Community of bold thinkers

At Aalto University, science and art meet technology and business. We are building an innovative society through high-quality research, teaching and artistic activity.
Key figures

A total of 9,984 applicants sought admission to Aalto University in spring 2017 and approximately 15% of them were admitted.

About 18,000 students

Number of graduates in 2015:
- 260 doctoral degrees,
- 1,998 master’s degrees,
- 1,970 bachelor’s degrees and
- 310 graduates from the MBA and EMBA programmes

A staff of about 4,200 of which more than 400 are professors.

Foreign academics account for about 36% of this total.
Our global success

number 7 among the best universities under 50 years of age in the world
(QS Top 50 under 50)

number 14 in the world in collaboration between the university and industries
(CWTS Leiden Industry Collaboration 2015)

number 2 among Nordic business schools
(Financial Times, European Business Schools 2016 Special Report)

number 3 in bachelor’s programmes in fashion in the world
(Business of Fashion, Global Fashion School Rankings 2016)
Our task is to identify and solve major challenges facing society at large.

The key areas of research help to make Finland more competitive, produce wellbeing and promote the creation of new innovations.
We educate game changers

Aalto University produces experts possessing the knowledge and skills required for building a sustainable society.
Promoting entrepreneurship

70 to 100 Companies are founded every year in our ecosystem

MIT has rated Aalto’s innovation ecosystem among the top-5 rising stars in the world

Entrepreneurship is a more popular career option than ever – in the last four years, over 2,000 students have studied through the Aalto Ventures Program

50% of Finnish startups that originate from universities come from the Aalto community
Head start with the Aalto ecosystem
New openings in teaching

Updated, more clearly structured and more extensive bachelor's and master's programmes

Optional minors outside the student's field of study

Novel learning environments, such as Design Factory

‘A unique concentration in which something is happening all the time has grown around Design Factory and Startup Sauna.’

Pyry Taanila
designer and entrepreneur
At the forefront of research

The tenure track system has increased the number of professors and attracted international experts: More than half of the professors currently working at Aalto University have been recruited after 2010. About 30% of them are from outside Finland.
'I believe that the forest industry will save the Finnish economy – once again. With new innovations, the range of products that can be processed from wood will keep expanding. We can already make for example thread, clothes and, say, edible single-use dishes from wood.'

Katja Kortelainen
Master of Science in Bioproduct Technology
Innovation through collaboration

A revolutionary invention in heat conduction enables super powerful quantum computers.

The environmentally friendly Ioncell F method will boost cotton recycling.

Finland’s first satellite was developed by students.
‘I arrange 3D printing workshops for students every second week. After the students have completed the course on the subject they can use the printers and create products independently.’

Meng Wang, ADD Lab
Added value through multidisciplinary approach

Aalto University Platforms bring together multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and teaching in specific thematic fields. The aim is to strengthen collaboration between the university and its stakeholders.

Aalto Materials Platform
Materials research

Aalto Digi Platform
Digitalisation

Aalto Living+
human-centered living environments

Aalto Energy Platform
Sustainable energy solutions

Health Platform
Health and wellbeing
Our extensive infrastructures also serve external research groups and companies

- Aalto Studios
- OtaNano
- Aalto NeuroImaging
- Science-IT
- Aalto Ice Tank
- Bioeconomy infrastructure
- Metsähovi Radio Observatory
Renewing society through arts and creative practices

The purpose of our multidisciplinary artistic activities is to find human solutions to important societal issues and build bridges between technology and the economy.
Internationally recognised artistic activities

We present our expertise in major international arts, design and architectural events, such as the Milan Furniture Fair, Hyères Fashion Festival, Paris Photo and numerous film festivals.
‘Food made from insects can help to protect the environment, reduce the amount of food thrown away and it may even eliminate hunger.’

Otto Palonen, entrepreneur
Highly regarded continuing education and executive education

Aalto University Executive Education Ltd offers

• business management development services: Aalto EE
• continuing education for experts: Aalto PRO
• entrepreneurship development services: Aalto ENT

About 8,000 students take part in the courses of the Open University each year.
A total of 85,000 alumni of whom more than 40,000 have joined the alumni network.

A large number of leading personalities in Finnish industries, culture and arts

More than 40% of Finnish listed companies’ CEOs are alumni of Aalto University.
Developing Otaniemi into Aalto City

The Otaniem campus is being strongly reformed. By 2021, all of the University's core functions will be in Otaniem, home of the lively Aalto City that supports innovations.
The Dipoli building has been refurbished into a showroom, meeting place and a main building for all of Aalto University. It contains workspaces, an auditorium, halls, restaurants, exhibitions spaces and art. The building is designed by architects Raili and Reima Pietilä, and it was completed in 1966.
Towards an innovative society

Aalto University was established in 2010 as the spearhead project of Finland’s university reform. It was given the national mission of strengthening Finland's innovative capability through research, arts and education.

The university was named in honour of Alvar Aalto, the famous Finnish architect.
More than 150 years of wellbeing, innovation and entrepreneurship

Aalto University can draw on the unique expertise of Helsinki University of Technology, the University of Art and Design Helsinki and the Helsinki School of Economics.
Core funding provided by the state and competitive research funding are the primary sources of revenue for Aalto University.

Personnel and facility expenses account for most of the university’s expenditure.
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