the Aalto community regardless of their religion or worldview.

For more information visit <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/aalto-chaplains-provide-services-for-everyone-at-aalto>

## **Nyyti:**

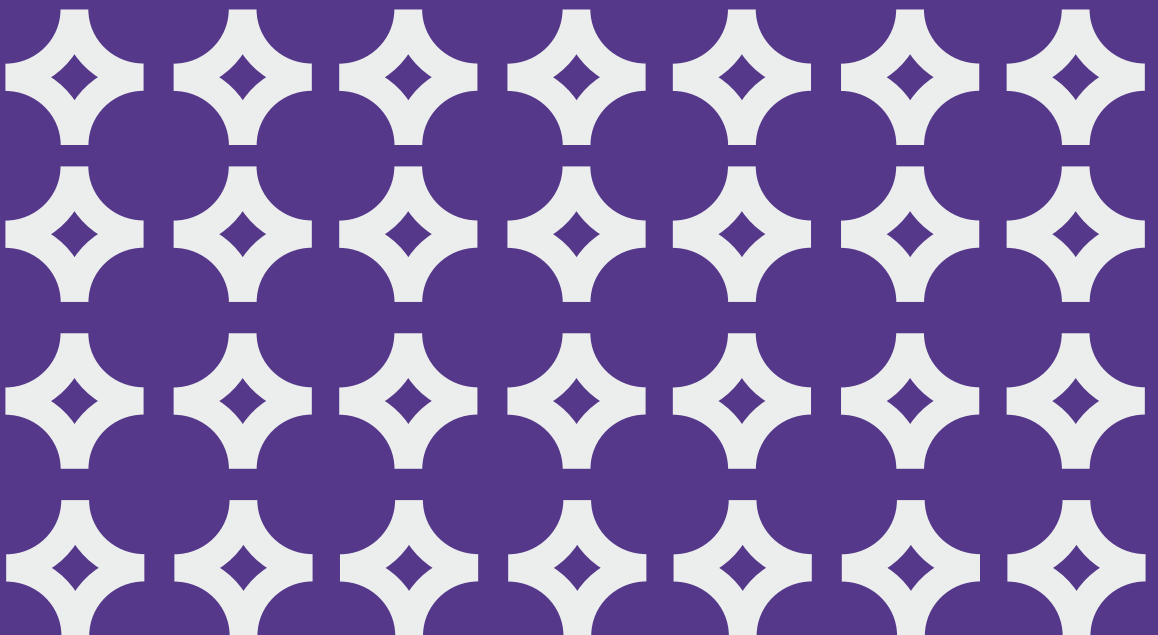
Nyyti, of which Aalto is a member, is a nationwide association dedicated to promoting the mental health and learning ability of students. They provide information, support, and advocacy for mental well-being and creating a mentally friendly study environment. They also work to normalize mental health problems.

Explore more at <https://www.nyyti.fi/en>



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Aalto University  
Student Union





## 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

- Around 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 [aay.fi](http://aay.fi). We compile all current information concerning students in the weekly newsletter published by email on Mondays.



@aay\_fi  
@aayhousing



Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunta - AYY  
AYY Housing



AYY Info  
AYY Events



Aalto University Student Union AYY



AYY\_FI



Student Union AYY

# Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!

Welcome to Aalto University and its student union, AYY! Here at the Student Union we aim to ensure that you can truly experience the best student's life in the world here at Aalto. Our wish is that every student feels good and safe in our student community, and that every one of us receives all the help and support they need for the entire duration of their studies.

You are stepping into a world of endless opportunities. We urge you to be curious, try new things, to learn and most of all to enjoy your time at Aalto. Don't be afraid even though finding your own passion and place in the world might seem like a big task and never fear mistakes. We are here to support you with all of your problems.

See you around!

**Mantė Žygelytė**

Board Member  
(New Students, Internationality  
and Equality)





# Services

## Student housing

AYY owns approximately 2,700 affordable student apartments in Helsinki and Espoo and offers a home for over 3,400 residents. All degree and exchange students who are members of AYY have the right to apply for AYY's housing. You can apply for housing as soon as your admission is confirmed by the university.

First-year students and students moving from outside the Helsinki metropolitan area are given priority in the allocation of housing. First-year students receive an additional score when they apply for AYY's shared apartment queues. To receive the score, students must apply for housing no later than in July or December, depending on when their studies begin.

You can browse and search for AYY's housing through the Domo system: [domo.ayy.fi](https://domo.ayy.fi). As a student, you can also apply for 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 this autumn. 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: Aava Community Section, 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 engineering 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. You can find the list of all benefits and discounts available with the student card on Frank's website at [frank.fi](http://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, during which it is not possible to enrol or pay the 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](http://frank.fi).

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

# Fuksi Major's Greetings.

Greetings new student of technology, dear fuksi,

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

My name is Ramzi El Geneidy, and I am your Fuksi Major. My task, together with the Fuksi Captains and tutors, is to make your first academic year unique and unforgettable. I work as a volunteer under the Aalto University Student Union, and I lead the Fuksi Committee, commonly known as FTMK, which consists of all of the Fuksi Captains from guilds and student associations in the field of technology that admit new fuksis.

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

Although Aalto University is a relatively young university, there have been us teekkaris for a century and a half. Teekkaris have been in Otaniemi since 1966, before which the school was situated in Helsinki. The most treasured distinction of teekkari, the teekkari cap, has been in our use since already 1893. I hope you keep the long history in mind as you explore the wonderful world of teekkari. During the decades a lot of traditions have been born, but likewise the culture has developed immensely. Indeed teekkari evolves constantly – and comprises everything fun and silly us teekkaris ever decide to do!

