

# GUILD GUIDE 2019



Aalto University  
School of Engineering  
International Team

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# Welcome

Hello,

Welcome to Aalto University and congratulations for getting accepted! Amazing times are ahead of you!

In your hand, you are now holding the new Guild Guide of 2019. This guide is designed by the International Team of Aalto University School of Engineering, or ENG, to introduce our guilds and student life in Otaniemi.

This guide has been made international students in mind but we encourage the Finnish students to read this guide through also - especially if you are not familiar with teekkari culture or life in Otaniemi - as it contains a lot of great information.

On the behalf of the three guilds of ENG: the Guild of Civil Engineers, the Guild of Mechanical Engineers and the Guild of Surveying Engineers, we would like to congratulate you on your study place and we are happy that you have chosen to come to Aalto!

We hope that you will settle in well and enjoy your stay with us.

ENG International Team,  
**Ella, Viktor and Ville**



# Aalto University



Aalto University



Aalto-yliopisto



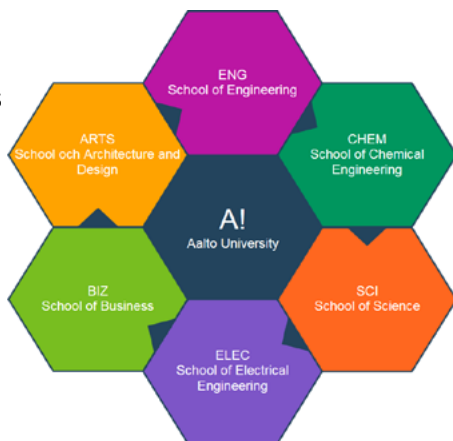
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## Aalto University - where science and art meet technology and business

Aalto University was established in 2010 as three leading Finnish universities, the Helsinki School of Economics, Helsinki University of Technology and the University of Art and Design Helsinki, were merged. Today, Aalto University consists of six schools with around 12 000 students, and 4 000 members of faculty and staff, of which nearly 400 are professors. University's campus is in Otaniemi, home of the lively community that supports learning, innovation and fun. ([aalto.fi](http://aalto.fi))

### School of Engineering

The School of Engineering (ENG) is one of the six schools in Aalto University. It offers studies in mechanical and structural engineering, energy and environmental engineering and the built environment in three Bachelor's programs. The School of Engineering has gained excellent results in research on the fields of arctic technology, sustainable built environments, mechanics and materials, multidisciplinary energy technologies and systems design and production. The Dean of the school is Gary Marquis. ([more info](#))





2019-2020

## AALTO UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

As a student of Aalto, the Aalto University Student Union (AYY) is your student union. AYY brings together about 14,000 students of arts, design, business and technology. We work together to ensure the well-being of all our members and to develop the teaching at Aalto.

As a member of AYY, you are entitled to a vast number of student services and benefits in the student union, the capital region and entire Finland.

As an Aalto student you will also have the opportunity to join many social activities and events organised by AYY and the 200 student associations operating under the umbrella of AYY.

## BECOMING PART OF AYY

All students who are studying a degree at Aalto University are members of AYY. Exchange students and postgraduate students can join if they wish to get full student benefits. The membership fee for the academic year 2019-2020 is 119 euros (autumn term 58 euros and spring term 61 euros).

More information about fees and payment instructions:

[AYY.FI/PAYMENT-INSTRUCTIONS](https://www.aalto.fi/AYY/FI/PAYMENT-INSTRUCTIONS)

## INFORMATION CHANNELS

You can find the most comprehensive information of all AYY's services and opportunities on the website [AYY.FI](https://www.aalto.fi/AYY.FI)

Find more info about social activities on our Facebook groups [AYY EVENTS](#) and [AALTO INTERNATIONAL](#) or on our Telegram group [AALTO INTERNATIONAL](#) where you can find more information about events and other issues.



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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## STUDENT CARD

By joining the student union you may apply online for a student card at [WWW.FRANK.FI](http://WWW.FRANK.FI). You can choose either a digital card (mobile app, Finnish ID number required) or a plastic card. The card is available for you through the app in seconds, the plastic card will arrive in 2-3 weeks. Showing the official student card is the easiest way to prove your student identity to gain student benefits:

- » Discounted meals at student restaurants
- » Student discount on trains and buses
- » Fulltime access to Unisport services 145 euros a year
- » Discounts at museums, theatres, shops, sports facilities and many other places

## STUDENT HOUSING

AYY owns approximately 2,600 student apartments in Helsinki and Espoo. Members of AYY are entitled to apply for AYY housing. You can apply for an apartment as soon as you receive confirmation of receiving a study place at the university. Students can also apply for an apartment from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki region (HOAS).

More information about housing is included in the information materials sent to you by your school – please read it carefully!

## HEALTHCARE

The health care fee of the Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) is included in the annual membership fee of AYY. You can receive help from FSHS in matters of general health, oral health and mental health. FSHS is a very affordable high-quality health care system created specifically for students. The majority of the FSHS services are free of charge, and even the highest appointment fees are very reasonable.

**Further information:** [YTHS.FI/EN](http://YTHS.FI/EN)

N.B. There is no emergency care in FSHS. EU/EEA students should still apply for a European Health Insurance Card and non-EU/EEA students need to have a private health insurance required by the residence permit.



## ASSOCIATIONS AND STUDENT CULTURE

Taking part in dozens of fun activities every year is an essential part of studying in Finland. Make sure you won't miss the highlights of the year, such as Vappu festivities (around May 1st), anniversary balls, Shrove Tuesday sledging and many others.

International volunteer groups such as ESN Aalto and BEST organise awesome events in English throughout the year. 200+ associations operating within AYY include everything ranging from sports and music to games and other hobbies. New Aalto students are more than welcome to join the associations.

## STUDENT ADVOCACY

AYY also represents students in different decision-making bodies of the university, and promotes their interests in society. Through student representatives, selected by AYY, students influence the decisions made at the University.

The international affairs sector of AYY works hard to promote international students' well-being in Aalto. The Representative Council is the highest decision-making body of AYY. It is elected in a ballot, in which all members of AYY, including international students, can vote and run as candidates. The next elections are this fall 2019!

