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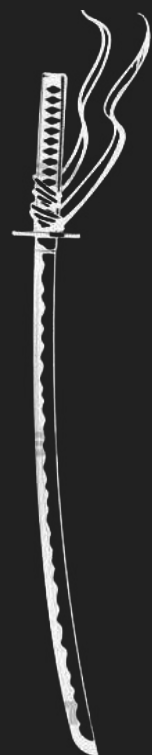
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Hello, Data Science Fuksi!

This guide is packed full of vital information. Aim to read at least the first and last pages containing the links, map and checklist.



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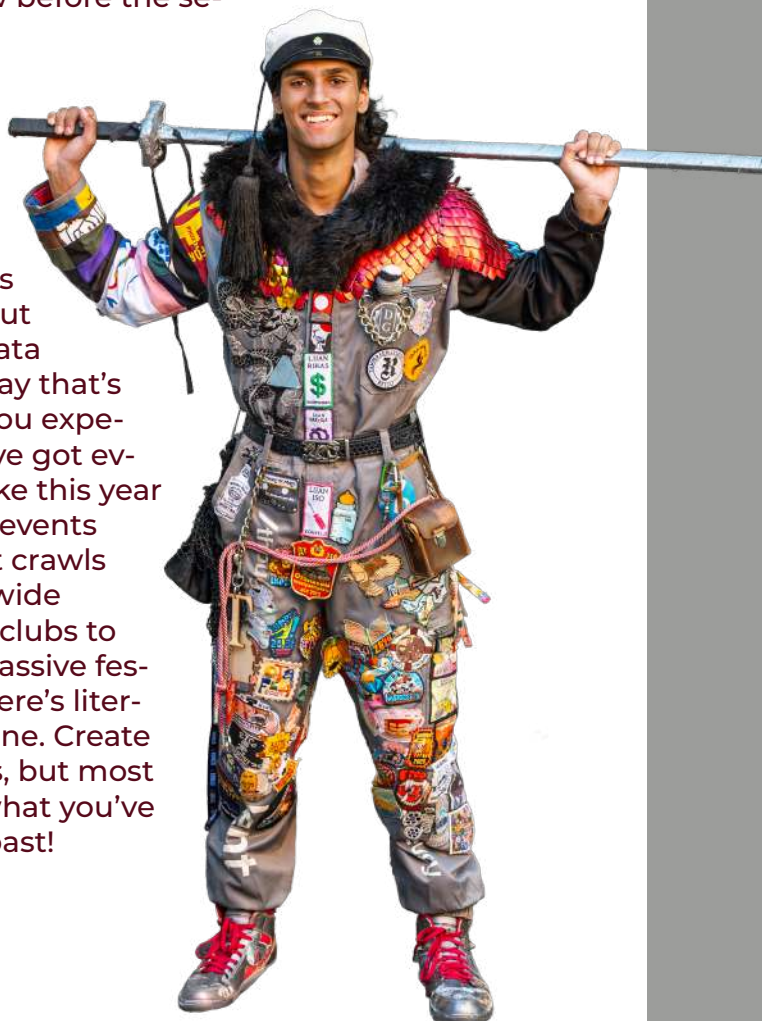
[Fuksi Captain's Greetings]

HELLLOO LOVELY FUKSI!!

Lovely what?? You've become a first-year student at Aalto University, or in other words, a Fuksi! So, congratulations and a warm welcome to Data Guild! My name is Aawez Akbar, and I'm your Fuksi Captain. My role is to ensure y'all not only have a seamless transition into university life, but also the most fun-filled and exciting Fuksi year possible! Joining me is Aleksei Filonov, our Tutor Coordinator, along with a fantastic team of tutors who are here to support you every step of the way.

This Fuksi Guide is your starting point for university life at Aalto. Inside, you'll find everything you need to settle in, from student culture and academic life to key tips that'll help you get the most out of your first year! If you're in a hurry, I strongly encourage you to check out the *"Checklist and important links"* section at the end of the guide, as it contains the most important things to know before the semester begins.

A few years ago, I was in your position. I remember moving to Helsinki feeling uncertain but hopeful. Looking back, my expectations were completely blown out of the water. Aalto and Data Guild are full of life in a way that's difficult to explain until you experience it for yourself. We've got everything you need to make this year unforgettable – amazing events like lore-filled checkpoint crawls and chaotic sitsit, plus a wide array of associations and clubs to join. Be it heavy metal, massive festivals, or pole dancing, there's literally something for everyone. Create new bonds and take risks, but most importantly, try and do what you've been afraid to do in the past!



Your Fuksi year kicks off at the end of August with Headstart (22.8), followed by Orientation Week, where you'll get to meet your fellow Fuksis and tutors from Data Guild, as well as get valuable info on starting your studies! We have a lot of really fun events planned for you guys, so stay tuned!

If you ever have any questions or need support, 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!

Join our Telegram group! <https://t.me/+YznVU6Zb1xswNzIk>. There you'll get to know your fellow Fuksis and tutors before Orientation Week and get important info regarding upcoming events and your studies. You can also find the link from the emails the school has sent you.

Once again, welcome!!! Your Fuksi year has the potential to be among the best in your life, so make the most of it, we gon' make sure to go CRAZY.

I can't wait to meet y'all!

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aawez".

Aawez Akbar

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[Tutor Coordinator's Greetings]

HEYOO!! BIG welcome to Data Guild!

When I started my studies in 2024, I was genuinely amazed by how welcoming DG was to me. I couldn't even imagine how much fun, unforgettable memories and experiences that year would bring. I'm sure you'll feel the same!

My name's Aleksei, and I am the Tutor Coordinator. I work with the tutors and organize events for them. Together with them and your Fuksi Captain we work on organizing the best Fuksi events out there. Tutors are older students who help you settle into university life and show you the long-rooted Finnish student culture. You can ask tutors for help with moving, studies or anything else related to life here. In DG it's normal to get to know every single tutor over the year! You can recognize tutors by the silvery DG overalls, tutor shirt and the "Tutor" tag on Telegram.

With more than 200 associations, there's literally a million things you can do at Aalto, and I truly wish that you find what you're most passionate about. For some it's being active in the guild or a sports club, for some it's learning more about the Teekkari (technology student) culture, for some it's going deeper in their studies.

If you ever thought to try out something new, THIS is the place to do it. I hope I was able to intrigue you enough, so expect nothing less than a ton of fun events, trips, hobby groups and rich traditions!

While we're still apart, take the most out of your summer and see you soon!

Aleksei Filonov
Tutor Coordinator
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[Fuksis of the Year]

Wassup Fuksis of '26.

As someone who's done what you're about to do, trust me, this is going to be one of the coolest adventures you will embark on in your lifetime. Highkey, the first few days will be awkward, what are these people, why are they so rowdy and excited over dumb things. But trust the flow and go along with it. Go to events, hang out with us at classes or at lunches. Talk with people. The events in your first year, I'm not lying, are one in a lifetime, these are things that genuinely cannot be experienced one more time. So never take them for granted, don't be afraid to embarrass yourself, go out there and don't be afraid to get cringe. To be cringe is to be free. Let yourself have fun and join the brightest and most vibrant community in all of Otaniemi.

Hong Phuc Vu
Fuksi of the Year



A sense of belonging is one of the most important parts of life. It's easy to grow disillusioned and frustrated with an environment like Aalto if you feel that you don't belong. Spending three to five years in isolation is miserable.