The teekkari community, into which you are warmly welcome, is unique in many ways. Teekkari promotes a sense of community and tolerance: teekkaris accept everyone just the way they are and don't leave anyone behind. The tasseled community aims to evoke cheer and joy both within itself and those around it, and outside Otaniemi, teekkaris are known among other things for their jäynäs (pranks), tempaus (good deeds) and teekkari songs.







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

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

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

I wish you a truly memorable fuksi year! <3

*Ramzi El Geneidy*

**Ramzi El Geneidy**  
Fuksi Major

# Phuxivatorns Hälsning.

Stora gratulationer till din studieplats, och välkommen till Aalto-universitetet! Du har gjort ett ypperligt val och nu väntar ett fantastiskt phuxår. Studietiden är en unik tid i ditt liv och jag hoppas du tar ut allt du kan av den. Jag är Rafaela von Frenckell, Phuxivator på Teknologföreningen, TF, i år. Min viktigaste uppgift under det kommande året är att ta hand om TF:s phuxar.

Teknologföreningen är den svenskspråkiga nationen vid Aalto-universitetet. Våra medlemmar är inte bara de som har svenska som modersmål eller talar det flytande, utan alla som är intresserade av det svenska språket, oberoende skola eller studieinriktning. Du behöver alltså inte kunna svenska för att bli medlem, utan bara vara ivrig att komma med i vår svenskspråkiga gemenskap. TF är till för alla, "ruotsinkielisille ja ruotsinmielisille"! Ta alltså tillfället i akt under de första dagarna vid Aalto att skriva in dig. Det kommer att ordnas en välkomstrundvandring på TF:s nationshus Urdsdjallar för ditt gille under introveckan. Ifall du är nyfiken på vad allt vi gör på Teknologföreningen är det bara att ta kontakt med mig eller komma på besök till Urds!

Kom ihåg att ha det roligt och vila upp dig under sommaren, hösten närmar sig med stormsteg och bär med sig otroliga upplevelser. Phuxåret är ett av de mest minnesvärda åren av studietiden! För en liten försmak rekommenderar jag att du deltar både på gillet och på TF:s startskott redan under sommaren. Då skolåret kommer igång kommer det redan från början att hända mycket och jag hoppas att du modigt deltar på så mycket du orkar och hinner, både på gillet och på TF:s evenemang. På så vis får du lära känna de andra phuxarna samt äldre studerande. Dessutom ska du också samla phuxpoäng under året, de som samlat tillräckligt får sedan teknologmössan till Wappen (om den ordnas)!

Jag vet att Pranava Varshan kommer ta väl hand om dig, men jag finns också alltid här för dig. Läs igenom hela denna blaska, den innehåller mycket information som kommer bra till hands när hösten väl kommer. Njut av sommaren, så ses vi på hösten!

Kram,



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# Teekkaris of Otaniemi.



**Teknologföreningen (TF)** is the Swedish-speaking and the only student nation at Aalto. Everyone is welcome to TF regardless of study programme or language. The only requirement is to be interested in learning or speaking Swedish. Teknologföreningen's spaces and its own student restaurant are located in Urdsgjallar, the big concrete building next to Dipoli. TF-members are recognized from their dark red, also known as technology red, overalls.



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



**The Guild of Architecture (AK)** was founded in 1908 and is Otaniemi's second oldest guild still receiving fuksis. It is home to students of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Architecture, so the members are a mix of students with technical and artistic backgrounds. The Guild of Architecture's overalls are off-white ("painter white") and made of very easily soiled cotton. The Landscape Architects can be identified by the tree on the back of the left leg. Interior Architects design their own fabric to decorate their overalls with. The logo on the back of the overalls is different each year, as it is designed by the fuksis themselves.



**The Guild of Civil Engineers (IK)**, more commonly known as "Raksa", is a subject association that was founded in 1913 and accepts undergraduates studying civil engineering and computational engineering. The association, which was originally named "Engineers' Club" aka IK, is Otaniemi's third oldest guild that still accepts fuksis. Before the upcoming fall, the guild members majored in Energy and Environmental engineering. Raksa members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls with a green sleeve and pocket and their legendary chant of "RAKSA JAKSAA" ("Raksa perseveres!")





**The Guild of Mechanical Engineers (KIK)** was founded in 1915, and even with 108 years of history, it is the youngest guild in the School of Engineering. However, it is one of the biggest guilds with over thousand members. Members of KIK can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink caterpillar tractor mascot and their jubilant chants of “Yy, kaa, KO, NE!” (“one, two, THREE, FOUR/MACHINE”).



**The Guild of Electrical Engineers (SIK)** was founded in 1921. The energetic electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls with the new cog logo on the back of the overalls. You can also spot the old lightbulb logo from older students’ overalls. SIK’s 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!”



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



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



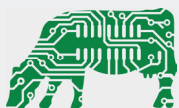
**Tietokilta or Computer Science Guild, (TiK)** is a student guild founded in 1986. Computer Science Guild is one of the largest in Otaniemi. Many of the younger guilds in Otaniemi today have started as a part of this guild, such as AS, Athene and Data Guild. Members of the guild can be found wearing shiny black overalls with the guild’s unofficial white @-logo in the back. The chant of the guild can be heard from far away as a two-part call-and-response: “tieto- KILTA!”