## OTHER SERVICES

AYY offers and provides its members various kinds of services and opportunities, from yearly calendars and student advocacy to awesome volunteering options. AYY members can rent AYY's sauna and festive premises for evening gatherings with friends, for example. AYY also has a van which the student union members can rent.

# Guilds of ENG

## What is a guild?

‘Guild’ is a general name for a subject association. A guild’s main purpose is to bring together students studying the same field. Many guilds have a long history. In total, there are 14 guilds in Otaniemi, all working under Aalto University Student Union (AYY).

Guilds are a very important aspect of Teekkari culture and are in charge of tutoring freshmen or new students. In general, a guild is a link between their respective degree program and the students.

## What do the guilds offer?

Guilds organize parties, sauna afternoons, sittings, company excursions and other fun events!

Members of a guild can have the overalls of their own guild and wear them in student events.

## Which guild should I join?

See the guilds of ENG on the next page. Don’t be confused by the names of the guilds. In 2013 there was a reform of the guilds, when the main subjects studied in the guilds changed a bit. The guild names remained the same as always, and that’s why the name of the guild is not always the same as the subject students are mainly studying.

You can join to a guild online on guild’s website or by coming to the guild room and talking to one of the board members. The membership costs usually 8 euros.





**The Guild of Civil Engineers**  
**Rakennusinsinöörikilta, IK**  
**ik.ayy.fi**

The Guild of Civil Engineers was established in 1913 with the name Insinöörikubi, hence the abbreviation, IK. Members of the guild can be recognized from their dark blue overalls with an environment green sleeve and a back pocket.

**Master's programmes:**

AAE - Advanced Energy Solutions  
GEO - Geoengineering  
GIS - Geoinformatics  
WAT- Water and Environmental Engineering  
EMMEP  
Nordic Master in  
- Environmental Engineering  
- Innovative Sustainable Energy Engineering



**The Guild of Mechanical Engineers**  
**Koneinsinöörikilta, KIK**  
**kik.ayy.fi**

The Guild of Mechanical Engineers was founded in 1915, and even with 105 years of history, it is the youngest guild in the School of Engineering. However, it is one of the biggest guilds with over 1000 members. Members of KIK are known for their light pink overalls.

**Master's programmes:**

IDBM - International Design Business Management  
CIV - Building Engineering  
MEC - Mechanical Engineering  
Nordic Master in  
- Maritime Engineering  
- Cold Climate Engineering



**The Guild of Surveying Engineers**  
**Maanmittarikilta, MK**  
**mk.ayy.fi**

The Guild of Surveying Engineers, founded in 1901, is the second oldest guild in Finland and one of the smallest ones in Otaniemi. You can recognize a surveyor from their matte black overalls with a fuchsia coloured sleeve.

**Master's programmes:**

REC - Real Estate Economics  
SPT - Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering  
CS - Creative Sustainability  
USP - Urban studies and Planning in Real Estate Economics

# International Captain of IK

Hello!

My name is Ella and I'm the Master of International Affairs of the Guild of Civil Engineers. In other words, I'm responsible for all the Master freshmen and exchange students starting in 2019 who study in one of the programs under our guild (see previous page).

I'm 22 years old and I'm starting my 3rd year of studies. I study in our Bachelor program Energy and Environmental Engineering. I like volunteering in student organizations, and I think that's the best part of Otaniemi and the whole student community. The student culture in Otaniemi is very rich, and I recommend to get to know it and participate in it as much as you want. I've had loads of good times during my 2 years of studying. I enjoy meeting new people, and I'm very into the international aspects of the student community, and that's why I wanted to be the master of international affairs. Besides Otaniemi, I like to go hiking and camping, and swimming in the outdoors.

Together with Ville, Viktor and the whole international committee of Aalto University I will organize different kinds of events for you during this study year and introduce you to teekkari life and do my best to make your time here truly memorable! You can talk or message me any time, and I will always try to help.

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# What does IK do?



**Events:** Numerous different events like satsit (in the picture), cruises, parties, cultural events. See upcoming events on p.

**Excursions:** Different excursions to interesting companies

**Guild Room:** It's located in Otakaari 4 downstairs and is open for every member of the guild. There's always free coffee available.

**Weekly News:** You can get a weekly newsletter to your email, it has the latest events and news.



**Overalls:** You can buy the dark blue overalls from the guild room.



# The board of IK

Each of the board members have a specific field they take care of, and together the board takes care of the members of the guild and all the things happening in the guild. There's also tens of volunteers contributing to guild activities. The new board and volunteers for next year are chosen in November.



Mia - Chairman



Saikku - Freshmen Captain



Ella - Master of Foreign Affairs



Tommi - Master of Coin



Rasku - Communications officer



Lauri - Editor-in-chief



Laura - Master of Corporate relations



Emma - Hostess



Lionel - Host



Jutta - Master of Studies



Orava - Master of Excursion

## International team

The international team of the guild includes Ella and Daniela (on right). Daniela takes care of International Bachelor students and Ella of Master's and exchange students.

There are also 2 international buddies, 18 international master's and exchange tutors and 7 international bachelor tutors

However, all parts of the guild are open for international students, as well as all events.



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## How to join?

<http://rakennusinsinoorikilta.fi/join-the-guild/>

## Contacts:

[rakennusinsinoorikilta.fi/en](http://rakennusinsinoorikilta.fi/en)



@rakennusinsinoorikilta



IK - Rakennusinsinöörikipilta [Facebook page]

[facebook.com/groups/engint19](https://facebook.com/groups/engint19) [Group for new students]



[https://t.me/joinchat/GP3\\_uRMd4d10tDWpMacKeA](https://t.me/joinchat/GP3_uRMd4d10tDWpMacKeA)  
[Group for new students]

# International Captain of MK

Hi there!

My name is Ville and I am the Master's Student Captain in the Guild of Surveying Engineers (Maanmittarikilta), so in other words I will be guiding you who come to Aalto University to study in the Master's programs for Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering, Real Estate Economics or Urban Studies and Planning in Real Estate Economics. I will take care that you settle in well and have a great time here during your studies. Our guild, Maanmittarikilta, is a small but very lovely group of people studying in the same field.

