

# DATA GUILD



# FUKSI GUIDE 2025





## *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 and a warm welcome to Data Guild!

I'm Ojaswi Tyagi, your Fuksi Captain, and I'm thrilled to be part of your journey as you begin this exciting new chapter at Aalto University and Data Guild. My role is to ensure that you Fuksis (freshmen) have the smoothest and most enjoyable first year! I'm joined by Magnus John Greig, our Tutor Coordinator, along with a fantastic team of tutors who are here to support you every step of the way.

In this Freshman Guide, you'll find all the essential information to help you settle into university life, everything from academics to student culture, and all the wonderful things that Aalto has to offer. If you're busy and short on time, I strongly recommend reviewing the checklist and exploring the key links provided—they're packed with must-know info.

Speaking from experience, arriving at Aalto with little idea of what to expect, I've found this place to be nothing short of amazing. The vibrant student life, rich traditions, and welcoming community continue to surprise and inspire me every day.

The fuksi year will kick off at the end of August with the headstart, followed by the orientation week, where you will be introduced to your fellow fuksis and tutors from Data Guild! We have some really fun events planned for you guys, so stay tuned!







Here at Data Guild, we're a tight-knit community. We want you to feel at home, get involved, and make the most of everything student life has to offer. From study sessions and legendary Pre-exam parties to cultural events and countless hobby associations. Be it heavy metal, cocktails, or pole dancing, there's truly something for everyone. You're encouraged to explore, but there's no pressure to do it all. Find what excites you and make it your own!

If you ever have questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out to me via Telegram, WhatsApp, email, or phone. Telegram is the main communication channel we use at Aalto and Data Guild, so I highly recommend downloading it.

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/+9K4tuxaEQGImMWZk>

Once again, welcome! Your first year is a truly special time, and we're here to help you make the most of it. Enjoy the ride, and I look forward to meeting you soon!

Warm regards,

*Ojaswi Tyagi*

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# Tutor Coordinator's Greetings.

Heyyy everyone!

Congrats on making it into Data Science and welcome to Data Guild! Being a part of this guild and taking part in its events has led to some of the best experiences of my life, and has exceeded all of my expectations about university life!! I'm Magnus, the Tutor Coordinator of 24 AMAZING tutors. And together we are here to help you make the most of your freshman year!

But what are tutors? Tutors are older students who are here to help you transition into university life, by answering questions, helping out at events, and generally being there for you! You can identify tutors by their DG overalls, tutor shirt, and "Tutor" tag on Telegram. Although you will be in smaller groups, feel free to ask any tutor, OJ or me, about anything! At Data Guild we have a vast array of tutors who are all from different backgrounds and have dealt with all kinds of situations and problems related to starting your studies at Aalto. So if anything is on your mind, don't hesitate to ask!

Your freshman year is filled with opportunities for you to explore Data Guild, Aalto, and Teekkari (Technology student) culture, and I strongly recommend you seize it!

There will be a ton of fun events to attend, all sorts of hobby groups to join, and a bottomless pit of rich traditions and stories! So don't be afraid to put yourself out there, try new things, meet new people and of course have fun!

But in the meantime, enjoy your summer and see you soon!

**Magnus John Greig**

*Tutor Coordinator*

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# Fuksis of the Year.

Hê lô Fuksi's of '25! Welcome to the best guild, Data Guild.

DC is definitely the most close knitted guild out of all, especially for internationals, so you already made a great decision choosing this major. To continue making good decisions, I will give you some advice.

Your Fuksi year only happens **once**, and many events only happen once during your Fuksi year. So better weigh it carefully with anything that happens more than once. Believe me, you do not want to feel any regret for the things in your Fuksi year.

Remember to always **have fun**... while being responsible with your group. An event is only truly enjoyable if you put in effort and responsibility. The reward after will feel much more rewarding. Just in case other people are not that responsible, here is a tip: always prepare things to do while waiting for other people.

Also, since you can drop courses, retake courses and exams without any issues, don't hesitate to drop courses if things get overwhelming. On the opposite end, take any courses that you like, see how many you can manage, or just drop it after seeing the first exercise sheet.

Last but not least, **TRUST**. Trust your tutors that they will create amazing events for you. Trust that events will be fun (for you yourself will make it fun). Trust the friends you made along the way. Trust the process leading up to moments that you will never forget in your whole life, the moments you won't have anywhere else in the world.