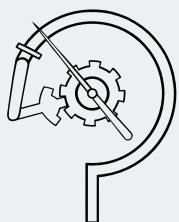
**The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology (AS)** was founded in 1998. It brings together students majoring in Automation and Robotics, Information Technology as well as Digital Systems and Design. The industrious members can be recognised by violet overalls. The left sleeve is black with a white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



**Guild of Information Networks (Athene)**, was founded by its students in 1999, and from the year 2022 includes also the students of technological psychology. Athene's overalls are a forest green or "Athene green". The overalls' left sleeve, collars and back pockets are black as a tribute to when Athene separated from the Computer Science Guild in 2003. The eye of Athene is the official logo which can be spotted from the overalls.



**The Guild of Bioinformation Technology (Inkubio)** was founded in 2007 and is thus Otaniemi's second youngest and the bestest guild. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Inkubio'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.



**The Association of Process Engineering Students (PT)** welcomes Chemical Engineering students in both the Finnish and English bachelor programme. Founded in 2012, PT is one of the youngest student associations in Otaniemi. PT's overalls are a blue and have three stripes, yellow, blue, and red, on each limb as a reminder of the three CHEM guilds that PT descends from. The association's logo can be found on the back: it depicts a Bourdon tube pressure gauge measuring pressure, one of the most important variables in any process.

In addition to PT, there are three CHEM guilds influencing in the School of Chemical Engineering; Chemistry Guild, Forest Products Guild and The Guild of Materials and Metallurgy Students. The guilds are active in their own domains; not organizing bachelor fuksi upbringing as this is managed by PT in a collective fashion. The CHEM guild's overalls (red, yellow and blue) have become a rare sight in Otaniemi, but some members of PT sew these colors to their own overalls for example as a sleeve.

# Teekkari Culture & Traditions.

Teekkaris are students of technology who have earned the right to wear the Teekkari cap. The history of Teekkaris dates back to 1872, and over time, numerous traditions and a rich culture have developed. In this guide, we will cover some key aspects of what it means to be a Teekkari, but you will have the opportunity to learn much more during your fuksi (first-year student) year.

## The Teekkari Cap:

The Teekkari cap is the symbolic headgear of Teekkaris, and its appearance may vary slightly between universities. With a history spanning over 150 years, the cap in Otaniemi has maintained its current form since 1893. While it shares similarities with Finnish high school graduation caps, the Teekkari cap stands out with its hexagonal shape and black tassel.



The Teekkari cap is traditionally a summer cap and may only be worn between 1.5 and 30.9. During the winter season, wearing the cap requires a valid reason and written permission from AYY's Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto). As a fuksi, you will accumulate fuksi points throughout the year, and if you gather enough points, you will earn the right to wear the cap. At midnight on the possibly organized Wappu, you can proudly place the cap on your head. If you did not accumulate enough points, you can wear your cap after Mother's Day. The final day to wear the cap each year is Lakinlaskijaiset ("cap downing").

## Overalls:

Another distinctive accessory worn by Teekkaris is the overall, which is donned during various student events. The color and design of the overalls depend on the guild to which a student belongs. Overalls often feature numerous pockets and loops for storing various items, and the back is adorned with the guild's logo.

Teekkaris personalize their overalls by sewing on patches that represent the groups they belong to, their interests, events they have attended, or anything else they find meaningful.





It is not uncommon for Teekkaris to exchange patches or overall pieces with one another. The placement of a patch or overall piece can carry special significance. For instance, a guild patch is commonly worn on the left chest pocket, and partners in a relationship often exchange a pant leg.

## Tempaus:

From time to time, Teekkaris come together to organize a Tempaus. The purpose of Tempaus is to draw attention to important matters or common problems. It serves as a platform for Teekkaris to make a meaningful impact on current affairs, often involving fundraising for a good cause.

The latest tempaus happened in 2016 when Aalto students visited almost 1500 Finnish primary schools to talk about the importance of education. Other well-known tempaus include the one in 1966, when the Helsinki University of Technology (now Aalto) moved from Helsinki to Otaniemi, the one in 1968 when Dipoli was finished and the 2009 tempaus during which students created a massive human chain to link all three Aalto campuses.

## Sitsit & Singing Culture:

Sitsit is an academic table party where participants enjoy a three-course meal, all while engaging in good company and singing. However, it's important not to arrive hungry, as there are intervals between courses when songs are sung, and sometimes individuals perform entertaining acts.

There are various types of sitsit. Fancy sitsit typically require guests to dress formally and behave accordingly, often with a dress code specifying dark suits for men and cocktail dresses for women. On the other hand, themed sitsit have a more relaxed etiquette and dress code aligned with the chosen theme.

Teekkaris are renowned for their enthusiastic singing rather than their vocal prowess, and singing plays a vital role in Teekkari parties. During sitsit, songs are usually led by a Songmaster who can sing them correctly. Additionally, there are several Teekkari choirs, with the most well-known in Otaniemi being the Polytech Choir and Dominante. Multiple Teekkari songbooks exist, with some guilds even having their own.

Currently, Data Guild primarily uses Tietokilta's songbook, Kovalevy, which you will have the opportunity to purchase at the Fuksisitsit. .

## Speksi:

Speksi, or Spex, is an interactive theater performance involving singing and dancing. The audience has the power to interrupt the play at any point by shouting "Omstart!" to request a replay of a scene. More specific directions like "Omstart, in Swedish!" or "Omstart, angrier!" can also be given, making each show unique and different from the previous ones.