The way to create that sense of belonging is by becoming part of a community. Community is a topic talked about too rarely, but it is the backbone of our social lives. It is where you meet new people, where you learn how to behave in a new setting, and where you feel at home. Your social support comes from your community. Building relationships and becoming part of a community is daunting; luckily at Aalto student guilds are waiting for you with open arms.

I hope Data Guild gives you that sense of belonging. It did for me.

Pro tip: always check pinned messages in Telegram chats.

Ville Elomaa
Fuksi of the Year



Cześć Fuksi of '26!

While my telling you that this year is going to be special, that the first few weeks will be a shock, and that uni gives you a chance to reinvent yourself may sound cliché, it really isn't.

Since you got lucky with your guild selection, you'll have countless opportunities to do new things, discover a whole new (student) culture, meet new people, get involved in crazy endeavours and so on.

Unfortunately, we all came here to study, so between all of the events and experiences happening on campus and that it might feel a bit overwhelming. It's important that you develop the skill to say no to things without getting worked up about it. FOMO can hit hard, but getting burned out in the middle of the year is not fun. So make the most of all the moments you get while taking care of yourself along the way.

Remember to have fun,
Jonasz Ciesielski
Fuksi of the year



Fuksis of '26, welcome to the Data Guild!!! As you are now my Fuksi babies (muahahahaha), I shall guide you with the invaluable wisdom of a Fuksi of the year.

First advice: Don't be afraid! DG people are the most welcoming bunch I have ever met, and they will straight up just adopt you (speaking from experience). Let DG be the family you can always lean on in your university journey.

Second advice: Be yourself! We are niche enough that you are sure to find someone to relate to. DG is just weird but in an amazing way, and we hope you can find everything you need here.

Final advice: You are only a fuksi once. Make the most out of it, enjoy whatever you want, and have a silvery year! PS. If you are reading this, you are already better than me. I didn't touch the Fuksi Guide until I had to write this message.

I love you like all fire,
Nguyễn Ngọc Khánh Linh
Fuksi of the Year



[Data Guild's Tutors]



What are Tutors?

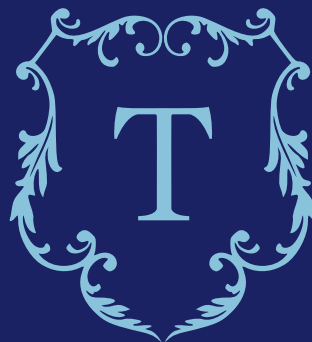
Tutors are an essential part of Data Guild and its Fuksi culture. Their mission is to help you transition into university life by e.g. helping with moving, studying or any other matters related to living in Finland. On the other hand, Tutors are always there to help the Fuksi Captain and Tutor Coordinator with Fuksi events.

This year we have an astounding 32 official tutors, some of who you will already meet before Orientation Week during Headstart. In DG, it is normal to get to know your Tutors by name quite early on, so expect to make some friends pretty quickly!

Super Tutors

Among all Tutors who wish to take a larger role in Fuksi upbringing, five are chosen to be Super Tutors. They work closely with the Fuksi Captain and Tutor Coordinator and are the main helping hand in organizing events. Super Tutors also lead Tutor groups during orientation week to make it easier for the Tutor Coordinator to delegate responsibilities to all Tutors.

Make sure to meet the Super Tutors, and don't hesitate to ask them for help!





[Orientation Week & Beyond]

		Organized by DG		Organized by the school		Organized by FTMK	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 - 13:00	Campus Tour Computer Science Building	10:00 - 11:00 How to plan your studies Undergraduate Centre, B-hall	9:30 - 11:00 Introduction to the Major Undergraduate Centre	10:00 - 15:00 Aalto Welcome Fair Undergraduate Centre	11:00 - 15:00 DG Fuksi Championship		
13:00 - 15:30	Welcome to study at Aalto's Bachelor's Program in Science and Technology Computer Science Building, T1 hall	11:00 - 12:15 Lunch	11:00 - 12:15 Lunch	12:30 - 14:00 Better Student Life at Aalto Undergraduate Centre	13:00 - 15:00 SClinic Otaranta		
15:30 - 17:00	Dinner	12:15 - 13:15 How to study Math and Programming	12:15 - 15:00 Study plan and course registration session Undergraduate Centre	12:30 - 14:00 Better Student Life at Aalto Undergraduate Centre	17:00 - 18:00 OTAFEST Alvarin Aukio		
17:00 - 18:00	Sauna Initiation & Hangout Osasnauna	15:00 - 16:00 Break / Food	16:15 - 17:15 Teekkari Life Undergraduate Centre, A-hall	18:30 - 20:30 Tutor organized hangout	12:30 - 14:00 Otaorientteering & Afterparty Alvarin Aukio		
			17:15 - 00:00 DG Checkpoint Crawl Osinkulma & Otaniemi				

Your Fuksi year will be full of amazing events, most of which you can only experience once! Take part in everything that sounds interesting and enjoy yourself to the fullest. I strongly recommend you attend all Orientation Week events as they'll help you get started with Uni life!

This section will provide a brief overview of Fuksi events coming up in early Autumn, it does not however cover every event!

You'll receive more info regarding each of these events in the DG Fuksis '26 Telegram group!

Before Orientation Week

Saturday, 22.8. – Headstart

If you're already in Finland, come to the Headstart to get to know your fellow Fuksis and Tutors! The Headstart will begin at Ossinlampi.

24.8. – 29.8: Orientation Week!

Monday, 24.8. – Campus Tour

The Orientation Week will kick off with a tour of the campus and a Fuksi sauna night in a luxurious sauna!

Tuesday, 25.8. – DG Checkpoint Crawl

The day will start with some informative workshops hosted by the University, a lecture on Teekkari Life, and will finally take you around Otaniemi in a checkpoint crawl organized by Data Guild. The crawl will be a fun way to get to know the campus and will be filled with excitement, activities, and maybe even a surprise at the end :D **Reserve until midnight for this event!**

Wednesday, 26.8. – Study Info and Relaxation

The University will host an introduction to the major and an important course registration session. After this you'll have a relaxing evening to get your energy back, and if you feel up to it, you can join some chill Tutor organized activities.

Thursday, 27.8. – Fair and Otaorienteeing

The morning will feature a Fair hosted by Aalto and a lecture on Student Life. In the evening you'll get to participate in the yearly Otaorienteeing, a checkpoint crawl where every association in Aalto hosts a checkpoint!

Friday, 28.8. – Scicnic and Otafest

During the day you'll have the opportunity to join a picnic with all the guilds in the School of Science! In the evening, Otafest, a huge open-air music festival will be held on campus! Attendance is free for Fuksis!

Saturday, 29.8. – The Fuksi Championship

The final event of the Orientation Week awaits you. The Fuksi Championship is a prestigious trial of skill, intelligence and humor where you will face off against each other, and the board of Data Guild! This event will take place in a beautiful venue off campus! Don't sleep on this one!

Beyond Orientation Week

Tuesday 1.9. – Aalto Day One

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

Thursday 3.9. – StadiOrienteering

After getting to know Otaniemi it's time to slay bigger dragons and so we head to the capital of Finland for a fun event around Helsinki :D

Saturday, 12.9 – Tallinn Trip

DG will set sail for Tallinn, the capital of Estonia! Don't miss this traditional event!