I have been living and studying at the Otaniemi campus for three years now and have really enjoyed my time here! In addition to working in the board of my guild, I've been active in many other student organizations. The campus has lots of events and activities to offer, so I'm sure you will find something you like! You will get an introduction to everything here during the orientation week in September, so just wait for that!

If you have any questions about anything feel free to drop me a message!

See you in Otaniemi!

Best regards,

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The Guild of Surveying Engineers (Maanmittarikilta) is a relatively small guild in Otaniemi, but even more friendly. It's easy to meet guild members from several study years. Join the guild events and stop by at the guild room "Monttu" when you like.

In the autumn we will have a nice academic table party - "Syyspäivätäräys" as well as a traditional excursion tour around southern Finland "PuoliPitkä". On top of those we have a lot of evening events to just hang out. The guild celebrates its annual ball on March. It's when you can see even the board members dressing up fancy.



# International Captain of KIK

Hello and welcome!

My name is Viktor and I am the Master's Captain of the Guild of Mechanical Engineering. In other words, if you are studying Building Technology or Mechanical Engineering, I will be your guide to teekkari culture in Otaniemi! I am 20 years old and will be attending my fourth year of studies this fall.

I enjoy meeting new people, chilling about and the occasional bike ride. All of my schooling before university have been overseas, a fact that will motivate me to possibly complete my masters through an exchange program. I am very interested to hear about your previous experiences in university and how I can make your time in Otaniemi as good, if not better!

As Master's Captain, I am a board member in the Guild of Mechanical Engineering. All board members are excited to meet you, so do not hesitate to come talk to us!

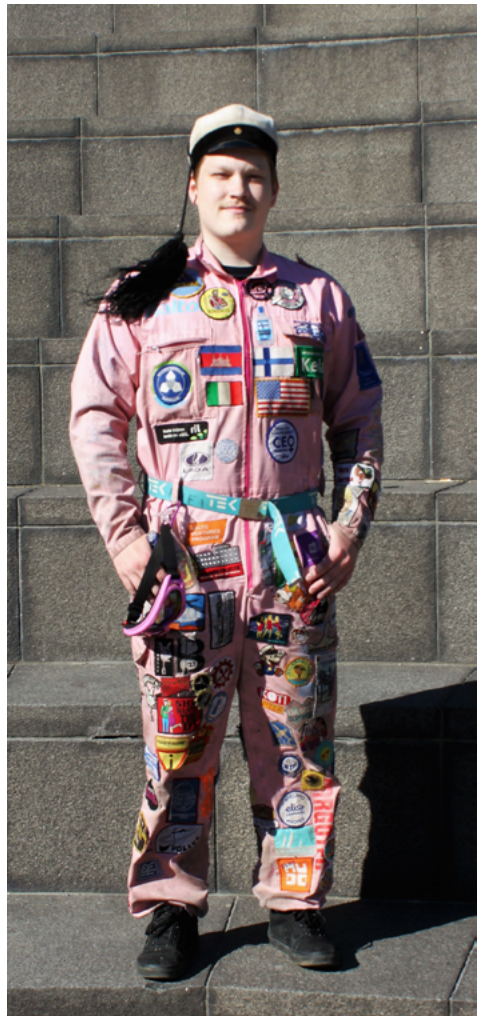
Best regards,

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*The Guild of Mechanical Engineering board*



*Wappu?*

# Message from Tutor

Hello everyone and welcome to Aalto University!

I am Karri, Master's Tutor Coordinator of the Guild of Mechanical Engineers. I'm in charge of international tutors of my guild and I am also a tutor by myself. I'll start my fifth year in Aalto. I'm finishing my bachelor's degree and starting my studies in master's program Mechanical Engineering in autumn. Last year I was a Master Captain and before that I've been a tutor for two years.

But who are tutors and what do they do? They are fellow students who have volunteered to guide you through student life, studies and practical issues. They will contact you before the orientation week starts so it's important to answer them.

If you are coming from abroad you can ask your tutors to meet you upon your arrival. During the orientation week tutors will show your way around the campus so you won't get lost between lectures and parties. Even though most of the information and help comes during the orientation week, remember that your tutors are there for you during your whole stay in Finland.

Remember to enjoy your stay in Finland and in Aalto. There are lots of things to see and places to go in addition to studies so make sure to make best from your stay! We will help you on the way!

*See you at the orientation week!*

*Karri Pönni, Master's Tutor Coordinator The Guild of Mechanical Engineers*



# Exchange Student Experience

After my first introduction day, I joined my first sauna evening that was organized by the ENG guilds. I met my guild's captains and ended up, after some drinking games, joining my first Finnish sauna including swimming in the ice hole. Since then I am a huge fan of going to the sauna and even partying in it. Joining the sauna is the best way to get to know people and to learn about the Finnish culture. However, even if you don't become a sauna fan, there are plenty other amazing events organized by the guilds or other associations.

My favourite event during my stay was definitely Wappu (1st of May celebrations). Even two weeks before Wappu, you can join a lot of cool pre-events. On the Wappu parade through the city centre of Helsinki, I even was allowed to carry our guild's flag! Next year, I plan to come back to join Wappu together with the friends I made over here – maybe we see each other then!

I hope you'll enjoy your stay at Aalto University as much as I did, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life!

*Lisa from Germany*



# Exchange Student Experience

The first week was full of fun activities and events for getting to know our tutors and fellow students, forming friendships that lasted the duration of the exchange. Receiving the overalls and wearing them really made me feel a part of the guild and it was great fun attending guild events and meeting more of the Finnish students too.

The main goal of this year was to become a teekkari! Especially the celebration at the beginning of October struck a chord in me when I saw all the teekkaris take off their caps for the winter and at that moment I knew, the next time they put them on, I wanted to be one of them!

The highlight of the exchange was finally receiving my own cap after having taken part in all the activities and celebrating Wappu! It was a fantastic and exciting exchange year where I learned a lot about the Finnish student culture and formed strong friendships which will last beyond this year in Finland.