In Otaniemi, there are four distinct speksis, although not all of them are performed every year. These include Teekkarispeksi, Fysikkospeksi (which also performs in English), Teknologföreningens spex (performed in Swedish), and KY-Speksi.

## Wappu:

Wappu, celebrated on the first of May, holds significant importance for Teekkaris as it marks the most significant day of the year for them. The specific traditions associated with Wappu may vary depending on the region.

At Otaniemi, these traditions include the declaration of Wappu rowdiness on the eve of Wappu and the permission to wear the Teekkari cap at midnight. In Otaniemi, Wappu celebrations commence when the Fuksi Major decides to organize Wappu, which typically involves playful pranks called jäynäs and, in alternating years, the publication of Wappu magazines, Äpy and Julkku. Numerous other exciting events also take place during the spring season, which you will soon discover.



## Wappu Magazines:

Prior to Wappu, one of the longstanding traditions is the publication of Wappu magazines. These magazines are humorous publications with varying degrees of humor and entertainment. The proceeds from the sale of Wappu magazines support various Teekkari activities, and the sellers of the magazines also receive a share. In Otaniemi, there have been two magazines since 1978: Äpy and Julkku, with Äpy being published in odd years and Julkku in even years. Next Wappu, it will be Julkku's turn.

You will have the opportunity to earn some extra money and earn a point for your point card by becoming a Julkku salesman. Selling Wappu magazines is a popular way for Teekkaris to earn a little extra during this festive period.

## Jäynä:

Teekkarijäynä refers to the practical jokes organized with the intention of bringing joy to everyone involved. A jäynä should never cause harm to anyone or anything; its purpose is to make even the target of the joke laugh. Jäynäs are an integral part of Teekkari culture and commonly take the form of humorous pranks and installations. Although jäynäs can be performed throughout the year, they are most frequent during the spring months leading up to the potentially organized Wappu celebrations.



One of the most well-known jäynäs took place in 1961 when a group of Teekkaris traveled to Stockholm before the Vasa ship in front of Stockholm was lifted out of the sea. They hid a small statue of Paavo Nurmi, a legendary Finnish runner, on its deck. The discovery of the statue first caused a sensation in maritime archaeology and later sparked a small foreign policy conflict.

*This is only a brief description of all the different Teekkari cultures and traditions. There's still a lot to learn, but you'll experience it all for yourself during your Fuksi year and on your journey towards becoming a Teekkari.*

# Programme Director's Greetings.

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to Aalto University!

We are excited to have you in our Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology, designed to respond to the growing digital transformation of our society and to groundbreaking advances in engineering, automation, chemical engineering, quantum technology, information sciences, computation, and artificial intelligence.

Our program is fully taught in English, acknowledging the truly international environment of Aalto, bringing our international faculty closer to students, and opening Aalto's doors to talented and motivated students from all over the world.

We are a leading research institute, hosting several top notch research groups and world-class research infrastructure. Our excellence in research provides also a stimulating learning environment where top faculty teaches what they are passionate about, inspiring students and opening new horizons.

Starting a university degree poses new challenges: you need to be more independent, responsible, and self-driven. Your new path can also be a highly satisfying experience: in addition to deepening your knowledge in basic studies, you will obtain the opportunity to think about real-world problems that impact our society, and come up with your own ideas, solutions, or projects.

We encourage you to stay focused in your studies and to build a solid foundation of mathematics, science, and technology, which can support you in your future academic endeavors for the rest of your professional career. On the other hand, keep in mind that technology is progressing at an extremely rapid pace and many of the technical skills that you will acquire today may not be relevant in five or ten years from now. To prepare for the unknown future challenges we guide you to approach your studies with a problem-solving attitude. Foster your curiosity, intellectually challenge your teachers and your peers, and seek for creativeness. Do not hesitate to pursue your own ideas, start projects with your classmates, and go out of your comfort zone. The time at Aalto is the time you become a game changer at heart.

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

Mikko Möttönen  
Director of the degree programme





## *What is my bachelor's programme?*

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

The contents of your studies depend on the major that you originally applied for and gained admission to. Students in all majors are required to complete a 65-credit core curriculum, referred to as basic studies, which focuses on mathematical and computational methods and provides students with a solid foundation in information technology skills. The degree programme also includes 65 credits of studies towards the major, 20–25 credits of studies towards the minor and 25–30 credits for electives. Once you have completed all these elements, you will be awarded a Bachelor of Science (Technology) degree worth 180 credits.



## **Orientation week**

Your studies will begin with an orientation week, running from Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September 2023. Orientation week will give you additional information about your programme, Aalto University as an academic environment and student life on campus. Orientation week gives you a chance to get to know your new fellow students and the staff of the programme. You will be assigned to a tutoring group to help you get off to a good start with your studies. The orientation week schedule will be published at the latest in August on Starting your studies website: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/starting-your-studies>

## Timetables of the academic year

The first courses will start on Monday, 4 September 2023. Teaching in the academic year 2023-2024 is divided into five seven-week periods. The final week of each period is an evaluation week reserved for the finalisation of coursework, presentation of course results and evaluation of student performance with various methods. Classes may also be held during the final week.