Saturday 19.9. – Fuksisitsit

Arguably one of the highlights of the Fuksi year! Sitsit are a type of student dinner party with lots of singing. It's one of the fanciest sitsit of the year and its organized just for you Fuksis! You'll get an introduction to Sitsit and singing culture, amazing food, and most importantly, a really fun evening. You don't want to miss this!

Tuesday, 6.10. – DG x FK Event

A new collaborative event organized between DG and FK! Be there!

Friday the 13th, 13.11 - (DG x Inkubio x PT)

An all-new event organized for the Fuksis of all 3 guilds! Details in the Fuksi Telegram chat!



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.

Within a week of arrival, submit a notification of move (see <https://dvv.fi/en/moving>). Once registered as a permanent resident, you'll have access to municipal healthcare services. You'll receive a Finnish personal ID code, necessary for various activities like receiving a salary, getting a mobile phone connection, or opening a bank account.

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

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.



Tips:

- Keep track of your income. If, for example, the income from your summer job exceeds the level for receiving financial aid, take initiative and return the money for the months concerned or cancel them in advance.
- Don't use your financial aid months if you fall ill or are on holiday. You cannot replace them even if your studies are not completed, and in case of extended sick-leave, you can apply for sickness allowance instead.
- Double-check information! Many changes have occurred in recent years, so don't trust everything you hear. Check out: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/support-for-studying/financial-aid> and KELA's e-services.

You can get student discounts in many restaurants and stores by showing your student card. It's often worth asking if you're not sure whether there is one. You can order a physical or digital student card from www.frank.fi/en

Transport:

The Helsinki Region is divided into four public transport zones: A, B, C and D. You always need a ticket that covers the regions you're traveling in. For example, Otaniemi and much of the rest of Espoo (e.g. Tapiola and Leppävaara) is located in the B zone, so when travelling in or to these areas, you need a ticket covering the B-zone. Helsinki city center is in the A-zone, so to travel between Otaniemi and Helsinki city center, you need an AB-ticket.

Use HSL's route finder for routes, timetables, and ticket information which is available in the HSL app and under hsl.fi/en. Students in the Helsinki Region (Espoo, Helsinki or Vantaa registered as your home municipality) can get a 40% discount on seasonal tickets if their student status is updated.

More at: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/discounted-travel/student-discount>

Otaniemi has excellent connections via buses and metro to different parts of Helsinki and Espoo. City bikes are available from April to October. More at: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/citybikes/helsinki>

Within Otaniemi, it is also perfectly possible to get around by foot - you might get lost from time to time during the first one, two years, but everything is quite close together.



Food:

In Otaniemi, there are several student restaurants offering a variety of food options at an affordable price of €3.10, 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 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

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.

Remember, there are no stupid questions :-)



/community



Aalto University Student Union

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

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

AYY in figures

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

Communication channels

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



Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!

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

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

See you on campus!

AYY Board '26

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

Services

Student housing

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

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

Advocacy

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

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

Student culture

Volunteering, association activities, and diverse events are an essential part of the Aalto community and student culture. The highlights of the year include Wappu and orientation week events, and there are events for all tastes throughout the year. In addition to the student union, volunteers in various sections and committees also organise events. AYY includes five sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari Section, Museum Section, and Advocacy Management Group (Edu-Jory). Volunteer applications usually open in late autumn, and this will be announced through AYY's communication channels.

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

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

Rental facilities

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

Scholarships and project grants

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

Student benefits

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

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



Greetings new student of technology, dear fuksi,

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

My name is Elisa Heikkilä, and I am your Fuksi Major. My task, together with the Fuksicaptains and tutors, is to make your first academic year unique and unforgettable. I work as a volunteer under the Aalto University Student Union, and I lead the Fuksi Committee, commonly known as FTMK, which consists of all of the Fuksicaptains from the 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 a relatively young university, there have been us teekkaris for a century and a half. Teekkaris have been in Otaniemi since 1966, before which the school was situated in Helsinki. The most treasured distinction of teekkarius, the teekkari cap, has been in our use since already 1893. I hope you keep the long history in mind as you explore the wonderful world of 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!

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



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

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

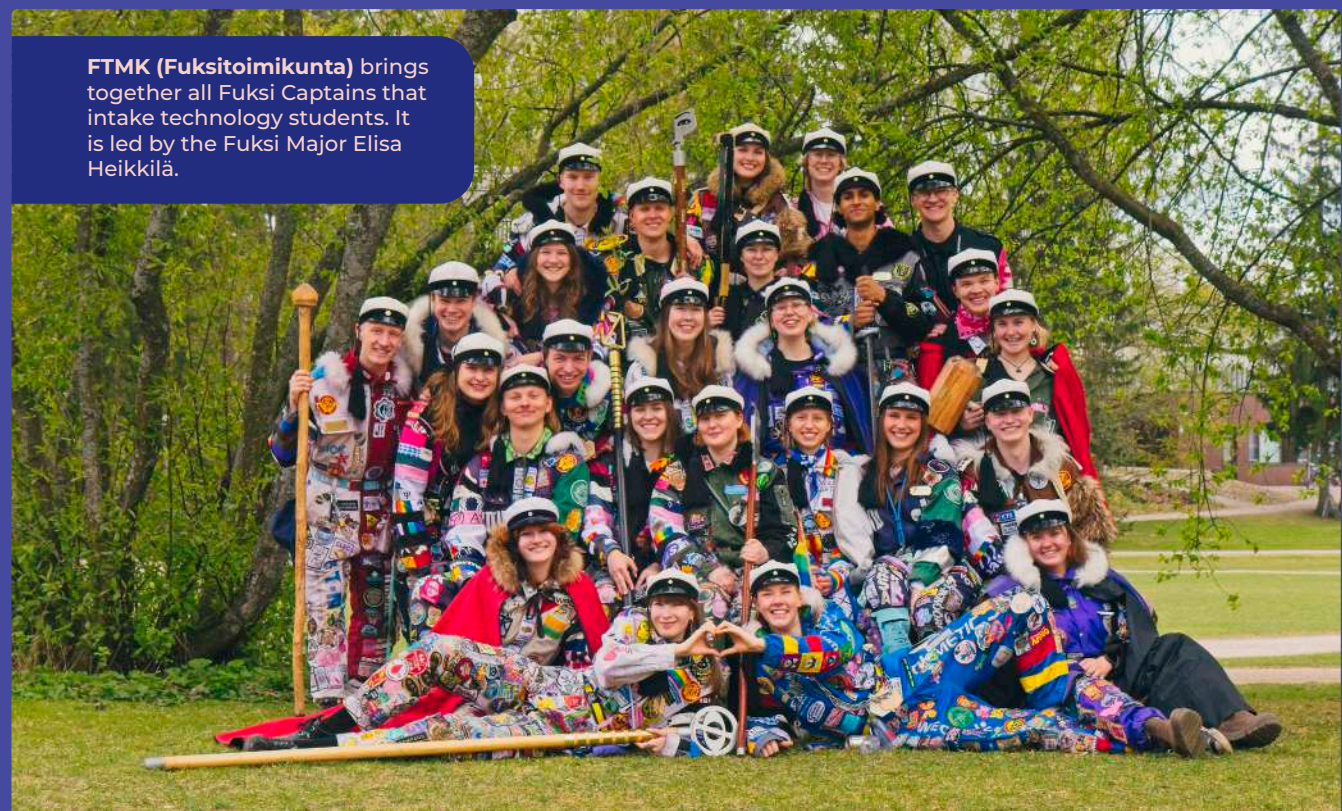
I am in the privileged position of getting to watch you and your fuksi comrades on your journey to becoming teekkaris. Feel free to come and chat with me anytime, I hope to get to know you too.