I am grateful to those in the guild that made this exchange experience possible for us!

*Rebecca from Germany*



# Student life



# Teekkari Culture and Traditions

**T**eekkari culture has a long history and traditions, which makes the student life here unique. Teekkaris are known as fun people, who often get into crazy projects. We encourage you to try out as many things and events as you can, it's sure fun! The most important aspect of being a teekkari is having fun and being a part of a community. Here's a few important aspects of the culture.

## Teekkari Cap

Teekkari Cap is the symbol of teekkari. The cap has been used among technical students for over 100 years. It is white, hexagonal shape and has a black tassell. It is a summer cap, worn in 1.5.-30.9. To get a teekkari cap, new students have to collect freshmen points. It is fun and useful, as it helps students to integrate in the community. A person who hasn't accomplished the tasks and gotten the cap, isn't allowed to wear one. After gathering the points, new students get to put their cap on the midnight of the potentially organized Wappu.



## Overalls

Most students in Finland have overalls, that are different colours, to distinguish what they are studying. Students traditionally decorate their overalls with badges and other stuff.



## Sitsit

Sitsit are an academic table party, where a three-course meal is served, as well as drinks. The main point is to spend the evening together and sing. Singing is an important part of the teekkari culture and teekkaris love to sing. In sitsit, you get to sing for the whole evening by the lead of the song leaders. There is usually a dresscode for sitsit, it can be fancy or have a theme.

## Wappu (May Day)

Wappu is the most important day of the year for teekkaris. It includes many traditions, like putting on and getting the caps, selling Wappu magazines, doing pranks, and much more you'll hear about later.

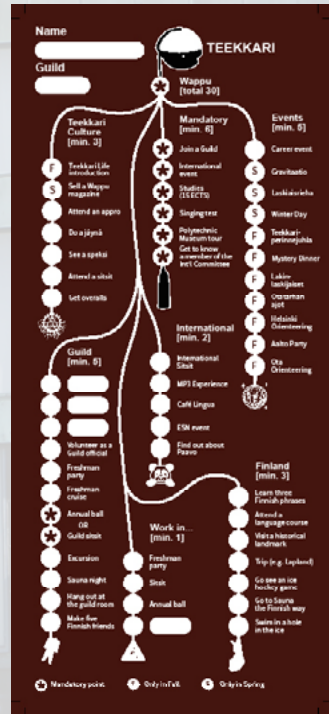
# How to become a Teekkari

## Collecting Freshmen Points

Freshmen points are collected with freshmen point cards. These cards have mandatory points that need to be completed, and voluntary points, from which you can choose enough points to complete at least the minimal amount required.

KvTMK has made their own English point card and has made it the international students in mind so even the exchange students that stay for half a year can earn their own teekkari cap. There's also Finnish point cards, and Master freshmen can choose whether they want to use the Finnish or english point card.

Collecting points is a lot of fun, and highly recommended!



## KvTMK's point card:

Every point is counted as one and you need 30 points for the cap. (15 for exchange students that stay for a half a year)

Compulsory points (7 points):

- attend an international event
- become a member of your guild
- polytechnic museum
- singing test
- studies (15 ECTS)
- get to know a member of the international committee
- work point

Voluntary points (min 23 points):

Vary from events and guild activities, such as getting overalls, attending parties and sittings, to different Finnish experiences, like learning Finnish phrases or going to sauna.



# Guilds of Otaniemi



## AK - Arkkitehtikilta (ARTS)

Guild of Architecture

est. 1908

Overalls: Broken white with new logo every year



## KK - Kemistikilta (CHEM)

Chemistry Guild

est. 1891

Overalls: Red or red sleeve on PT overalls



## TF - Teknologföreningen

est. 1872

Swedish speaking student nation for technology students of all guilds

Overalls: Technology red



## MK - Maanmittarikilta (ENG)

Guild of Surveying Engineers

est. 1901

Overalls: Matte black with fuchsia left sleeve



## PJK - Puunjalostajakilta (CHEM)

Forest Products Guild

est. 1945

Overalls: Yellow or yellow sleeve on PT overalls



## KIK - Koneinsinöörilikilta (ENG)

Guild of Mechanical Engineers

est. 1915

Overalls: Piggy pink



## IK - Rakennusinsinöörilikilta (ENG)

Guild of Civil Engineers

est. 1913

Overalls: Dark blue with green left sleeve



## SIK - Sähköinsinöörilikilta (ELEC)

Guild of Electrical Engineering

est. 1921

Overalls: Clean white





### **FK - Fyysikkokilta (SCI)**

Guild of Physics

est. 1947

Overalls: Natural white



### **PT - Prosessiteekkarit (CHEM)**

est. 2012

Overalls: Blue with red-blue-yellow stripes on all sleeves

Not a guild, responsible for bachelor freshman education in CHEM



### **TIK- Tietokilta (SCI)**

Guild of Computer Science

est. 1986

Overalls: Glossy black



### **Athene (SCI)**

Guild of Information Networks Athene

est. 1999

Overalls: Forest green with black left sleeve



### **VK - Vuorimieskilta (CHEM)**

Guild of Materials and Metallurgy Students

est. 1947

Overalls: Blue or blue sleeve on PT overalls



### **AS - Automaatio- ja systeemitekniikankilta (ELEC)**

Guild of Automation and Systems Technology est. 1998

Overalls: Purple with black left sleeve



### **Prodeko (SCI)**

Guild of Industrial Engineering and Management  
est. 1966

Overalls: White with rainbows



### **Inkubio (ELEC)**

Guild of Bioinformation Technology  
est. 2007

Overalls: Redbrown with self-made cow patches



# Lots to do in Otaniemi

The campus area in Otaniemi has a lot to offer: both for studying and having fun. You can find nice libraries and hubs to prepare for exams, guild rooms to grab some coffee and relax between classes and many student restaurants to have lunch. A lot of student events are also organized in Otaniemi throughout the year, such as academic table parties, sauna evenings, concerts or beer pong tournaments to name a few. There are also a lot of clubs that organize sport, music or other leisure activities. There is always something happening in Otaniemi.