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

The teaching periods and evaluation periods:

### Academic year 2023-2024

#### *Autumn term 2023*

Teaching and evaluation periods	Time	Week numbers
First evaluation period & orientation	28 Aug – 3 Sep 2023	35
Period I and evaluation week	4 Sep – 22 Oct 2023	36 – 42
Period II and evaluation week	23 Oct – 10 Dec 2023	43 – 49
Second evaluation period	11 Dec – 17 Dec 2023	50

#### *Spring term 2023*

Teaching and evaluation periods	Time	Week numbers
Period III and evaluation week	8 Jan – 25 Feb 2024	2 – 8
Period IV and evaluation week	26 Feb – 21 Apr 2024	9 – 16
Period V: multimodal period in which diverse forms of teaching are implemented, for example:	22 Apr – 9 Jun 2024	17 – 23

- Six weeks of teaching, including an evaluation of learning
- Intensive studies of varying lengths
- A project course, beginning as contact teaching and continuing as a summer project
- Summer schools

## Timetable

As a first-year student, or fuksi in Finnish, you will be provided with a model timetable (or recommended study schedule) covering the courses that you are recommended to take in the first academic year. You can find the timetable on the Student Guide of your programme before the start of the academic year:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/recommended-timetable>

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

## Course registration policy

You need to register for each course you want to take. This is done online using the Sisu system. During the orientation week you will be guided in creating your first study plan (HOPS) in Sisu and how to register for the courses you will have in the first teaching period. You will need to have a course selected on your study plan in Sisu to be able to register for it.

Each course is worth a specific number of credits, which will be entered into your student register when you have passed the course. By definition, 1 credit is equivalent to 26.7 hours of student work.

## Completing courses

Course teaching methods vary and may include lectures, assignments and group exercises or projects. The first lecture will cover all the practical matters needed to pass the course (registration, examination, assignment, study material, course completion), so you have good reason to be there! Though lecture attendance is usually not compulsory, it is definitely beneficial from a learning standpoint.

Many courses have assignments, and in some cases they are compulsory. In other courses, you can do assigned work for extra credit to supplement the total points received on interim tests and the final examination.

Whatever the case, maths exercises are always important, because they give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in practice. In-class exercises in mathematics, called laskarit, include reviews of the subjects covered in the lectures. The exercises are often given out online in advance.

## Aalto.fi

Aalto.fi, Aalto University website, is the main source of information on studies, university services and other matters related to your future alma mater. Through this site you can also follow Aalto news and current events information to students. You can access Aalto.fi here: <https://www.aalto.fi/en>

For each study programme, Aalto.fi site has its own Student Guide, including information about the curriculum, recommended schedules, planning studies, contact information for the programme staff and other useful information. You can find the Student Guide for Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology here: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology>

## Support and advice for studies

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

An academic advisor is assigned to every first-year student for the duration of their bachelor's studies, that is, the first three years. Advisors arrange both group and individual meetings with their students. Academic advisors belong to the university's research and teaching faculty, usually as professors, associate professors or university lecturers. Academic advising is a form of guidance aimed at developing the student's own initiative and goal-setting, and at giving students the chance to get to know at least one academic staff member a bit better. During first-year studies, academic advising is a part of the Introduction Course for Bachelor's Students.

You can always turn to Student Services if you are unsure about where to start or whom to ask about something. The coordinator and planning officer of the programme, as well as other student services staff will be happy to help. Student

Services can assist you with matters involving:

- questions related to studies
- approval of your personal study plan (HOPS)
- graduating with a Bachelor or Master of Science (Technology) 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. Student Services for all majors of the Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology are in the Computer Science building, floor 1, corridor B. They can also be reached at [bsc.tech@aalto.fi](mailto:bsc.tech@aalto.fi).

Student Service Point at the School of Science can help you with general matters, for instance receiving documents such as certificate of student status and official study transcript or getting help with enrolment. Starting Point can also help you with common issues. You can find the locations, contact details and opening hours for the Student Service Point of School of Science and for Starting Point here: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/support-for-studying/contact-information-for-learning-services>

## Links

- Contact information: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/contact>
- Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology>
- Curriculum: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/aalto-bachelors-programme-in-science-and-technology/curriculum-2022-2024>
- Aalto.fi: <https://www.aalto.fi/en>
- MyCourses: <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/>
- Sisu: <https://sis-aalto.funidata.fi/student/login>
- Examination archives: <http://www.tenttiarkisto.fi/>
- Student Guide: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide>



# Congratulations Fuksi!

Hello and welcome to your new studies also from Academic Engineers and Architects in Finland, TEK! We are the trade union for all academic engineers and architects, providing benefits and services to support our members, and lobbying for conditions that allow them to succeed.

As the TEK Student Liaisons, we represent TEK on the Otaniemi campus. Our job is to keep you connected to TEK, and to help make sure your student years are as amazing as possible, no matter your background.

Find out more about what we do at [tek.fi/en](https://tek.fi/en), or join using the QR code link! TEK membership is free for students!

See you soon on campus!

*Best regards,*

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# INTERNATIONAL BSC&TECH. COMMUNITY!

ETCo is a volunteer committee that organizes community events for students from the Aalto Bachelors Programme in Science and Technology. Join our events to meet other international students, enjoy student life, and relax!



## SEPTEMBER 4TH ETCo's International Picnic

An opportunity to meet others from the English-speaking technology bachelors programmes! Follow our social media to stay updated about further details.

 @etco\_official



TELEGRAM  
INFO CHANNEL

## SEE YOU SOON!

ETCo,

The English Technology Bachelors' Committee



# Welcome to Data Guild.

Hello dear Fuksit!

My name is Daniel Clegg and I wish to personally congratulate you on your admission to the Data Science program at Aalto University. Additionally, welcome to the spectacle of a lifetime: *Data Guild!*

As you embark on this exhilarating journey through teekkari and university culture, I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Your fuksi year is going to be nothing short of amazing!