I wish you a truly memorable fuksi year!

Elisa Heikkilä
Fuksi Major

FTMK '26

FTMK (Fuksitoimikunta) brings together all Fuksi Captains that intake technology students. It is led by the Fuksi Major Elisa Heikkilä.



Kära phux,

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

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

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

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

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

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



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[Guilds with English Bachelor Fuksis]

*And their Fuksi Captains,
go say hi if you see em!*



The Guild of Physics (FK) and
their Fuksi Captains, **Inari** and
Eero



The Guild of Automation and
Systems Technology (AS) and
their Captains, **Elsa** and **Milja**



The Guild of Process Engineer-
ing (PT) and their Fuksi Cap-
tains, **Laura** and **Oskari**



The Guild of Electrical Engineers
(SIK) and their Fuksi Captains,
Antti and **Aura**



The Guild of Civil Engineers (IK)
and their Fuksi Captains, **Ronja**
and **Nicolas**



And of course, me, **Aawez**,
your Fuksi Captain!

ETCo

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

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



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



[Aalto's Youngest Guilds]



Did you know that DG is the youngest Guild in Otaniemi? We'll be turning 8 years old next year, meaning we'll be old enough to go to the 2nd grade in Finland!

PT is 14 years old and Inkubio, the third youngest Guild in Otaniemi, is 19 years old.

P.S. Mark 13.11. on your calendar already...



/teekkarius



Come to Orientation Week to figure out this page.

Teekkari Culture



Once upon a twilight evening, long before Otaniemi was filled with overalls and midnight songs, there was a student of technology named Teemu who proclaimed himself a Teekkari. Whether Teemu was truly the first Teekkari, nobody can say for certain. Like many stories in Teekkari culture, the truth has become inexplicably tangled with legend.

- Aawez Akbar, Fuksi Captain of Data Guild

Teekkari's are students of technology who, like Teemu, have earned the right to wear the Teekkari cap. Their history dates back to the 1850s, and over time a rich culture of traditions has taken shape. Today, every Fuksi walks a path not unlike Teemu's. Along the way you will wear your overalls, survive your first Sitsit, earn your Teekkari Cap and (potentially) witness Wappu madness. This chapter will give you a glimpse into that world, the rest you will discover during your own Fuksi year.

Teekkari cap

Among Teekkaris, no object is more symbolic than the **Teekkari cap**. With a history spanning over 150 years, the cap in Otaniemi has maintained its current form since 1893. At first glance, it may resemble the Finnish high school graduation cap, but the Teekkari cap has its own unmistakable identity: a **hexagonal shape** and a **black tassel**.

The Teekkari cap is traditionally a summer cap and can only be worn between 1.5. and 30.9. You can, however, wear it during the winter with special permission from AYY's Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto). As a Fuksi, you'll accumulate **Fuksi Points** throughout the year, and if you gather enough, you'll earn the right to wear the cap. At midnight on the possibly organized **Wappu**, you may finally place it on your head with pride. If your points fall short, you may still wear it after Mother's Day. The final day to wear the cap each year is **Lakinlaskijaiset** ("the lowering of the cap")



Overalls

If the cap is the crown, then the **overalls** are the armor. Teekkaris wear them at countless events, and each guild has its own color and design. They are practical, often covered in pockets and loops, but they also serve as a kind of living record of the bearer's student years. Data Guild's overalls can be seen on the right. They are silver with a black sleeve.

Teekkaris decorate their overalls with **patches** that represent guilds, interests, and events attended. Patches are often exchanged between Teekkaris, and so are pieces of overalls. Even their placement can carry meaning: a guild patch is commonly worn on the left chest pocket, and romantic partners sometimes exchange a pant leg.



Sitsit

Then there are Sitsit: academic table parties where people eat, sing, and survive the gaps between courses. A Sitsit usually includes a three-course meal, but arriving hungry is unwise, as the evening is punctuated by songs and performances.

There are many kinds of Sitsit. Fancy Sitsit usually demand formal clothing and behavior, with dress codes such as dark suits for men and cocktail dresses for women. Themed sitsit are often more relaxed, with dress and etiquette following the chosen theme.

"A Teekkari sings rather than well". Songs are usually led by a Songmaster, who knows how to keep the procession alive. Multiple Teekkari songbooks exist, with some guilds even having their own. In Data Guild, we use Tietokilta's songbook, Kovalevy.



Speksi

If Sitsit are structured chaos, **Speksi** is theatrical chaos with audience control. Speksi, or Spex, is an interactive theatre performance with singing and dancing. The audience may interrupt at any point by shouting “**Omstart!**” to demand a replay of the scene. More specific directions can also be given, such as “**Omstart, in Swedish!**” or “**Omstart, angrier!**”, making each show completely unique. In Otaniemi, there are four distinct major speksis.

Jäynä

Finally, there is **jäynä**, the Teekkari art of “*It’s just a prank bro*”. A jäynä is meant to bring joy, not harm, and it should never hurt anyone or anything. The best jäynä leaves even its target laughing. They are often humorous pranks or installations, and while they can happen throughout the year, they are most common in the spring leading up to the possibly organized Wappu.

One of the most famous jäynäs took place in **1961**, when a group of Teekkaris travelled to Stockholm before the **Vasa ship** was raised from the sea. They hid a small statue of **Paavo Nurmi**, the legendary Finnish runner, on its deck. The discovery of the statue first caused a sensation in maritime archaeology and later sparked a minor foreign policy conflict.

Wappu

Then comes **Wappu**, celebrated on **May 1st** and perhaps the most important day of the year for Teekkaris. The traditions vary by region, but in Otaniemi they have their own strange and beloved shape.

At Otaniemi, Wappu begins when/if the Fuksi Major decides to organize it. This usually occurs way earlier than 1.5. and is followed by celebrations, secret events and playful jäynäs. Wappu itself begins with the declaration of Wappu rowdiness on the eve of Wappu, and at midnight the Teekkari cap can finally be worn.

Wappu Magazines

Before Wappu arrives in full force, another old tradition pops up: the Wappu magazines. These are humorous publications, with varying degrees of wit, absurdity, and artistic chaos. Their sales help support Teekkari activities, and the sellers also receive a share. In Otaniemi, there have been two magazines since **1978**: **Äpy** and **Julkku**. Äpy is published every **odd year**, and Julkku every **even year**. Next Wappu, if announced, it will be Äpy’s turn. You can get Fuksi points for selling Äpy!

Tempaus

From time to time, the Teekkari world gathers its strength for something larger: a **Tempaus**. Its purpose is to draw attention to important issues or shared problems, often by making a public statement or raising money for a good cause.

The most recent Tempaus took place in **2024**, focusing on increasing appreciation for volunteer work in Finland. (Other famous Tempaukset include 1966, when the Helsinki University of Technology moved from Helsinki to Otaniemi; 1968, when Dipoli was completed; and 2009, when students formed a human chain connecting all three Aalto campuses.)