Trust me bro,  
**Nguyễn Hoàng Dũng**  
*Fuksi of the year*



Hello and welcome to Data Guild! This marks the beginning of your journey as a university student, and I am so excited to witness what you will accomplish throughout the year. Each and every one of you have an incredible year ahead of you, a year filled with parties, get-togethers, as well as thrilling adventures around Otaniemi. Take this opportunity to engage with the wonderful community in Aalto and create new memories!



University life offers you a unique chance to reinvent your identity and experience a different environment. Make good use of it! The possibilities really are endless. You may wish to join student clubs, discover new hobbies, reignite your passion for past interests, meet new people and make life-long connections... the sky is the limit!

Data Guild, despite being the youngest and least populated student organization in Aalto University, has the unique advantage of being an international organization. Don't be afraid to get to know our members, and become a member yourself! Throughout the year, we and the other student-run organizations in Aalto offer a variety of

student-focused events that cater to a wide range of interests, from board games, sports and wellbeing, to music and fishing. On top of that, you have the ability to create your own organizations and host your own events. The year ahead of you will surely be a busy one, but don't forget to have fun!

Most importantly, we are here to support you through every step. If you have any concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to lend an ear.

See you during the orientation week (or head-start, if you're already eager to meet us), and cheers to the future!



**Nam Phu Nguyen**  
*Fuksi of the Year*



# 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. I strongly recommend 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'25 telegram group!*

## **Before orientation week**

### **Saturday, 23.8 - 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 Ossinlampi.

## **25.8 - 30.8: Orientation Week**

### **Monday, 25.8 - Campus Tour**

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

### **Tuesday, 26.8 - DG Checkpoint Crawl**

Attend some informative workshops hosted by the university during the day, followed by a checkpoint crawl hosted by Dataguild all around Otaniemi! The checkpoint crawl is a fun way to get to know the campus and is filled with games and activities.

### **Wednesday, 27.8- University Info and Chill**

In the morning, the university hosts a program orientation for Data Science students. In the evening, we take it easy and relax with some board games to ensure that everyone is well rested for what's coming.

### **Thursday, 28.8- Fair and OtaOrienteering**

There is a fair hosted by Aalto in the morning and a lecture on Student Life. Followed by OtaOrienteering, a yearly checkpoint crawl where every organization in Aalto hosts a checkpoint.

## Friday, 29.8 - Teekkari Life and Otafest

On Friday, you will have an opportunity to attend a lecture on Teekkari Life. Starting in the evening, Otafest, a huge open-air music festival will be held on campus! Attendance is without charge for fuksis!

## Saturday, 30.8 - 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 board of Data Guild!

## *Beyond orientation week*

### Tuesday, 2.9 - Aalto Day One

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

### Thursday, 4.9 - 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, 20.9- 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 where everyone wears formal clothes, 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://d-wv.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 wellbeing and creating a mentally friendly study environment. They also work to normalize mental health problems.

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



# 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](https://www.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 Info  
Ayy Events



Aalto University Student Union AYY



AYY\_FI



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 bravely jump into the unknown – 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 '25**

# 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](http://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 this fall. 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 five sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum 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 Jämeräntaival 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](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. 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).

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.



**Aalto community  
AYY annual ball - festivals  
adventures - sports  
well being  
activities for master students  
interdisciplinary events**

**community section**

**aava**



**section - committee - events**



**@aay\_aava**



**AYY events**

# 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 Sara Blomqvist, and I am your Fuksi Major. My task, together with the Fuksicaptains and tutors, is to make your first academic year unique and unforgettable. I work as a volunteer under the Aalto University Student Union, and I lead the Fuksi Committee, commonly known as FTMK, which consists of all of the Fuksi-captains from the teekkariguilds that admit new fuksis and the Swedish-speaking student nation. Aalto University was founded in 2010, and along with that, students of arts and business have also found their way to Otaniemi. The multidisciplinary university and the Aalto community enable extremely rich and active student and recreational activities to complement your studies. Everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

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

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





# FTMK 25

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

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!

*Sara Blomqvist*

**Sara Blomqvist**  
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 Lia Lundström, 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 Urdsgjallar för ditt gille under introveckan. Ifall du är nyfiken på vad allt vi gör på Teknologföreningen är det bara att ta kontakt med mig eller komma på besök till Urds!