Whether you are new to the world of data science or already have a passion for the field, the adventures that lie ahead will certainly shape your future in unimaginable ways. So, get ready to set on your silver Data Guild life vests overalls as this journey of a lifetime will get bumpy! A long the way you will be challenged with thunderous storms of IEM, the wraths of calculus and vast waves of programming assignments. But the board as your captain will ensure to guide you through these waters unharmed. Furthermore, the board of Data Guild is your go to place for any questions regarding this journey and by applying, you may help shape the journeys of new fuksit years to come!

So, what do we do the main tasks of the board are to ensure that Data Guild is following the guild rules, taking care of administrative tasks and planning plenty of events where you can study, party and get to know your fellow students. The guild will also be looking out for your interests in matters involving the university and student union, as well as help you getting connected, with the industry.

Other than Data Guild, you'll also be seeing members of many other associations mingling on campus. This diversity and welcoming nature of Aalto community is one of its definitive riches, so I highly encourage you to explore the many associations scattered around the campus get to know the community at large as well

So, dear fuksit, buckle up and get ready for a year filled with challenges, growth, and endless possibilities. Embrace the teekkari spirit, dive into the world of data science, and make the most of your time at Aalto University. Your journey starts now, and I have no doubt that you will make the most of it.

*Daniel Clegg*

**Daniel Clegg**

*Chair of the Data Guild board 2023*





# HCPs & Code of Conduct.

Dear Fuksis,

Welcome to Data Guild, the only fully international guild at the Otaniemi campus of Aalto University! As a diverse community, the members of Data Guild are quite distinct from each other, each member accustomed to their own culture and conventions. With such an assortment of peers, misunderstandings and other kinds of conflicts may arise at times – some from differences of culture, others from barriers of language or communication. To help with conflict situations, Data Guild has two resources to offer: Harassment Contact People and a Code of Conduct.



DG's Harassment Contact People (HCP) are members of the guild ready to help out with mediating conflict situations. If you find yourself in conflict with someone or something within the guild, an HCP will likely be able to assist you! Although "harassment" is part of their title, a conflict does not necessarily need to count as harassment for an HCP to be able to help – simple, everyday conflicts can be discussed with an HCP. That said, HCPs are also important resources in helping with more serious conflicts, such as cases of harassment. At least one HCP is usually assigned for each DG event and will be accessible to help out with conflicts during the event.

The Code of Conduct supports the wellbeing of the guild and the work of HCPs by defining some common social standards promoted by Data Guild. It describes which kind of behavior is expected within DG events and gatherings, as well as at the guild room and the guild's Telegram chats. DG's Code of Conduct can be read in full at the guild's website (<https://dataguild.fi/code-of-conduct/>).

If any questions arise regarding DG's HCPs or Code of Conduct, be sure to send me a message on Telegram!

**Aaron Wallasvaara**

*Main Harassment Contact Person of Data Guild 2023*

*Telegram: @wallasvaaron*

# History of Data Guild.

The idea of a guild for data science students was planted into the minds of the new freshmen already during the orientation week of the first batch of data science students in 2018. An older student talked as if it was certain that we would eventually start our own guild. The idea grew from there during the fall.

The community of the new data science program was small and tight-knit, and the data scientist identity started separating from the general computer science student identity quickly. The data science students got to decide on a different color sleeve to separate themselves from the computer science students. After some debate and voting, silver was settled on as the desired sleeve color, which would later become the main color of the Data Guild overalls.

Since the sleeves did not arrive in time for fuksi cruise, the data science students decided to duct tape their sleeves silver to show their identities. During the fall the DS students had their own ChristMa(th)s party and the first Nuuksio bonfire, which was branded as the first ever “data science guild” event.

When spring came around, the work towards creating the guild continued, led by Alena Shchevyeva and Emmi Kotilainen. On Wednesday 27th of February the guild was officially founded as an association under Finnish association law. The name of the association was Data Guild, as it was easier to say than the longer version “data science guild”. Many older TiK members joined the meeting to watch the new guild be born, popping in and out of the Kovalevyn läpilaulanta event they had next door. Somewhat surprisingly to the founders, the first board was as big as 10 members.



*Founding Meeting*



*Duct taped sleeves*

# The Board.

The board of Data Guild is elected every autumn. Fuksis are also eligible to apply for board positions, though they can't be Fuksi Captain or Tutor Coordinator. The concrete roles filled in the board each year can differ, depending on who applies and what they want to do - you can even come up with a new role if there's something you'd like to do that hasn't been done before! Below you can find the board of 2023. Make sure to join us in the next election meeting and maybe even apply!



Hi there! I'm Daniel, the chair of the board. In my role I mostly oversee the activities of the board as a whole to make sure everything is running smoothly, as well as take care of any random administrative things that pop up, like meeting with the chairs of other guilds from the School of Science.



Hi! My name is Lassi and I'm the Vice Chair and the Treasurer of the guild. I'm responsible for our finances; I prepare the budget, make sure that bills are paid on time and take care of other money related issues. As the Vice Chair I also help and work as the substitute of the Chair.



Hi! I'm Afrooz, the secretary of Data Guild. My main responsibility is to ensure smooth communication and coordination within the guild. This includes composing minutes of the board meetings, managing membership data and work closely with the guild's leadership to plan events and facilitate decision-making.



Hi! I'm Selin, the guild's publicist. My main tasks are publishing the weekly newsletter, maintaining the guild website, and posting stuff on DG's Instagram account.