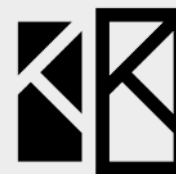




Teknologföreningen, TF, is the Swedish-speaking and the only student nation at Aalto. Everyone is welcome to TF, regardless of study programme or language. The only requirement is to be interested in learning or speaking Swedish. Teknologföreningen owns Urdsgjallar, the big concrete building next to Dipoli, and runs their own student restaurant Täffä. The old and mighty Urdsgjallar is in for a touch-up in the form of a construction project at the end of the year, with the aim to renovate Urdsgjallar and build student housing next door. TF-members are recognized from their teekkari-red overalls that are usually combined with parts of the guild or university association overalls.



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



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



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



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



The Guild of Electrical Engineers (also known as **SIK**) was founded in 1921. The members of SIK study electronics and electrical physics, electrical power and energy engineering or computer engineering. The energetic electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls with the cog logo on the back of the overalls. 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 (aka **Fysikkokilta**, **FK**) is a guild founded in 1947. It gathers all Engineering Physics and Mathematics students as well as Quantum Technology students in Aalto under the same roof. Each Engineering Physics and Mathematics student specializes in either physics, or mathematics and systems sciences. The guild’s overalls are natural white and in order to get the right shade, fuksis dye their overalls with tea. For Quantum Technology students, the left sleeve is beige.



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



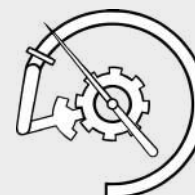
The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology AS was founded in 1998. It brings together students majoring in Automation and robotics, Information technology as well as Digital Systems and Design. AS members can be recognised by their violet overalls. The left sleeve is black with a white pocket that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



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



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



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.

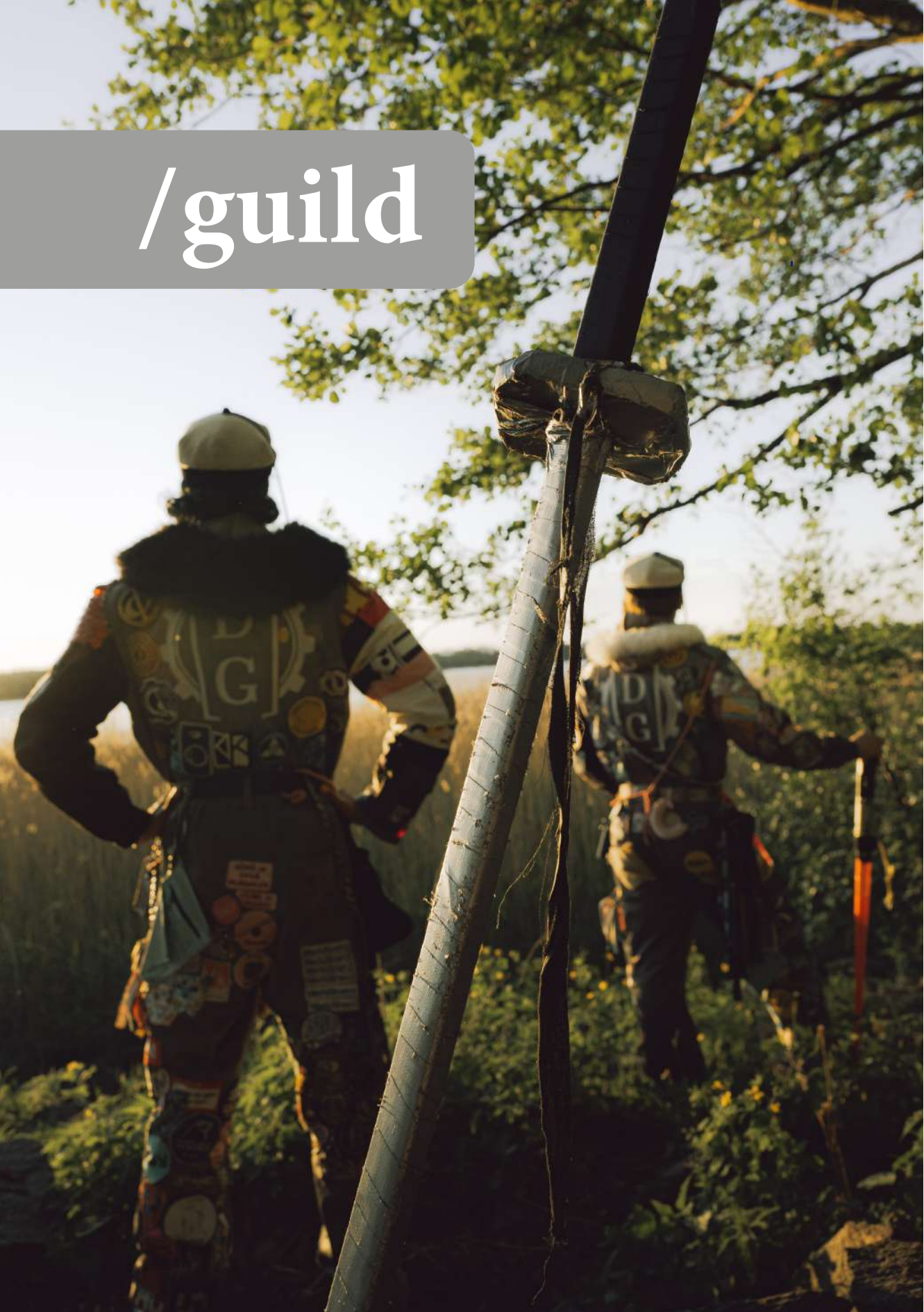


FUKSI COVENANT



The Fuksi Covenant is the guiding order of your Fuksi year. It exists to support the Fuksi Captain in shaping the best possible Fuksi experience, to strengthen Data Guild's Fuksi culture, and to elevate the Guild's presence across Aalto.





/guild

[Welcome to Data Guild]

Dear Fuksi,

Congratulations on joining Aalto University! My name is Pranav and as the Chair of Data Guild, I am excited to welcome you to our Guild and to the beginning of what I believe will be one of the most memorable chapters of your life.

Aawez and Aleksei together with our amazing tutors will guide you through your fuksi year and help you discover the many teekkari traditions and secret adventures (that I am forbidden to talk about) that await you. Remember that they are always ready to help with anything you might need. We have all been where you are now and understand what it feels like to find yourself in a new environment. Whether you are lost in Otaniemi, need help moving stuff to your new apartment, are confused about what courses to pick or looking to hear some Teekkari lore, Data Guild always has people willing to help.

To me, Data Guild has become a family and a home away from home. It is a place where I have made lifelong memories and found friendships that will stay with me long after my time at Aalto. That is exactly what I hope it will become for you as well.

Data Guild is run by its volunteers who are all students just like yourself. Whether you want to help organize events, cook for celebrations, run sports activities, vibecode some IT projects or bring your own ideas to life, there is a place for you at Data Guild. We have committees for all interests and if you want to take on an even bigger role, you can always run for a board or official position. The guild is shaped by the people in it and we would love for you to be one of them.

If there is one important piece of advice I can give you, it is to not be afraid to step outside your comfort zone and try new things. Looking back, I have never regretted going to an event, joining an association or talking to someone new and somehow ending up yapping with them until late at night. Some of the best memories and friendships you will make come from putting yourself out there. I always like to say that Teekkari life is like an ice cream (my favorite food btw), enjoy it before it melts.