## Experiences in student associations

### Elia

*I have been participating actively in my guild and in BEST. On my first year in the guild I was an international tutor, international helper and event organizer helper. On the second year I became a member of the board as the master of international affairs. In BEST I was our social media responsible on my first year, and on my second year I became our PR responsible. I have had a lot of fun doing volunteering in organizations, and I would recommend it for everyone!*

### Ville

*Right from the start of my freshman year I went into all kinds of student events and got to know a lot of new people. I joined my guild board as a corporate relation responsible before my role as a Master's Captain. I've been also interested in movies so on my first year I joined a student movie club, which I am a chairman now for the second year. I have got to make short films and visit film festivals. Last year I was even founding a new student club - The Polytechnic Sauna Society!*

### Viktor

*I started participating in student events right from the beginning. After about a year of event participation, I decided it would be interesting to try to organize some events. I started off with simple and easy volunteering which quickly rolled into full on board-level volunteering. Currently I am a board member in the Guild of Mechanical Engineering and the Board of European Students of Technology, BEST. Both organizations have enabled me to make friends and get in touch with universities and companies. Balancing school with volunteer work has also taught me about time management among other useful skills that I can transfer into my professional life.*



## Associations and events

There are over 200 student associations and clubs in Otaniemi. There are for example sport clubs for basketball, volleyball, skateboarding, diving, pole dancing etc. and culture clubs, like movie club, car club, techno club, cocktail club, sauna club etc. You can also join a music club, like choirs, orchestras, karaoke or start a band. There is surely something for everyone!

### [Check the AYY List of Associations](#)



*A sports event of sorts*



*Film making at the movie club Montaasi*

## KY, TOKYO and TF



**KY** is association for Aalto University Business Students. KY was originally founded in 1911 for students of The Helsinki School of Economics. Overalls for students in KY are dollar green.



**TOKYO** is an association for students of Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture (ARTS). Some students of Tokyo wear overalls and some colourful and artistic jackets. TOKYO was founded in 1961.



**TF** (teknologiföreningen) is a student nation whose primary purpose is to unite students interested in speaking Swedish and offer equal rights to Swedish-speaking students. TF has long traditions and organizes a lot of different events open for everyone interested in Swedish. TF also has a student restaurant Täffä.

# International Committee (KVTMK)

The International Committee or KvTMK (*kansainvälisyystoimikunta*) promotes internationalism and the role of foreign students at Aalto and guilds, and is also involved in freshman- and ISO activities regarding international students. The International Committee is lead by the International Director and includes board members in charge of international affairs in different guilds (also us!). KvTMK will also organize events for international students.

KvTMK is part of Teekkari Section, Teekkarijaosto in Finnish and TJ amongst friends. TJ's main job is to uphold various traditions and organise all kinds of activities that are meant to strengthen and enrich the teekkari spirit. Although it's main objective is to have focus on teekkari life, the activities are often open for everyone.

As representant of the oldest and original technical university students in Finland, TJ's opinions have a quite a big impact in the future of teekkari traditions.



# International Organizations



**BEST Helsinki** is the local section of BEST (Board of European Students of technology) and a part of AYY. They organize different events in Otaniemi, as well as events where people from around Europe come to participate. They have Finnish and non-Finnish members and are one of Aalto's international organizations. Everyone in Aalto is welcomed to join.

## Upcoming events:

Welcome sauna 18.9.

See more information:

[facebook.com/BESTHelsinki](https://facebook.com/BESTHelsinki)

Telegram: [t.me/BESTHelsinki](https://t.me/BESTHelsinki)



**ESN Aalto** is the local section of ESN Finland and ESN International. They arrange events mainly for exchange and international students at Aalto University, but everyone from Aalto is welcome whether they are studying through Erasmus or not.

## Upcoming events:

Wine and cheese evening 7.9.

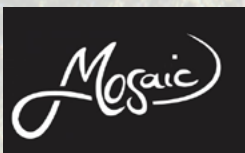
Welcome sauna 12.9.

For more information:

[esnalto.org](https://esnalto.org)

[facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficial](https://facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficial)

Telegram: [t.me/ESNAalto](https://t.me/ESNAalto)



**Mosaic** is the international section of the student union of Aalto University (AYY). They organize different multicultural events that offer great new experiences from all around the world, help everybody to improve their language skills as well as help people getting to know other cultures.

# AA-Clubs

Professional Subject Associations, often called “AA clubs” (short for *ammattinekerho* not anonymous alcoholics... ), are for students who wish to deepen their connection to a specific subject. The Guilds are relatively large organizations catering to everyone, but in these clubs you can connect with like minded people and get more professional content on fascinating excursions, seminars and fun evening parties. Of course, nothing stops you from joining several of them if you are interested! Most of the activity is in Finnish, but just ask and you’ll surely get help.



**Akva:** for students in the field of water and environmental engineering ([akva.ayy.fi](http://akva.ayy.fi))



**Fundi:** real estate economics students’ association ([fundi.fi](http://fundi.fi))

**Linkki:** for Transportation and Highway Engineering students ([linkki.ayy.fi](http://linkki.ayy.fi))



Shipbuilder’s Club, **Lrk:** for students studying Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering ([lrk.ayy.fi](http://lrk.ayy.fi))



**Lvi** club: for students interested in architectural engineering and energy engineering ([lvi.ayy.fi](http://lvi.ayy.fi))



Energy Engineering Club, **Lvk:** for students interested in energy engineering ([lvk.ayy.fi](http://lvk.ayy.fi))



Geotechnical and Hydraulic Engineering club, **Mkr:** for students of Geotechnical and Hydraulic Engineering ([mkr.ayy.fi](http://mkr.ayy.fi))



**Poligoni:** for students interested in geoinformatics ([poligoni.ayy.fi](http://poligoni.ayy.fi))



**ROPO:** students interested in construction economics ([ropo.ayy.fi](http://ropo.ayy.fi))



Production Engineering club, **Vtk:** for students studying or just interested in production and manufacturing engineering ([valmistustekniikankerho.com](http://valmistustekniikankerho.com))



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# Survival

## Housing

Need to find a student apartment?  
Make an application right away to both **HOAS**, (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region) and **AYY** (Aalto University Student Union). Apply for all possible student apartments and accept the first offer you get to secure a flat!