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. TF:s startskott ordnas 23.8 i Otnäs och där har du chansen att lära känna andra phuxar! Mera info och anmälan hittar du på [u.tff.fi/startskott](https://u.tff.fi/startskott).

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 Ojaswi Tyagi 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. Ta också och gå genast med i Phux25:s egna telegramgrupp: [u.tff.fi/-phux25](https://t.me/u.tff.fi-phux25)  
Njut av sommaren, så ses vi på hösten!

Kram,



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# Teekkaris of Otaniemi.



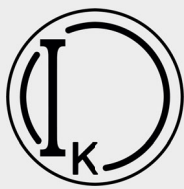
**Teknologföreningen (TF)** is the Swedish-speaking and the only student nation at Aalto. Everyone is welcome to TF regardless of study programme or language. The only requirement is to be interested in learning or speaking Swedish. Teknologföreningen owns Urdsbjällar, the big concrete building next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



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



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



**The Guild of Mechanical Engineers (KIK)** was founded in 1915, and even with 110 years of history, it is the youngest guild in the School of Engineering. However, it is one of the biggest guilds with over a thousand members. Members of KIK can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink crawler tractor mascot and their echoing chants of “YY, KAA, KONE!” (“ONE, TWO, 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. Tietokilta is one of the largest in Otaniemi. Many of the younger guilds in Otaniemi have started as a part of this guild, namely AS, Athene and Data Guild. Members of the guild are recognized by their shiny black overalls with the guild’s unofficial @-logo in the back. The chant of the guild can be heard from far away as a two-part call-and-response: “tieto-KILTA!”





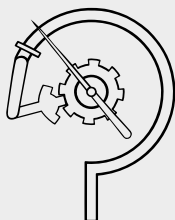
***The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology (AS)*** was founded in 1998. It brings together students majoring in Automation and Robotics, Information Technology as well as Digital Systems and Design. The industrious members can be recognised by violet overalls. The left sleeve is black with a white 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 Information Networks students in 1999, and from the year 2022 also includes students of Engineering Psychology. Athene's overalls are forest green or "Athene green"; the left sleeve, collars, and back pockets are black as a tribute to the Computer Science Guild, which Athene separated from in 2003. The guild's official logo, the "eye of Athene," is featured on the back of the overalls.



***The Guild of Bioinformation Technology (Inkubio)*** was founded in 2007. Inkubio is youthful, dynamic and it is the best guild in Otaniemi. 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 Guild of Process Engineering Students (PT)*** welcomes Chemical Engineering students in both the Finnish and English bachelor programmes. Founded in 2012, PT is one of the youngest student guilds in Otaniemi. PT's overalls are blue and are decorated with yellow, blue and red stripes on each limb representing the three other CHEM guilds that PT descends from. The guild'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 other 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, but instead taking in exchange and master's students. The CHEM guild's overalls (red, yellow and blue) have become a rare sight in Otaniemi, but these colors can be seen sewn onto PT 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 2024 which aimed to increase the appreciation of volunteer work in Finland. 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, Fyysikkospeksi (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 (if it is announced), 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 Teekkariis 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 Teekkariis 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, which is designed to respond to the disruptive information-technological transformation of our society and to future 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.

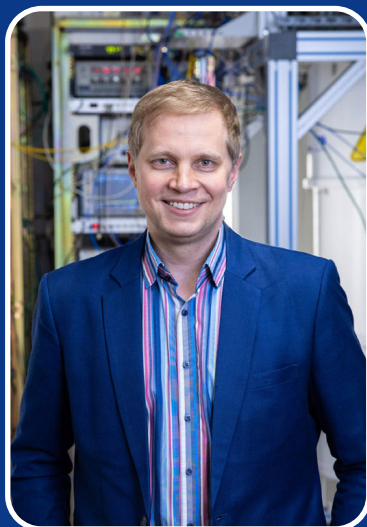
We are a leading research institute, hosting several top notch research groups and world-class research infrastructure. Our excellence in research provides also a stimulating learning environment where top faculty teaches what they are passionate about, inspiring students and opening new horizons.

