



**Aalto University**



## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is available for Aston Business Students.  
Number of places: **2** (1 at Mikkeli + 1 at Helsinki campus)

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to [internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk](mailto:internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk) **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

## **The University**

### **Visiting and Courier Address (Helsinki campus):**

Aalto University School of Business,  
Runeberginkatu 14-16  
00100 Helsinki, Finland



Bachelor's degree programme in International Business is based at the [Mikkeli campus](#).

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Finland

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**Websites:**

[Aalto University:](#)

[School of Business:](#)

[Incoming Exchange Students](#)

[International Students](#)

[Course catalogue:](#)

(Please, be aware that choice of modules must be approved by your school)

Established in 1911, **Aalto University School of Business** is the largest and leading business school in Finland. The School offers bachelor's, master's, licentiate's and doctoral degrees in economics and business administration at Helsinki campus. In addition a bachelor's degree programme in International Business is offered at the Mikkeli campus.

**Studying** at the School of Business is a challenging and exciting opportunity to enrich one's academic knowledge and professional skills. Highly qualified scientific research merges with corporate connections, providing students with a combination of extensive theoretical studies and real business life experiences. The School of Business hosts every year close to 500 international students, totalling 12% of the student body.

Tested for excellence, the School of Business is one of the 52 universities worldwide that have earned the so called "triple crown" accreditation AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. The school is also a proud member of CEMS (The Global Alliance in Management Education) and PIM (Partnership in International Management). The school participates in the European Commission's Erasmus Programme and the Norek network, which is part of the Nordic Nordplus programme.

**What it is like to study at Aalto University**

[Video 1](#) [Video 2](#)

**Differences between Helsinki Campus and Mikkeli Campus**

eg. different academic calendar; block-taught (Mikkeli) vs. modular courses (Helsinki), etc.

**Helsinki Campus**

The Helsinki Campus is located in the central area of Helsinki. The three main buildings, where classes are held, are all within a walking distance. In facilities functionality is combined with history: the premises are renovated to meet the modern standards and represent "modern 20th century architecture" of the 1950s. The study office, international student services, IT HelpDesk, student cafeterias, self-study facilities, computer labs, language studios and sports facilities are located in the main campus.

B.Sc programmes at Helsinki campus are: Management and International Business, Accounting, Business Technology, Marketing, Finance, Economics, Business Law and Corporate Communication. Incoming exchange students can take courses from any of these programmes.

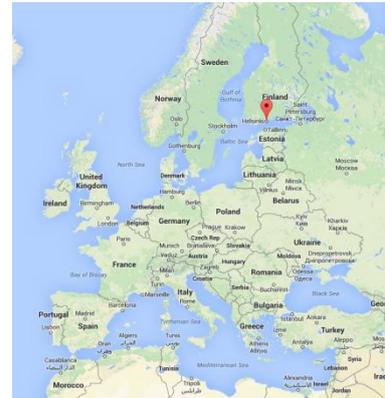
## Location

### Finland and Helsinki

Finland is the sixth largest country in Europe, but with 5.4 million people the population density is low, only 15.8 people per km<sup>2</sup>. There are still large areas of untouched nature and hundreds of thousands of lakes: 10% of Finland is covered by water and 70% by forests. But Finland is much more than a nature wonderland; it is a high-tech country and one of the leading economies in the world.

Helsinki was founded in 1550 and became the capital of Finland in 1812. It is the northernmost capital of the EU and together with its surrounding cities Espoo and Vantaa, a home to about 1 million people. In the capital region modern architecture and commercial districts are in harmony with parks and nature.

The Finnish climate is variable with its four distinct seasons: the fall foliage with infinite colours; snow and freezing temperatures in the winter; magnificent spring when nature awakes after the darkness and cold and of course, the never-ending days turning into white nights in the summer.



## Semester/key dates

### [Academic Calendar](#)

### Orientation and Tutoring

An orientation day is organized for all incoming international students at the beginning of each semester. Each exchange student is buddied up with a local student, who will act as a personal tutor. The tutoring service is arranged in cooperation with the Student Union.