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

[domo.ayy.fi](http://domo.ayy.fi)

## Transport

Public transportation is easy to use and you should be able to go from any place to another in Helsinki metropolitan area (Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa and Kauniainen) easily by bus, train, underground or tram. To get a student discount you need a travelling card called matkakortti. Read more about the Helsinki region transport (prices, information): [www.hsl.fi/en](http://www.hsl.fi/en)



## Health Services

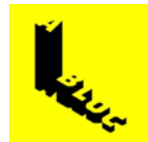
FSHS, Finnish Student Health Service (YTHS, Ylioppilaiden terveydenhoitosäätiö) is an organisation that provides health care services for students of universities. There is an FSHS service unit in Otaniemi and a larger unit in Helsinki, Töölö. To get this student friendly health care you have to be a member of AYY.

See more about FSHS: [www.yths.fi/en](http://www.yths.fi/en)



## Eating

There are many restaurants in Otaniemi in which you can get lunch at a student friendly price. To see the menu of the week in all restaurants check [kanttiini.fi](http://kanttiini.fi)



## A-Bloc

A-bloc, located in Aalto university metro station has two grocery stores, pharmacy, alcohol store and restaurants



**KMarket**



## Student card

Members of AYY are entitled to apply for student card, which gives you many discounts and other benefits. Digital student card is free. Application and information: [frank.fi/en](http://frank.fi/en)



## Sports

Exercise at campus with Unisport, that offers both gym practise and group training with student friendly prices. You can also join ENG teams in ball game series or register your own team.

<https://unisport.fi/>



**unisport**



## Useful telegram groups

[Telegram](#) is an instant messaging service (like whatsapp) that is widely used in Otaniemi, because of its many features and capability of holding large chat groups. We strongly recommend you to install Telegram to join important chat groups in Otaniemi. You can ask others to be added to groups or join open groups by searching for them in the [Telegram app](#).

### Aalto International:

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

Group for discussion of activities and events and sharing experiences among international Aalto University students.

### #otaniemi

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

General open chat for discussing anything and everything concerning Otaniemi. Has almost 2000 members. Sometimes useful sometimes spam.

### Otaniemi buy/sell:

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

Chat for selling and buying used furniture and other equipment in Otaniemi.

### Giving away free stuff - Otaniemi

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

People giving away their stuff they don't need anymore for free - super fast dips.

### Food Giveaway - Otaniemi:

[t.me/foodl123](https://t.me/foodl123)

Chat for food giveaways in Otaniemi.



## Useful facebook groups

### ENG International 2019

[facebook.com/engint19](https://facebook.com/engint19)

**Aalto International:** [facebook.com/groups/AaltoInternational/](https://facebook.com/groups/AaltoInternational/)

### AYY Events

[facebook.com/groups/AYYEvents/](https://facebook.com/groups/AYYEvents/)

A page for announcing and searching for events by Aalto students.

### AYY Housing

[facebook.com/AYYHousing/](https://facebook.com/AYYHousing/)

A page of AYY Housing Services for news and info about the lineup situation for AYY apartments.

### HOAS

[facebook.com/hoashelsinki/](https://facebook.com/hoashelsinki/)

A page of Helsinki Region Student Housing. News on line up for apartments.

### Teekkarikylän markkinat

[facebook.com/groups/teekkarikylamarkkinat](https://facebook.com/groups/teekkarikylamarkkinat)

Online marketplace for selling and buying used furniture and other equipment in Otaniemi.

### Reuse and Rescue

[facebook.com/reuseandrescue](https://facebook.com/reuseandrescue)

Rent furniture in Otaniemi through Re-Use and Rescue Otaniemi - also known as Otaniemi Recycling Center.



# Otaniemi Dictionary

**Teekkari:** Student of technology that has adopted a certain lifestyle and earned the right to become a teekkari during their freshman year.

**Kylteri:** a student studying in Aalto University School of Business (BIZ). You can recognize their students from their dollar green overalls.

**Fuksi:** Freshman. Both bachelor's and master's.

**ISO:** a word used for a tutor. Kv-ISO means international tutor.

**Guild:** Association bringing together students with similar study fields. There are many but the ones in ENG are proven the best.

**Wappu:** For a teekkari Wappu is Christmas, New year's, midsummer party and birthday combined.

**Teekkari hymn:** Anthem sang at midnight in darkness. Every Teekkari needs to know the lyrics (see back).

**ENG:** School of Engineering

**KVTMK:** The international committee, organizes events and integration for new Master's and exchange students

**Telegram:** Instant messaging app widely used in Otaniemi. Works like Whatsapp but with some crucial extras. Without this life in Aalto can be hard.

**Sitsi:** a dinner party where participants sit around tables, enjoy three course meal, sing songs and drink. There are more formal sitsis with nice clothes and fine food and there are sitsis with more or less eatable food on paper plates and lot of drinks.

**Lukkari:** Songleader at sitsit. Tells bad jokes and tries to stay in tune.

**Sillis:** (Full name silliaamiainen) Translates to Herring brunch. A brunch where you can recover from the party a day before with some bacon and mimosas.

**Julkku:** Wappu magazine. Published every even year.

**Äpy:** Wappu magazine with four letter name. Published every uneven year.

**Jäynä:** Practical joke that is meant to bring joy for the prankster and for the one being pranked.

**IK:** Guild of Civil Engineers

**Raksalainen:** A member of IK

**KIK:** Guild of Mechanical Engineers

**Konelainen:** A member of KIK

**MK:** Guild of Survey Engineers

**Mittari:** A member of MK

**Kiltis:** Guild room

**Palju:** Big wooden tub, with hot water. Best place to be at sillis.

**Täffä, TF:** Weird looking concrete box that serves spaghetti on Wednesdays. Also a nation, see other pages.

**Päälafka:** Real name Undergraduate Centre. Many people also refer to it as the main building. (Address Otakaari 1)

**Dipoli:** Aalto University's actual main building. Weirdly shaped and has a statue of a pine cone outside.

**Harald Herlin:** Library building and learning centre. There's a cafe.

**Alvari:** The grass field outside of Undergraduate Centre.

**Keto:** Main office of AYY.

**Väre:** Home of ARTS students

**A-bloc:** Aalto University metro station with shops and restaurants, including a student canteen

**Maari:** Building full of computer classes, open 24/7.

**Teekkarikylä:** Finnish for Teekkari village. Home for many students of Aalto.

**JMT:** Short for Jämeräntaival, street in the heart of bachelor sode of Teekkari village and home of many parties and events.