On behalf of the entire Board and Officials of Data Guild, we wish you an amazing fuksi year filled with new friendships, unforgettable events, all the side quests you will inevitably find yourself on and the personal growth that comes with becoming a Teekkari. We are excited to be part of your journey into the world of Teekkari culture and cannot wait to meet you.

With love,

Pranav
Chair of Data Guild
Telegram: @DataChair





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 responsible for ensuring the guild operates smoothly and continues to grow and thrive! It is elected every autumn and Fuksis are also eligible to apply for a position if it isn't Fuksi Captain or Tutor Coordinator. Below you can see the board of 2026. Join us in the next election and maybe even apply!



Hey! I'm Pranav, the **Chair** of Data Guild. I oversee the board and officials, manage the guild's administration and streamline our general operations. I'm also responsible for guiding all the committees, activities and the overall direction of the guild.



Hey! I'm Magnus, the **Vice Chair** >< I help out the h with any of his responsibilities, do board stuff [=] and organize some events with a committee called TKTMK :P and one of them might be for yall! :-O



IM BACK! In case you forgot, I'm Aawez, the **Fuksis Captain** of Data Guild. I'm responsible for making sure that the future of the guild, you guys, have the greatest, most electrifying year you could possibly have :D In addition, I'm part of FTMK, the committee that organizes Aalto-wide Fuksi events!



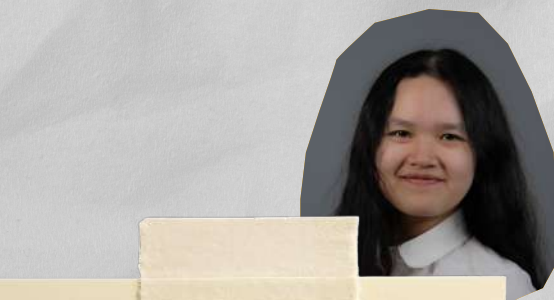
Heyooo!! My name's Aleksei, and as the **Tutor Coordinator**, I am responsible for selecting new tutors, organizing sitsit, parties and trainings for them. I also work with Aawez and ITMK, the BIG committee that organizes events for all ~1000 Tutors of Aalto!



Nothing builds a community quite like a table around which to share food, drink, and stories. That's what we do as the **Isäntä** and **Emäntä** (host and hostess, or **IE** for short)! We create food-related events like sitsit, potlucks, cook-outs, and even trips to Tallinn to sate your hunger with something new and fun every time :D

Anna and Tarm* <3

* Tarm is an official



Hello! I'm Khanh, this year's DG **Master of Culture**. With the DG Culture Committee I organize all sorts of fun events for all guild members. From skating to casino nights, if you have an idea for any event, hit me up and it might be reality! Additionally, I'm also part of TKTMK, which organizes some of the biggest events in Otaniemi!



Hi everyone, I'm Zoe and I'm the guild's **Publicist**! I manage the guild's social media accounts and newsletter, ultimately letting people know how fun our guild is xD



Hii everyone!! I'm Kiia and I'm the **Secretary** of DG for 2026. My main tasks are to write and publish the minutes of the meetings, as well as handle miscellaneous tasks regarding communication within the board and officials.



Hello fuksis! I am the **Study Coordinator** of Data Guild. My main duties are organizing pre(xam) parties, giving food to graduates (one item per person), and passing information from the school to the guild and vice versa. I am also actively trying to improve the study process for Data Science bachelor's students - let's see how it goes. My main goal for my term is to somehow host a study-related sauna event.

- Danny



Heyyyy! My name is Chris, and I'm both the **Board Godparent** and **Main HCP** this year. As the godparent to the board, my job is to use my past experience to help with decision making at meetings. I also wish to archive the guild's history and help alumni stay connected with the guild. As the Main HCP, I work along with other contact people to make sure that the guild is a safe space for all and that no harassment happens within the guild. We help mediate conflicts between members and guide parties through conflict resolution when it arises.

As the **Head of Corporate Relations**, I essentially maintain the Guild's relationships with firms in the industry, organising excursions and events while providing the firms with marketing, talent pipeline and helping them achieve company-specific objectives

- Vedant



Hi! I'm Oj and I'm the **Treasurer** of DG. I keep the guild's finances in order. This includes preparing the budget for the year, making sure that bills are paid (on time), and haunt the nightmares of anyone who owes us money.



[Officials & Doggos]



Hi! I'm Alvar and I am the **DG Wellbeing Ambassador** of 2026. My main goal is to promote student wellbeing within DG. The ways I will do this includes but is not limited to organizing sports activities for the guild, encouraging participation in tournaments, promoting information about student healthcare services and overall trying to make DG an even more inclusive environment.



print("Hello Fuksis!!!"); I'm Dũng and I'm the current **Head of IT** of DG. I manage the guild's software infrastructure, mainly the website, signup system, and possibly more to come. I know the current website looks like it is from 2012, but we are working on a better one now. If you have any ideas to improve the website, just let me know.



Hi yall, I'm the DG representative for the **English Bachelors Committee**. My role is to organize events and parties for all English bachelor students which are a great opportunity to meet other international students.

- Ignacio



Heyo! I'm Jonasz, the **Guildroom Manager**. I spend my days cleaning up after other members of Data Guild and adding onto the guildroom, ensuring it's a place where everyone wants to hang out.



Hii! We are Chris and Helen, and we were in charge of organising **Epoch**, the guild's annual ball this year! To celebrate the guild turning 7 years old, we invited people from all around the university to a fancy and fun dinner party. It was a great celebration, and we're hoping to have an even better one next year! If there's one sitsit to come to, it's this one!



Hi! I'm the **Head Songmaster** of DG! As songmasters, we are responsible for leading the singing at sitsis, which are "formal" dinner parties where guests eat, drink, and, most importantly, sing. I can't wait to meet y'all!

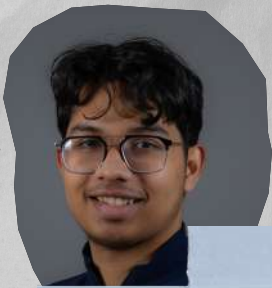
- Aleksis



Hi Fuksis! I'm Minh Tran, the **Master of Merchandise**, or Mom. Mom designs drippy stuff and buys drippy stuff. Merch is an important aspect of the Data Guild's identity, and is a representation of your memories here with the guild, as visible on your overalls or outfits. Although small in scale, every merch and patches were designed with the max creativity and passion from me and my Merch Committee. The Committee is open to all ideas, and if you ever have a spark of an idea, just share with me.



Hi! I'm Aleksis and as the **TEK representative**, I'm in charge of relations with the trade union for academic engineers and technology students. TEK provides great benefits for it's student members as well as support to student organizations. I'm excited to tell you more during orientation week!



Welcomeeee fuksis! I am Alvee, the **Head of Study Marketing**. I work with the school to market the Data Science -program to potential new students. This includes online FAQ sessions, school visits and arranging study marketing events for our studies here at Aalto. I also assist the Study coordinator arrange activities for the Study committee. Hopefully you'll have a wonderful time here.



You might catch me behind this camera every now and then during the year. The **guild photographer's** task is to capture all the important moments. Occasionally, there might be different people behind the camera and you can often spot more than just one camera at our events: the more cooks the better the soup right? But if pictures aren't your thing you can always say so (they're not mine either, that's why I'm the one taking them).