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  
Programme Director



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

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

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



## **Orientation week**

Your studies will begin with an orientation week, running from Monday 25 August to Friday 29 August 2025. Orientation week will give you additional information about your programme, Aalto University as an academic environment and student life on campus. Orientation week gives you a chance to get to know your new fellow students and the staff of the programme. You will be assigned to a tutoring group and guided by student tutors to help you get off to a good start with your studies. The orientation week schedule will be published on Starting your studies website where you can also find other helpful information concerning the start of your studies:

<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, 1 September 2025. Teaching in the academic year 2025-2026 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 2025-2026

### Autumn term 2025

Teaching and evaluation periods	Dates	Week numbers
First evaluation period & orientation	25 Aug – 31 Aug 2025	35
Period I and evaluation week	01 Sep – 19 Oct 2025	36 – 42*
Period II and evaluation week	28 Oct – 07 Dec 2025	43 – 49
Second evaluation period	08 Dec – 14 Dec 2025	50

\*No teaching or examinations on 2 September after 12 o'clock (Opening Ceremony)

### Spring term 2026

Teaching and evaluation periods	Dates	Week numbers
Period III and evaluation week	05 Jan - 22 Feb 2026	02 – 08
Period IV and evaluation week	23 Feb - 19 Apr 2026	09 – 16
Period V**	20 Apr - 05 Jun 2026	17 - 23

\*\* A period in which diverse forms of teaching are given, including:

1. Teaching for 6 weeks with intensive periods of evaluations
2. A project course, starting with contact hours followed by a summar project
3. 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

Teaching methods in different courses vary and may include lectures, assignments and group exercises or projects. The first lecture will cover all the practical matters needed to pass the course (course assignments and examinations, study materials, course evaluation etc.), so you have good reason to be there! Though lecture attendance is not always compulsory, it is beneficial from a learning standpoint.

Many courses have assignments, and in some cases they are compulsory. In other courses, you can do assigned work for extra credit to supplement the total points received on interim tests and the final examination. Whatever the case, maths exercises are always important, because they give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in practice. In-class exercises in mathematics, called laskarit, include reviews of the subjects covered in the lectures. The exercises are often given out online in advance.

## 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.

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

You can contact the Student Services' staff members of your programme Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology by email at [bsc.tech@aalto.fi](mailto:bsc.tech@aalto.fi). They can assist you with matters connected to your own study programme and planning of your bachelor's studies, such as approval of your personal study plan, scheduling of your studies, exchange studies, credit transfer, tuition fee matters and graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. If you wish to meet the programme staff in person, you can book a personal appointment through the MyStudies system.

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

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

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

International Student Peer Advice (ISPA) offers peer support and assistance for international degree students at Aalto University. The advisors themselves are international Aalto students and can offer guidance with practicalities after admission and after moving to Finland as well as with other topics related to living and studying in Finland. Further information about the peer advice service, service desk hours and contact information can be found here: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/support-services-for-students/international-student-peer-advice>

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

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

## Links

- Contact information: <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-2024-2026>
- 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/>



# 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. As a joining gift, you will receive a TEK overall belt.

TEK is a community of some 81,000 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](https://www.tek.fi/en/students) or join [www.tek.fi/en/join](https://www.tek.fi/en/join) now!

Best regards,



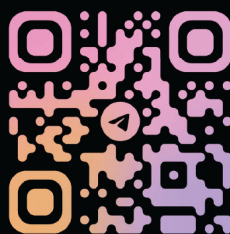
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# Welcome to Data Guild.

Dear Fuksi of 2025,

Congratulations on your admittance to the Data Science Programme at Aalto University! You've become a fuksi, and we at Data Guild, the student association for Data Science students, are here to support you throughout your new university life and studies. Student life at Aalto University is incredibly unique and rewarding, and I sincerely hope that you'll enjoy it to the fullest.

Beyond studies, you'll meet peers coming from all across the world, make new friendships, step outside of your comfort zone to discover new interests (or rediscover old ones), and learn what it means to become a fuksi and grow to be a teekkari. Our Fuksi Captain and Tutor Coordinator will guide you through the adventure that your first year will be, and the rest of us Board and Officials at Data Guild will ensure that everything else is handled with care, whether that be organizing all the other amazing guild events, handling external relationships with our sponsoring companies, or communicating study-related issues with the university.

I encourage you to explore the countless clubs and associations across Aalto — there's a community waiting for you to join, whether it be in sports, art, games, or just making new friends. So don't be afraid to try something new (and if you are afraid, just bring a friend along; you're certain to accumulate very many of them). The tutors at Data Guild will help you find your way in Finland and in Otaniemi, and you can ask them for help wherever you might need, even if it's something as simple as going to the grocery store for the first time or an extra pair of hands to help move into a new apartment.