Haiee! I'm Pranav, the Fuksi Captain of Data Guild. My main responsibility is to take care of the fuksis and make sure they have an amazing time. Along with the FTMK, I'm involved in organizing Aalto wide events for the Fuksis.



Heyoooooo! My name is Christian, the Master of Culture for DG this year! The Data Guild Culture Committee (DGCC) and I basically try to organize as many fun events for y'all as possible! Some events are similar every year, but we also try to vary the fun



Hello! We are Rajat and Ojaswi, the host and hostess of Data Guild. We organize the food and refreshments for Data Guild's sittings.



Hi, I'm Tony Heinola, The master of corporate relations for Data Guild. I'm in charge of acquiring sponsors, organizing company excursions, helping students find job opportunities and otherwise maintaining relationships with companies.



Hey! I am Bach, the master of studies for DG. I work on study related matters such as collecting and conveying student feedbacks. You can ask me about any study related questions and I will try my very best to help.



Hi! I'm Merlin, the guild's board godparent. I don't have a specific responsibility, instead I'm there to support and advise the board overall. Essentially, I'm the old guy who keeps going "well, back in my day...". I'm always happy to share guild-related fun facts!



# Officials and Doggos.



**Rainer Ruuskanen**  
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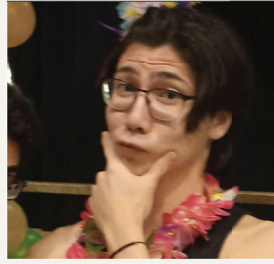


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Doggo

# Data Guild Tutors of 23-24



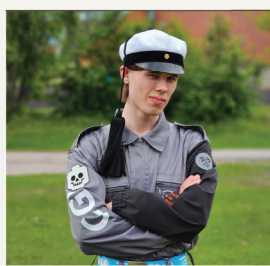
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Tony "Anytime" Heinola



Fathima Afrooz



Miro "Barely got the cap" Keimionieni



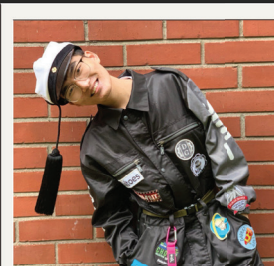
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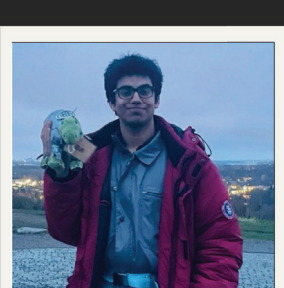
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Harsh "D#J" Rathee



Selin Taskin



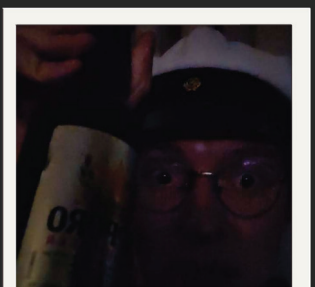
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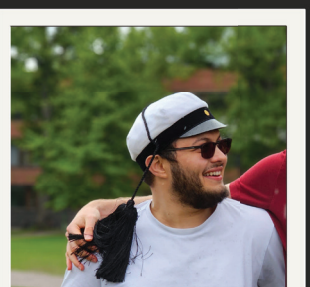
Aiswarya "Where's Pip" Sudhir



Otto "Mr. Cash" Vintola



Toivo Palmén



Marinus Scleruz



Anthimos "Electrolytes" Stathakis





Pham Quang "Bafflingly Bodacious" Bach



Rajat "The Monk" Kaul



Irmun "7T" Tuguldur



Meri Henell



Ann-Marie "Ass-kicker" Korhonen-Chamorro



# Otaniemi-English Dictionary.

- Aava** - Aalto University Student Union's Community section
- AK** - Arkkitehtikilta, Guild of Architecture
- Alvarin aukio (square)** - the parks behind the Undergraduate Centre
- Amfi** - the Amphitheatre next to the Undergraduate Centre
- ARTS** - Aalto university School of Arts, Design and Architecture
- AS** - Guild of Automation and Systems Technology
- Athene** - the guild of information networks students
- AYY** - the student union of Aalto university  
(Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunta)
- CHEM** - Aalto university School of Chemical Engineering
- Daddy, Datadaddy** - Fuksi Captain of Data Guild
- DG** - Data Guild
- Dipoli** - Main building of Aalto university, centre of administration
- Domo** - AYY's student housing system
- ELEC** - Aalto university School of Electrical Engineering
- ENG** - Aalto university of Engineering
- Epoch** - Data Guild's annual ball
- FTMK** - Fuksitoimikunta, Fuksi committee, consists of the fuksi captains of the guilds, responsible for all big fuksi events
- Fuksi** - first year student
- Fuksi major** - Leader of FTMK, decides if Wappu is organized
- Gorsu** - a sauna in the basement of JMT 5
- HOAS** - Helsinki region student housing foundation, rents out apartments around the Helsinki metropolitan area
- HOPS** - your personal study plan
- Hymn** - see Teekkarihymni
- HYY** - Student Union of Helsinki University
- IE** - Isäntä ja Emäntä, Host and Hostess of the guild
- IK** - Guild of Civil Engineers
- Inkubio** - Guild of Bioinformation Technology
- Innopoli** - Business center in Otaniemi
- ISO/Tutor** - student who helps fuksis
- JMT** - Jämeräntäival, street in Otaniemi
- Jäynä** - good-natured Teekkari style prank
- Keto** - keskustoimisto: AYY Central Office, located in Otakaari 11
- KIK** - Guild of Mechanical Engineers KK - The Chemistry Guild
- KY** - Association for Business Students in Aalto University
- Kylteri** - Business student
- Lafka** - school or department in Aalto
- Lakinlaskijaiset** - big party on 30.9. where the Teekkari cap is lowered and put aside until Wappu
- Living room** - rentable space owned by AYY, located in JMT 5
- Maarintalo, Maari** - A building with many computers, study spaces etc., usually open 24/7