- Meri



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



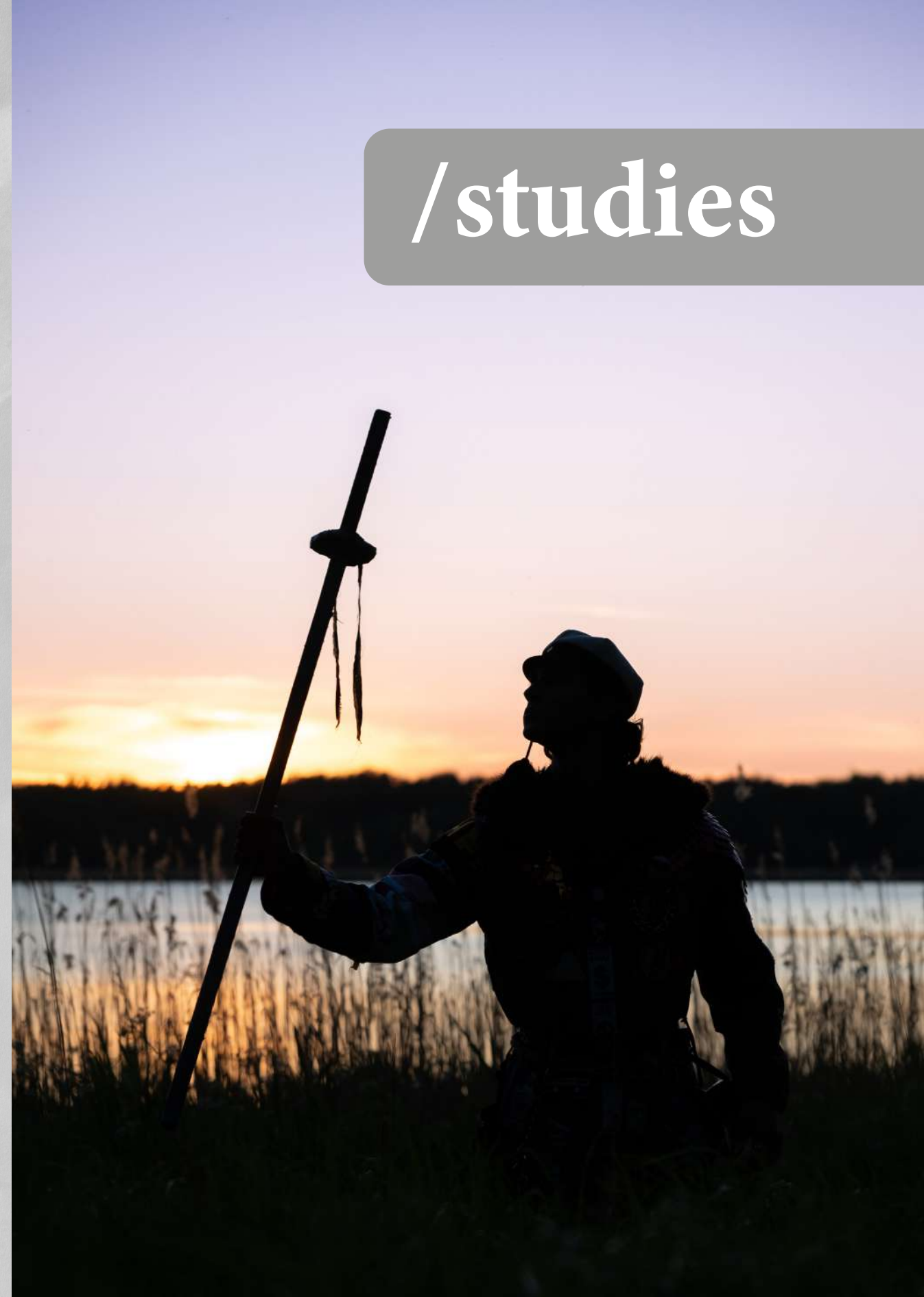
In memory of **Tapas**,
(co-)guild dog

2022-2026



Laku - **Dog**
Ruff! RUFF! Ruff!

/studies



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the infinity and beyond!
(Buzz Lightyear)

Maarit Korpi-Lagg
Programme Director
Associate Professor (tenured) of Computer Science
Astroinformatician



Hei fuksi!

Liity Tekniikan akateemiset TEKin opiskelijajäseneksi! Jäsenyys ei maksa sinulle mitään. Saat muun muassa neuvoja (kesä)työnhakuun, ammattilehtiä, palkkatietoa, jäsenetuja, alennuksia sekä tietysti suositun TEK-vyön ja TEK-lehden. Opiskelijajäsenenä olet tervetullut tapahtumiimme ja voit tarkistuttaa työsopparisi tai muita työsuhteeseen liittyviä kysymyksiä juristeiltamme.

TEK on tekniikan ja matemaattis-luonnontieteellisen alan opiskelijoiden ja valmistuneiden ammattiliitto. Meitä on yli 83 000.

Tutustu tarkemmin www.tek.fi/opiskelijat tai liity heti mukaan www.tek.fi/liity!

Terveisin,



Veera Fristadius

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Fun fact: A-hall where this photo is taken can fit around 600 people!



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.

65-67 ECTS	65-69 ECTS	20-25 ECTS	19-30 ECTS
Basic Studies	Major Studies	Minor	Electives

Orientation week

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

<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, 31 August 2026. Teaching in the academic year 2026-2027 is divided into five seven-week periods. The final week of each period is an evaluation week reserved for the finalisation of coursework, presentation of course results and evaluation of student performance with various methods. Classes may also be held during the final week. In addition to the evaluation weeks, additional evaluation periods will be organised outside the teaching periods.

The teaching periods and evaluation periods:

Academic year 2026-2027

Autumn term 2026

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

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



Spring term 2027

Teaching/evaluation periods	Dates	Week numbers
Period III and evaluation week	11 Jan – 28 Feb 2027	2 – 8
Period IV and evaluation week	1 March – 25 Apr 2027	9 – 16*
Period V**	26 Apr -13 Jun 2027	17-23

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

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

1. Teaching for 6 weeks including intensive periods of evaluation of learning with diverse lengths
2. A project course, beginning with contact hours and continuing as a summer 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: <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. 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 in a university requires more independent work than in high school or upper secondary school. As an adult, you are expected to learn how to find the information you need on your own and take responsibility of your studies. Fortunately, there are many sources of help available.

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

Four letters you can trust.

International Student Peer Advice (ISPA)

International Student Peer Advice is a seasonal service for Aalto University's international degree students. The advisors themselves are international Aalto students, offering help to students with questions about moving to and living in Finland.

All kinds of questions are welcome, but some of the most common topics include:

- practicalities after admission
tuition fees and scholarships, residence permits, insurance...
- practicalities after moving to Finland
registering with the authorities, local transportation...
- other topics related to living and studying in Finland

Get in touch!

- Service point:
*Undergraduate centre, room Y199a.
Check for opening hours on our website!*
- Zoom:
*Personal advisory session on Zoom.
Please book your session via email.*
- Email:
int-studentadvice@aalto.fi

Some useful links:

ISPA website



Student Guide



Post-Arrival Checklist



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Ask for more information and reserve your audition
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www.dominante.fi
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JÄYNÄ

THE COMPETITION IS ON

Jäynä [jæynæ]

Noun

1. Competition, prank, gag

"Planning and executing jäynäs is giga fun"

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

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

www.jayna.fi/en



Humpsvakar

TEKNOLOGORKESTERN
HUMPSVAKAR

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LÖRDAGEN DEN 21 NOVEMBER
ORDNAS EN HUJSIG SHOW.
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EFTERFEST OCH SILLIS.