I'm truly excited to meet you and I can't wait to see the amazing things you'll experience and accomplish here.

Welcome to Aalto, welcome to Data Guild, and welcome to the fuksi year that will be unlike anything else — you're going to do great!

Love from the Board and Officials,

**Anna Sihvonon**

*Chair of Data Guild*

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# 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 2025. Make sure to join us in the next election meeting and maybe even apply!



Hi there! I'm Anna, 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.

Hi! My name is Tony and I'm the **Vice Chair** of the board. As the Vice Chair I help and work as the substitute of the Chair.



Hi! I'm Phu, the **secretary**. My responsibilities include keeping track of the membership and committee registers, and ensuring the smooth communication and transfer of information within the guild's board.

Hi! I'm Otso and I'm the **Treasurer** of the guild. I keep the guild's finances in order; this includes preparing the budget, making sure that bills are paid (on time) and taking care of other monetary issues.





Hello everyone! I'm Janna and I'm the **guild publicist**. My job is to update our life on Instagram and let everyone know all the cool stuff we do. I'm also responsible for the newsletter that informs about future events also outside of our guild! BIG welcome to DG! <3



Hello again! I'm OJ, the **Fuksi Captain** of Data Guild. My main responsibility is to take care of you fuksis and make sure you have an amazing time. Along with the FTMK, I'm involved in organizing Aalto wide for you all!

Hi!! I'm Magnus, and as the **tutor coordinator**, I work with OJ to ensure that you guys have the best possible year! I'm responsible for communicating between the school and the tutors, helping to organize tutor trainings, as well as parties!



Hello, I'm Kareem, the **Master of Culture**. I head the DG Culture Committee which is mainly responsible for creating amazing events for all our members. The events can range from sports events to workshops to whatever you want it to be. In addition, I am part of TkTMK, which organizes some of Aalto's BIGgest events.

Hi, my name is Anssi, and as the **head of corporate relations**. I am responsible for communicating with our partner companies and establishing new partnerships. I try to get our guild more money/ maintain the amount of cashflow we have, so that we can afford nicer things.



Hey everyone! We are Pranav and Christian, and we are this year's **IE** for DG. Our job is to organise fun events such as trips and sitsits, while making sure that everyone is well fed.



My name is AB, **Head of Academic Affairs** for Data Guild. I handle the guild's academic-related stuffs, which includes advocacy work relating to studies, gathering feedback on academic experiences, working with various academic committees, and provide support in study planning if needed. So if you are ever in doubt with any study-related matters, feel free to hit me up :)

Hello there,  
I have been called many things over my years at DG. Tutor coordinator, Fuksi Captain, oldie, grandpa, fossil... the list goes on, but you can call me Rainer, the **board godparent** of DG!  
The board godparent is someone who has previous experience of being in the board of DG and is present to help the current board with whatever small task or to share what they think on guild related topics.



# Officials and Doggos.



Hi, I'm Aleksis,! I'm the **Main harassment contact person**. If you ever experience or witness harassment or inappropriate behavior, feel free to reach out - I'm here to help. You can find our Code of Conduct, which applies at all of our events, here: [dataguild.fi/code-of-conduct/](https://dataguild.fi/code-of-conduct/)

Hi, we're Ann-Marie and AB, the two **women's representatives** of 2025! Our main goal is to make sure women's voices are heard in our guild, since we study in such a male-dominated field. Feel free to talk to us about any concerns you may have about DEI-related issues, regardless of who you are or how you identify yourself.



Hey, how's it going? I'm Ilia, and my position in DG is **Wellbeing Ambassador**. Studies can often be stressful and overwhelming, and my job is to encourage guild members to take care of themselves. Among other things, I promote sports activities in the guild and organize our participation in tournaments.

Hello fuksis :D. I'm your **ETCo (English Technology Bachelor committee) rep**. ETCo is here to organize events for all of the English bachelors. Come to our events, have some fun, make new friends. Expect some wacky shenanigans, or be the ones to create them XD.



My name is Oliver, and I am the **Guildroom manager**. I oversee DG's guildroom, the Database! I ensure that the room is kept clean and is an enjoyable and accessible space to spend time at.



Hello, world! I'm Anton, the **head of IT** in DG. I manage the guild's website, event signup system, and other infrastructure. I also coordinate the development of new projects and help DG members use our digital services.