### [Mikkeli Campus](#)

## Location

[Mikkeli](#) is a town and municipality in Finland. It is located in what used to be the province of Eastern Finland and is part of the Southern Savonia region. The municipality has a population of 48,970 (31 January 2014) (around 34,000 in the town itself) and covers an area of 2,124.60 square kilometres (820.31 sq mi) of which 424.7 km<sup>2</sup> (164.0 sq. mi) is water. The population density is 28.81 inhabitants per square kilometre (74.6 /sq. mi) .Mikkeli was the site for the headquarters of the Finnish armed forces during World War II. In recognition of this, the town's coat of arms incorporates a pair of crossed Marshal's



batons, and the town was awarded the Cross of Liberty, 4th class, to be displayed with the coat of arms.

## **Semester/key dates**

August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014

## **Orientation for exchange students**

There will be an orientation session in September and January. During the summer the students will get the information upon arrival. The exchange students will each have a tutor to help them with the general issues in Mikkeli.

## **Academic Calendar**

**No actual semesters** - courses run year-round in 15 three-week modules

## **Courses Available**

### **Credits**

Each business course has 45 contact hours and is worth 6 ECTS (equivalent to 3-4 US semester credits).

Further information for Incoming Exchange Students:

**Aalto Corporate Credit International Case Competition** (Credit Crunch) and internal Business Case Competition are supported annually by strong business sponsors. The School also cooperates with globally recognized Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (CFA).

**Finland is ranked top three** in OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (**PISA**), an internationally standardized assessment for skills in science, mathematics and reading. The Finnish population is highly educated by international comparison, and education is valued within the society. In 2010 Finland was also ranked number three in prosperity by **the Legatum Prosperity Index**, a global assessment of wealth and wellbeing.

## **Living in Finland**

- **Accommodation arrangements**

The university will arrange the accommodation with the local student housing organization MOAS. Application form provided by student exchange coordinator.

- **Benefits from the Student Union**

For a very reasonable fee, all students are entitled to join the Aalto University Student Union (AYY). The membership is well worthwhile as it translates to benefits and discounts:

Discounts in transportation such as local transportation (HSL), national train (VR), buses (Matkahuolto).

Subsidised student-price meals (about 2 - 2.5 euros) in student cafeterias.

Student healthcare services by the Student Health Service (YTHS), which provides preventive healthcare, medical healthcare and dental healthcare.

The student union organizes many leisure time activities from parties to field trips, from sports to cultural activities. It also offers scholarships, bookstore services and student apartments.

- **IT and Library Services**

The school provides students with the use of computers, school e-mails and a personal home directory (a space on server) for saving data at school. There are more than 300 workstations available for students. Personal computer can also be used at the campus via wireless network. Students can print moderate amounts of documents free of charge.

The library of the Aalto University School of Business (Helecon Information Centre) is the national resource centre in economics and business sciences in Finland and is one of the largest libraries in the Nordic countries. All text books required for courses can be borrowed from the library. The Helcat Database makes it possible to check availability, reserve and renew the loan online. The library contains more than 100 000 books and more than 150 international databases. More than 5000 annual periodical subscriptions, including electronic resources, are also available.

- **Career Services**

The Career Services Center acts as an active link between students and business. It offers a wide range of services to students, including career information and reference materials, facilitating company presentations, seminars on CV writing, and career counselling services. Every year in November the school organizes **ARENA Career Fair**, the largest recruitment and contact event for companies and university business students in Finland

- **Housing and Living**

Student apartments typically consist of 3-5 bedrooms, a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom(s). The rent varies between 230-520 euros per month, depending on the location and the number of tenants. Student apartments are situated around the Helsinki area. Students should budget approximately 400–800 euros per month for housing, transportations, food and other daily necessities.

- **Health Insurance**

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

- **Useful Links**

- [The City of Helsinki](#)
- [The Finnish Immigration Service](#)
- [Student Health Service \(YTHS\):](#)
- [Aalto University Student Union](#)
- [Studying in Finland](#)
- [Helsinki Region Transport:](#)
- [Finnish Railways \(VR\):](#)
- [Virtual Finland:](#)
- [Helsingin Sanomat](#) (newspaper)

## Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination After being nominated by the home universities the students will receive a link to **Online Application form** for Incoming Exchange Students. In addition the students are to provide the International Student Services with the following supporting documents:
  - a. **a photo (passport size)**
  - b. **an official transcript of records**
  - c. **a curriculum vitae**

[For more information](#). Once the application is completed and approved, the students will receive an official **letter of acceptance**.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

## Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Aalto University, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Finland. For further information, please see the website of the [Finish Embassy](#) in London.

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