**SMT:** Short for Servin Maijan tie, a bit quieter side of the Teekkari village.

**SK:** Short for Servinkuja.

**OK:** Short for Otakaari, the street that goes around Otaniemi.

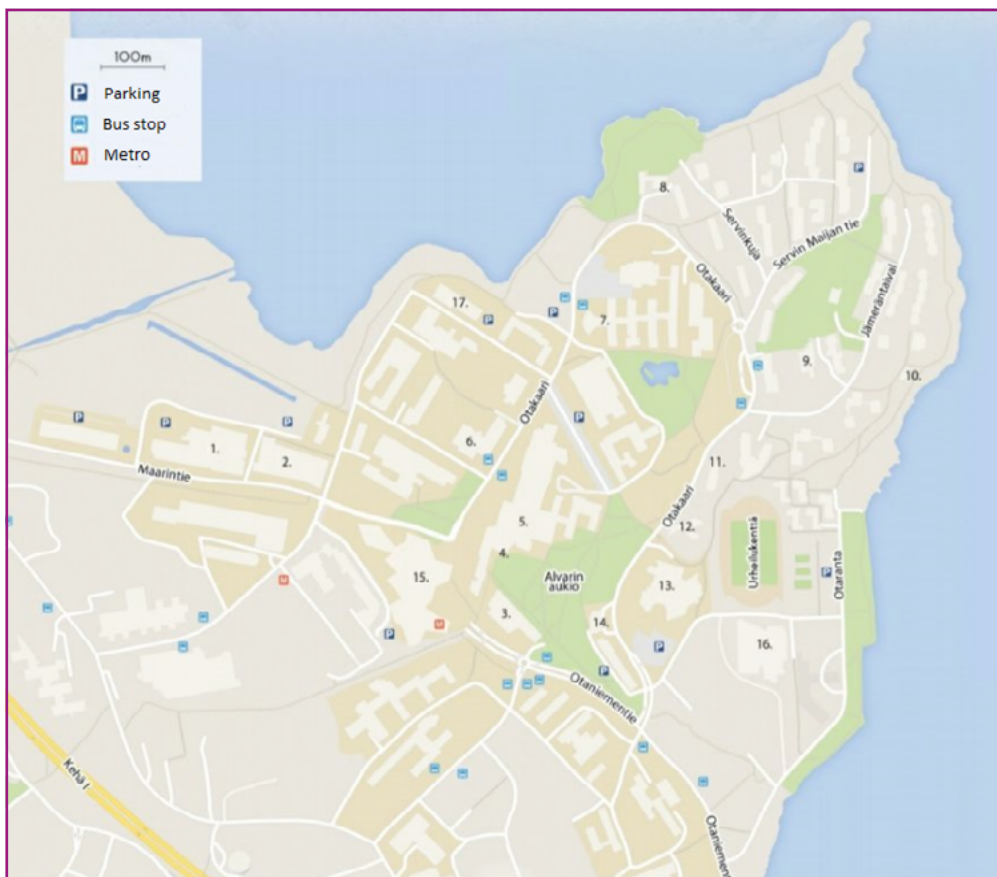
**OK20:** Otakaari 20, it's a popular place for parties, and there is three spaces and a sauna in the building

**Smökki:** Building at the heart of Teekkari village. Many of the student events are held here.

**Rantsu:** Rantasauna, or sauna at the shore. A sauna behind JMT 7, next to the sea.



# Map of Otaniemi



1. TUAS-house (TUAS talo)
2. T-house (T-talo)
3. Library (Harald Herlin Learning Center)
4. Amfi
5. Undergraduate Center (Päälafka)
6. K1 Building (Konelafka + guild rooms)
7. A Grid
8. Finnish Student Health Service (YTHS)

9. Servin Mökki (Smökki)
10. Rantasauna (Rantsu)
11. Otakaari 20 (OK20)
12. Teknologföreningen (TF)
13. Dipoli
14. AYY Office (Keto)
15. Väre
16. Gym (Otahalli)
17. Maarintalo

# First week

The first week, orientation week, starts on Monday 2.9. for master's students and on Wednesday 4.9. for exchange students. The schedule might still change so follow emails from tutors! Each subject has their own introductions to the programme.

## Monday 2.9.

8.00 Breakfast (Otakaari 1 U2 lobby)

9.00 Dean's welcome (U2 hall)

10.00 Time for enrolling and lunch

12.00 Lectures about studying and academic things (Otakaari 4)

15.00 Guild introduction (Otakaari 4)

Evening: Guild welcome saunas (IK: Otakaari 20, KIK: Rantasauna, MK: Gorsu)

## Tuesday 3.9.

9-16 Introduction to your own master's programme

*(12.00 IK students have possibility to get their overalls from the guild room)*

16.00- Aalto Party (Alvari square)

--> KVTMK Preparty for Aalto Afterparty (Otakaari 20)

--> Aalto Afterparty (Dipoli) *(an opening party for the autumn semester, the tickets to the event sell out quickly, ask your tutors about the tickets)*

## Wednesday 4.9.

9-16 Introduction to your master's programme (MASTERS)

9-12 Orientation for exchange students (EXCHANGE STUDENTS)

Evening: ENG First EvenENG Sauna (Otakaari 20)

## Thursday 5.9.

9-11 Student services (ALL)

13.15 Aalto Services Fair (ALL)

14.00 Teekkari Life presentation (ALL) (Otakaari 1, Aalto hall)

Evening: Otasuunnistus *(orienteering with student associations holding checkpoints around Otaniemi campus area)*