My name is Aleks and I am the **head songmaster**. It is my job to select and train the songleaders for our sitsis as well as guide the singing culture in our guild. In addition to this, as a part of the committee of leading songmasters, I hold events such as singthroughs and songwriting competition open for all. If this all sounds frightening fret not, for a Teekkari sings rather, than well!

Hi fuksis! BIG welcome to Data Guild! I'm Zoe, and as the **official photographer**, I'll be snapping photos at guild events throughout this year. Whether it's a big, formal event or just random hangouts, I'll be there to capture it all. Please don't hesitate to inform me if you'd like to stay out of frame! Can't wait to meet you all :D



YOO WUSSGOOD?!? I'm Aawez ,the **Master of Merchandise**. I make sure our guild stays dripped Out. In addition, I design and procure cool ass patches that represent our Guild. If made with passion, your overalls will evolve into a representation of who you are, what you've experienced, and the memories you've made. This is part of why this role is important to me. SO, if you ever have any ideas, opinions, or just want something made desperately – I gotchu.

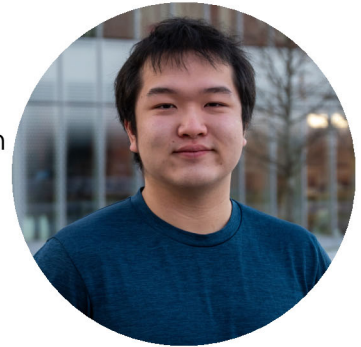


Hi! I'm Fathima Afrooz, **Head of Study Marketing**. In my role, I help promote our study programs and always welcome your feedback, so feel free to reach out with any thoughts or suggestions. Make the most of this experience, stay curious, and build meaningful connections. Welcome to Data Guild. We're excited to have you here!



Helloooo :3 I am the **head of aesthetics**. I make posters for events, lead the decorations teams and help with other visual related stuff if I can help it, I also have BIG plans on the guild room which I can't say yet since it's not done ;O You can come to me for personal fashion advice too, I've been known to give people impromptu haircuts that have yet to disappoint :)

Hi I'm Katsuya, the **TEK representative**, and it's my job to inform students about the benefits they receive by becoming members of a workers' union, specifically TEK, the union of engineers and other such technical fields. As a student, it's free to join, so join now! Also, TEK supports student culture, so if you have any ideas for events, they might sponsor it. Feel free to ask me about any opportunities!



Minnie - **Dog**  
Woof! Woof woof,  
woof woof woof woof.  
Woof woof woof!



Tapas - **Dog**  
Bark!



Laku - **Dog**  
Ruff!





# DG TUTORS

DATA GUILD'S VERY OWN TUTORS!









# 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  
**Design Factory** - product design and learning hub on campus  
**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** - Currently closed



**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** - Ullanlinnänmäki: 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

# OTA FEST

29.8.2025



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More information

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



# RADIO DIODI

Otaniemi's own Wappu radio!

**Why?**

Hype and student culture!



**Who will do a show?**  
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**When?**

Potential Wappu 2026!



**Stay tuned!**

[radiodiodi.fi](http://radiodiodi.fi)



[radiodiodi](https://www.instagram.com/radiodiodi)



[t.me/radiodiodi](https://t.me/radiodiodi)







# POLYTEKNIKKOJEN KUORO

The Polytech Choir



# AUDITION

( FOR FINNISH SPEAKERS ONLY )

8.9.2025  
AT 17.00, JMT1

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO:

[WWW.POLYTEKNIKKOJENKUORO.FI/KOELAULUT](http://WWW.POLYTEKNIKKOJENKUORO.FI/KOELAULUT)







## Capturing student culture.

OUBS ry is Otaniemi-based student association for digital media. We record and livestream events organized by and for students. We also have weekly hangouts at our studio.

You are welcome to join us,  
no previous experience required!

# OUBS

oubs.fi  
youtube.com/OUBSry  
hallitus@oubs.fi  
Telegram: <https://t.me/oubsry>

# Sandbox for sustainability

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

Sustainability can feel like overwhelmingly broad topic and Action Booster is here to make approaching it a little easier and more tangible. Here's what we have to offer:

P.S. We encourage **BOLD** ideas, failing is allowed!



