



STUDENT GUIDE TO **FINLAND**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT FINLAND

- Finland has **19 regions**, with **Helsinki** as the capital.
- Home to around **5.6 million people** and repeatedly ranked the **happiest country**.
- A leader in **technology, education and design**.
- **Finnish** and **Swedish** are official; most master's are **taught in English**.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO FINLAND

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 7h 30m	Finland
Mumbai	≈ 8h 15m	Finland
Bengaluru	≈ 9h 15m	Finland
Chennai	≈ 9h 30m	Finland
Hyderabad	≈ 8h 45m	Finland



FINLAND

FACTS

- Capital: **Helsinki**
- Flight distance: ~5,600 km
- Time zone: **EET (UTC+2)**
- Tuition (non-EU): **€8,000–18,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: **~€6,720 / yr**
- Main intakes: **Aug/Sep · Jan**

Non-EU students pay tuition, but scholarships are very common. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN FINLAND?



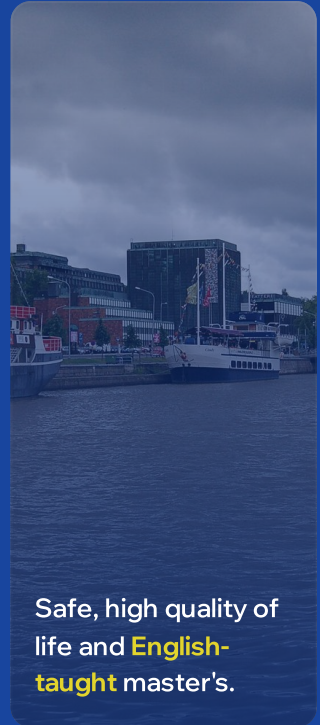
A world leader in **technology and education**.



Scholarships commonly cover 50–100% of tuition.



2-year stay-back to seek work after study.



Safe, high quality of life and **English-taught** master's.



Finland pairs **world-class technology education** with generous **tuition scholarships**.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Finnish higher education splits into universities and universities of applied sciences.
- They fall into three broad groups:



UNIVERSITIES

Research-led, academic institutions.



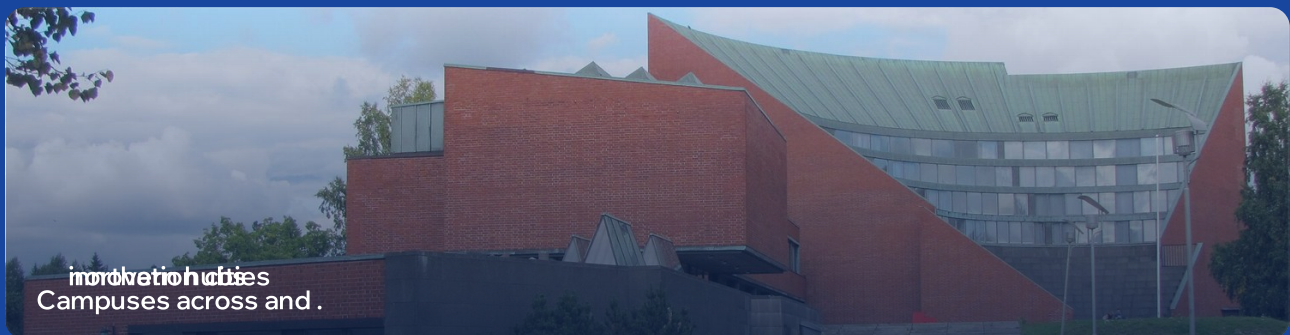
UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Practice-oriented, career-focused (UAS).



INSTITUTES

Specialist and design providers.



innovation hubs
Campuses across and .

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Finland hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Helsinki

HELSINKI

Finland's largest and top-ranked university.

Aalto University

ESPOO

Technology, business and design.

University of Turku

TURKU

Sciences, medicine and humanities.

Tampere University

TAMPERE

Technology, health and society.

University of Oulu

OULU

Engineering, IT and sciences.

LUT University

LAPPEENRANTA

Technology and business, sustainability focus.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Finland is strong in **technology, IT, business and design.**



TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

World-leading technical education.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Software, data and AI.



BUSINESS

International business and analytics.



DESIGN

Renowned Finnish design tradition.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Sustainability and clean tech.



HEALTH SCIENCES

Health, biotech and wellbeing.

TUITION & COSTS

- Non-EU students pay tuition, but **scholarships are widely available** and often substantial.

Bachelor's (non-EU)
per year

€8,000–12,000

Master's (non-EU)
per year

€10,000–18,000

Scholarships
common

50–100% of tuition

Application
one-off

free / low

Proof of funds for permit

~€6,720 / yr



Most universities offer **tuition-fee scholarships** covering half to all of tuition for strong applicants.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **€800–1,000 per month**; Helsinki is the costliest.

Accommodation student housing or shared flat	€350–600
Food & groceries	€220–280
Transport student pass	€35–55
Health insurance	~€50
Phone & leisure	€100–150
Estimated monthly total	~€850

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Tuition-free scholarships make Finland affordable for strong candidates.

Finland Scholarship

GOVERNMENT

For top non-EU/EEA master's students.

University Tuition Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Very common — 50–100% of tuition.

Early-Bird Awards

INSTITUTIONAL

Discounts for early tuition payment.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Grants for eligible study periods.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL.
- An entrance exam or task for some programmes.
- Apply via Studyinfo.fi.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** for most master's.
- Relevant academic background.
- Motivation letter and CV.

INTAKES

- **August/September** — autumn — the main intake
- **January** — spring — selected programmes
- **Deadlines** — apply by December–January for autumn

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure acceptance from a Finnish institution.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around €6,720 for living costs.

3

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange valid health cover.

4

APPLY (RESIDENCE PERMIT)

Apply for a student residence permit online.

5

BIOMETRICS

Provide biometrics at a VFS centre.

6

REGISTER

Complete registration after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work up to about **30 hours a week** during study.

Post-Study Permit

2 YEARS

A residence permit to seek work after study.

Work While Studying

DURING STUDY

Up to ~30 hours a week on average.

EU Access

MOBILITY

A Finnish degree is recognised across the EU.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Technology, IT, health and clean tech.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and English-taught programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, SOP and references.

3

APPLY

Apply via Studyinfo.fi within the application window.

4

ADMISSION & SCHOLARSHIP

Accept your offer and confirm any scholarship.

5

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Apply for your student residence permit.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and prepare to travel.



Your Finland study journey — one step at a time.