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OCH DETALJER KRING
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beginning of the
autumn semester!



More information

teekkarispeksi.fi/
in-english





jarvis hums softly
rasterize this mf now
pixels obey dawn

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION BOOSTER

A sandbox for sustainability

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

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

Funding

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

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

Support

*Interested but no ideas?
Stuck with a project?*

We are here for you.

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

Inspiration

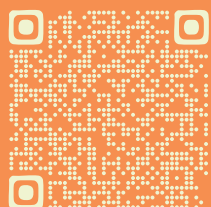
*Get inspired by other projects
Meet like-minded people in our events and take part in other communal projects!*



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 for more info!



Sustainability Action Booster



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- GROUP TRAINING CLASSES AND ONLINE SERVICES
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HEALTHY EVERYDAY LIVES OF ALL
MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY



RADIO DIODI

Otaniemi's own Wappu radio!

WHY?

**Fun and
student culture!**

WHO WILL DO A SHOW? YOU!

WHEN?

**Potential
Wappu 2027!**

Stay tuned!

radiodiodi.fi

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 **t.me/radiodiodi**



POLYTEKNIKKOJEN KUORO
The Polytech Choir



AUDITION
(FOR FINNISH SPEAKERS ONLY)

7.9.2026
AT 17.00. JMT1

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO:
WWW.POLYTEKNIKKOJENKUORO.FI/KOELAULUT



/essentials



[Useful Apps to Download]



Telegram

The de facto communication app. Also known as “TG” is undoubtedly the most important app of a student in Otaniemi. It is similar to many other messaging apps, but with its convenient features it has earned the love of Teekkaris. Also works in a browser or desktop. Remember to join your fuksi groupchat:

https://t.me/+w5PoHKiEG_YINDE0



kanttiinit.fi

Displays all the menus of student restaurants on campus. Can be used as a website.



kide.app

Kide is used for buying tickets for student events.



Aalto Space

Aalto Space is an interactive map of all buildings on campus. You can also book rooms for studying here.



112 Suomi

Emergency Response Centre Agency's mobile app.



MyCourses

In Aalto MyCourses you can see all the courses you're taking, check deadlines and submit assignments. You will need this after orientation week.



Frank

Frank offers a digital student card and a ton of student discounts. Use it in student restaurants to get a discount.



HSL

HSL is the app for buying tickets to buses, trains, trams and metro. You can also plan your routes here.



Mobilepay

Mobilepay is used for transferring money to your friends and for buying stuff in student events. (Finnish bank account required).



Bitwards

Your virtual access card for buildings on campus (you can also get a physical one).

[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) 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

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>

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
Mommy, DataMommy - Tutor Coordinator of Data Guild

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 Maijan 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
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 - Ullanlännmäki: 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

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 (non cash)
- ☐ Reserve time until the night
- ☐ Figure out how to get home afterwards :D

During the beginning of the term

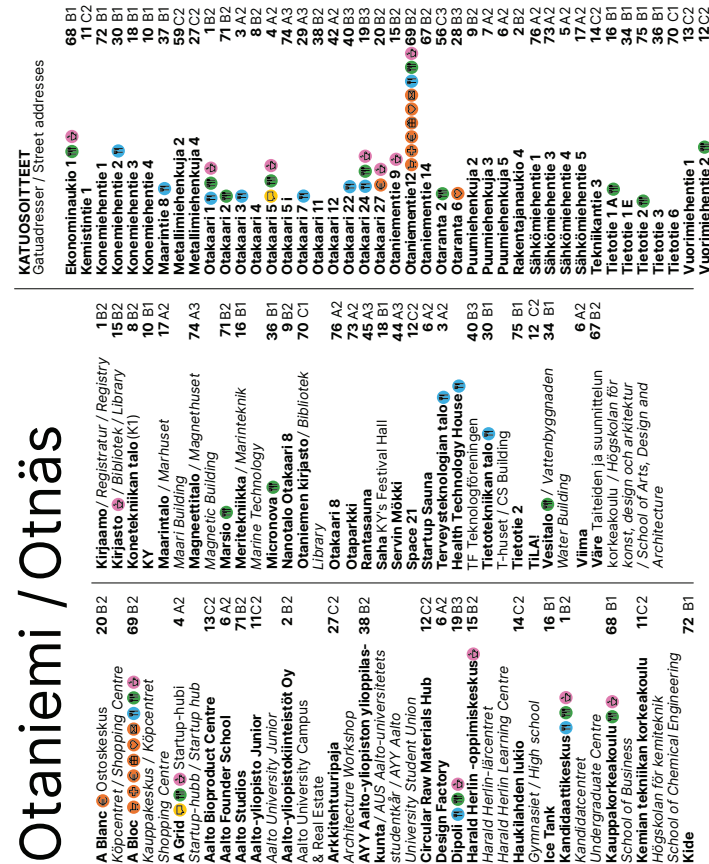
- ☐ Register right of residence (EU/EEA citizens)
- ☐ Register into Finnish Population Information System if needed
- ☐ Carry (electronic) student ID or AYY's membership fee receipt with you
- ☐ Get an HSL card for public transport / download the HSL app and update student status to it
- ☐ Keep your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

If you have any questions **contact Aawez Akbar:** aawez.akbar@gmail.com or through Telegram: [@DataDaddy!](https://t.me/DataDaddy) All important links including those mentioned in the booklet can be found here:

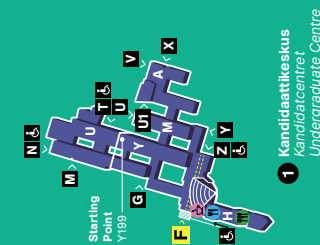
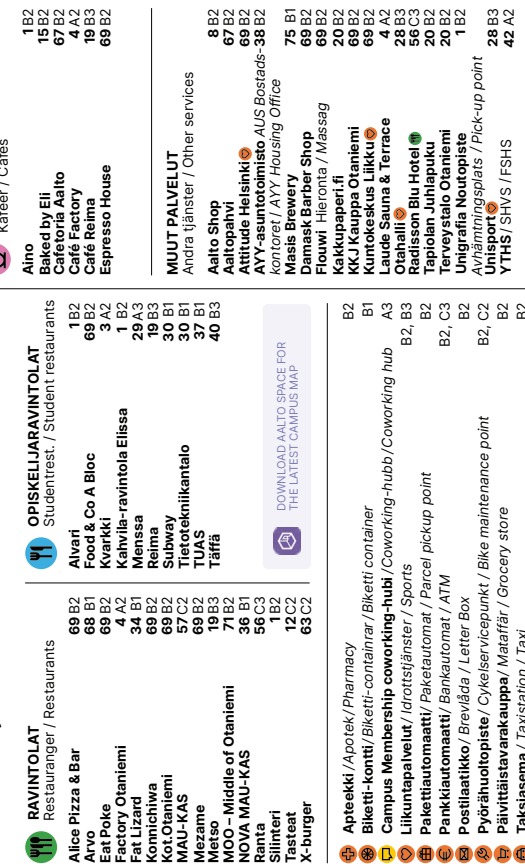


<https://dataguild.fi/fuksis/>

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