## Funding

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

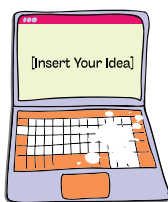
*You can apply for an expense grant up to **5 000-10 000 €!***

## Inspiration

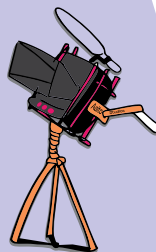
*Get inspired by other projects  
Meet like-minded people in our events and take part in other communal projects!*



Resources



Community



Events



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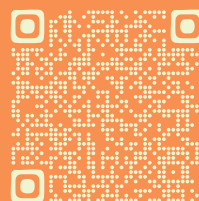


SUSTAINABILITY  
ACTION BOOSTER



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

Even a small action makes a difference. Scan the QR code and answer the question to claim a small reward.





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 [rwbk.fi](https://www.rwbk.fi)

 [Retuperän WBK](https://www.facebook.com/RetuperänWBK)

 [Retuperän WBK](https://www.youtube.com/RetuperänWBK)





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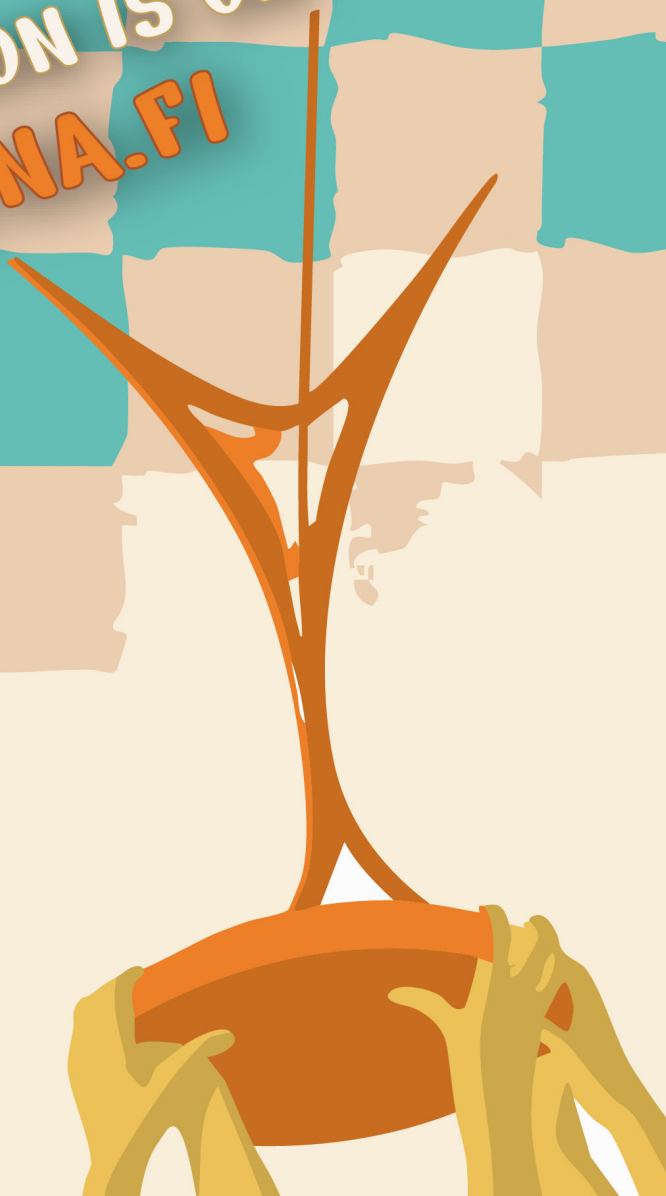
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**www.unisport.fi  
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# JAYNA

THE COMPETITION IS ON  
[WWW.JAYNA.FI](http://WWW.JAYNA.FI)





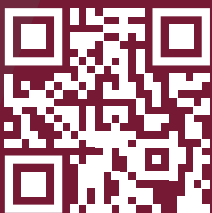
# DOMINANTE

## SINGING TO THE WORLD



Open rehearsal 1.9. at 18:00  
Audition dates 3.9. & 4.9.

Ask for more information and reserve your audition  
[fuksivastaava@dominante.fi](mailto:fuksivastaava@dominante.fi)



[www.dominante.fi](http://www.dominante.fi)  
[@dominantechoir](https://www.instagram.com/dominantechoir)

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# Checklist and Important Links.

## 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/fuksis/>