**OK20** - building owned by AYY; has sauna and sitsit place

**Ossinlampi** - small pond in Otaniemi

**OUBS** - A student association that streams and records big student events in Otaniemi

**Palju** - Hot tub

**PJK** - Forest Products Guild

**Polyteekkarimuseo** - Museum of teekkari culture, located in JMT 3

**Prodeko** - the guild of Industrial Engineering and Management

**PT** - the association of Process Engineers

**Rantsu, Rantasauna** - a sauna located in Teekkarikylä near the shore

**RWBK** - Retuperän WBK, teekkari orchestra

**SCI** - Aalto University School of Science SIK - Guild of Electrical Engineers

**Sillis** - Brunch after a big party

**Sisu** - Finnish concept describing extraordinary determination, bravery, resilience

**SISU** - system for managing courses and making your study plan, using it may require extraordinary determination, bravery and resilience

**Sitsit** - academic dinner with three-course meal, drinks and singing

**SMT** - Servin Majjan Tie, street in Otaniemi

**Speksi, spex** - A student musical

**Smökki** - "Servin mökki", Servi's cottage, frequently used for sitsit and parties

**T-talo** - CS building, the computer science building

**TA** - teaching assistant, usually holds exercise sessions for courses

**Teekkari** - student of technology who has earned their teekkari cap

**Teekkarihymi** - a tradition teekkari song that is sung at midnight

**Teekkari h.c. (honoris causa)** - honorary teekkari title

**Teekkarijaosto, Teekkari Section** - section of AYY, the highest authority when it comes to teekkari related things

**Teekkarikylä, Teekkari village** - The houses on JMT, SMT and Otaranta

**TEK** - Union of Engineers

**Teekkarilakki, Teekkari cap** - the identifier of teekkari

**Teekkariperinneviikko** - First week of december, to celebrate Teekkari culture

**Tempaus** - Major event aiming to bring attention to an important issue

**TF** - Teknologförenigen ("Täffä"), swedish speaking student nation at Aalto

**TiK** - Tietokilta, Computer Science Guild

**TKK** - Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University in 2011

**TOKYO** - association for students of School of Arts, Design and Architecture

**Tupsufuksi, tassel fuksi** - Second year student

**Täffä** - Building and cafeteria owned by TF

**Ullis** - Ullanlinnanmäki: a part of Kaivopuisto in Helsinki where students gather at Laskiainen and Wappu

**Väre** - building of ARTS

**Wappu** - first of May. Teekkari's second Christmas.

**YTHS, FSHS** - Finnish Student Health Service, proved general, mental and oral health care services for students

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## ◦◦ **MORE INFO?**

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Our events include Lapland trip, Maskerad, and Christmas Sales, where ARTS students sell their art. TOKYO also owns Kipsari and Kipsari Studio - two great non-profit vegan restaurants- as well as Torso magazine, which is printed at least 4 times a year and showcases ARTS students works + discusses current events and topics.



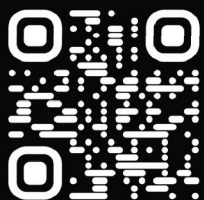
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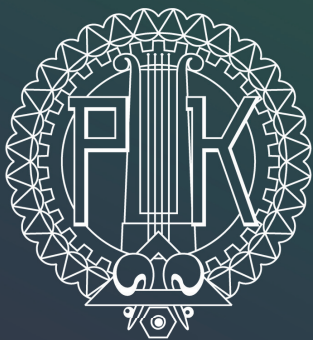
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More information  
[teekkarispeksi.fi/in-english](https://teekkarispeksi.fi/in-english)







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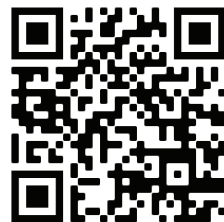
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## PROBBA RY

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## Before orientation week

- Accept study place and enroll as an attending student
- Join Aalto University Student Union (AYY) and Data Guild by paying membership fees
- Pay Kela's health insurance fee
- Apply for financial aid and housing allowance if needed and applicable
- Get residence permit if needed
- Apply for housing at AYY and/or HOAS - take the first offer you get!
- Submit notification of move
- Activate Aalto IT account
- Apply for physical student card or download Frank app
- Download the Telegram app and join our Telegram group
- Read this guide (at least the important parts)

## On the first day of orientation week

- Check the up-to-date orientation week schedule
- Try your best to arrive on time
- Bring identity card
- Bring AYY's membership fee receipt or electronic student ID
- Bring money for lunch
- Have time until the night
- Know how to get home afterwards

## During the beginning of the term

- Register right of residence (EU/EEA citizens)
- Register into Finnish Population Information System if needed
- Carry (electronic) student ID or AYY's membership fee receipt with you
- Get an HSL card for public transport / download the HSL app and update student status to it
- Keep your evenings free for events

All import links including those mentioned in the booklet can be found here:



<https://dataguild.fi/for-the-fuksis/>