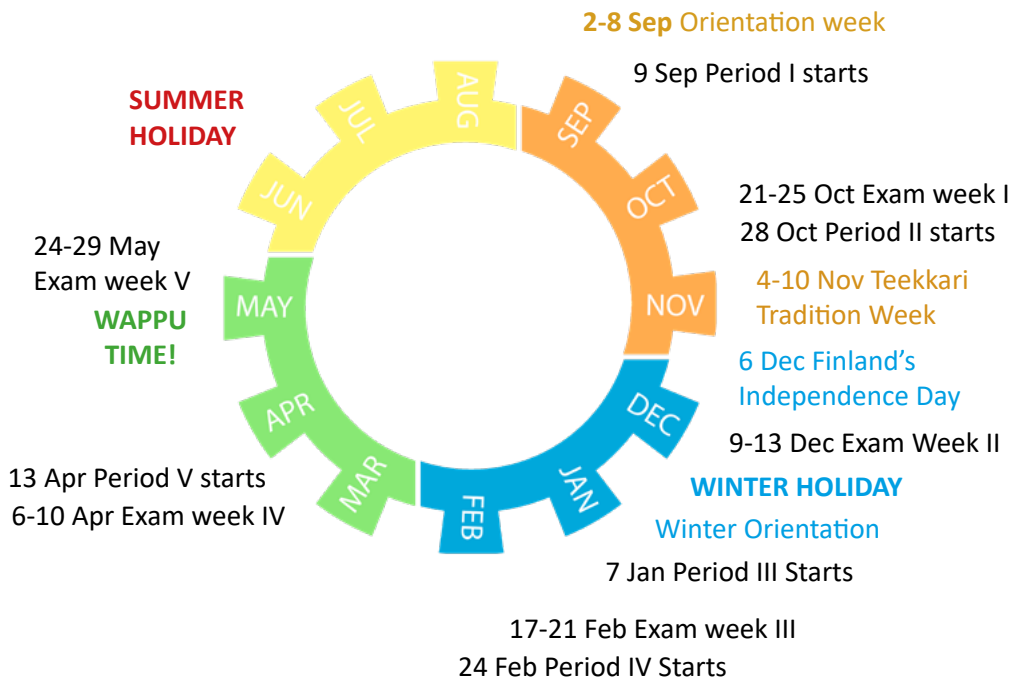
## Friday 6.9.

12.30 Photo for master's students (MASTER'S)

13.15 Esa Saarinen lecture Otakaari 1, Aalto hall

Evening: Kaukarit *(the starter of semester party, ask your tutors about the tickets)*

# Academic year



## Student year

The teekkari student year starts with the orientation week carnivals in the beginning of September, following with multiple student events week after week. The autumn period goes really fast. For christmas holidays most of the students spread around Finland to see their family members, coming back on the beginning of January for another study term. The cold and dark Finnish winter time with schedule full of courses might feel silent and melancholic, but it soon starts to get more lively with the emerging spring time. All sorts of student events start to cumulate again leading to the crazy Wappu celebration time that last the whole April and finally culminates to Wappu Day on the First of May - the biggest celebration in the year for any student!

# Upcoming events

## August

24-25 MAIK Headstart (MAIK-varaslähtö)

*A get-to-know weekend for MK and IK freshmen, that lasts for over-night and is in a cottage area outside Otaniemi. [Check the FB-event!](#)*

24 KIK Headstart (KIK-varaslähtö)

*Sneak peek into life in Otaniemi, meet your new schoolmates and members of KIK. [Check the FB-event!](#)*

## September

2-8 Orientation week

4 ENG Sauna EvenENG

12 ESN Welcome sauna

13 ENG First Sitsit

14 ENG First Sillis

18 BEST Welcome sauna

19 ENG Piirakka baking EvenENG

21 Otaniemi night of arts

22 ESN Dinner in the dark

27 KVTMK International Sitsit

28 KVTMK International Sillis

30 Lakinlaskijaiset (the last day of wearing teekkari cap -party)



## October

20 ESN Aalto Sitsit

31 Aalto Talent Expo

## November

4-10 Teekkari Tradition Week

5 KVTMK Mystery Dinner

**Note:** Here's only a part of the events happening in autumn. There's many more events coming since not all of them have been published yet. Follow the guilds' telegram group, facebook page and email list for more information.

# Checklist

## Before arriving:

- ☐ Read this Guild Guide for basic information!
- ☐ Reply to an email sent by your tutor.
- ☐ Let your tutors know when you arrive.
- ☐ Apply for an apartment (see survival page). Take the first offer!
- ☐ Pack some clothes that are warm, and possibly waterproof.
- ☐ Check how to arrive to Otaniemi campus by public transport.
- ☐ Arrive on time for orientation week!



## When you have arrive:

- ☐ Register of residence in the [Finnish Immigration Service](#) (Migri) (required for EU citizens staying longer than 3 months)
- ☐ Registration to Finnish Population information system in [Migri](#) (required if you are staying for longer than a year)
- ☐ Open a bank account in Finland if needed ([more information](#))
- ☐ Enrol as an attending student (in ENG learning services desk)
- ☐ Pay the AYY membership fee (optional for exchange students)
- ☐ Apply for student card (see survival page)
- ☐ Get an HSL travel card and register your student discount
- ☐ Join the guild (see the guild pages)

Check also the [Welcome Guide for Aalto International students](#)!

# Links and Contacts



## Telegram

IK: [IK New Students 2019](#)

MK: [MK Masters 2019](#)

KIK: [KIK International](#)



## Facebook

ENG: [ENG International 19](#)

IK: [facebook.com/rakennusinsinoorikilta](https://facebook.com/rakennusinsinoorikilta)

MK: [facebook.com/maanmittarikilta](https://facebook.com/maanmittarikilta)

KIK: [facebook.com/koneinsinoorikilta](https://facebook.com/koneinsinoorikilta)



## Instagram

IK: [@rakennusinsinoorikilta](#)

MK: [@maanmittarikilta](#)

KIK: [@koneinsinoorikilta](#)



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MK: [maanmittarikilta.fi](https://maanmittarikilta.fi)

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