

Athene Freshers Guide

2024



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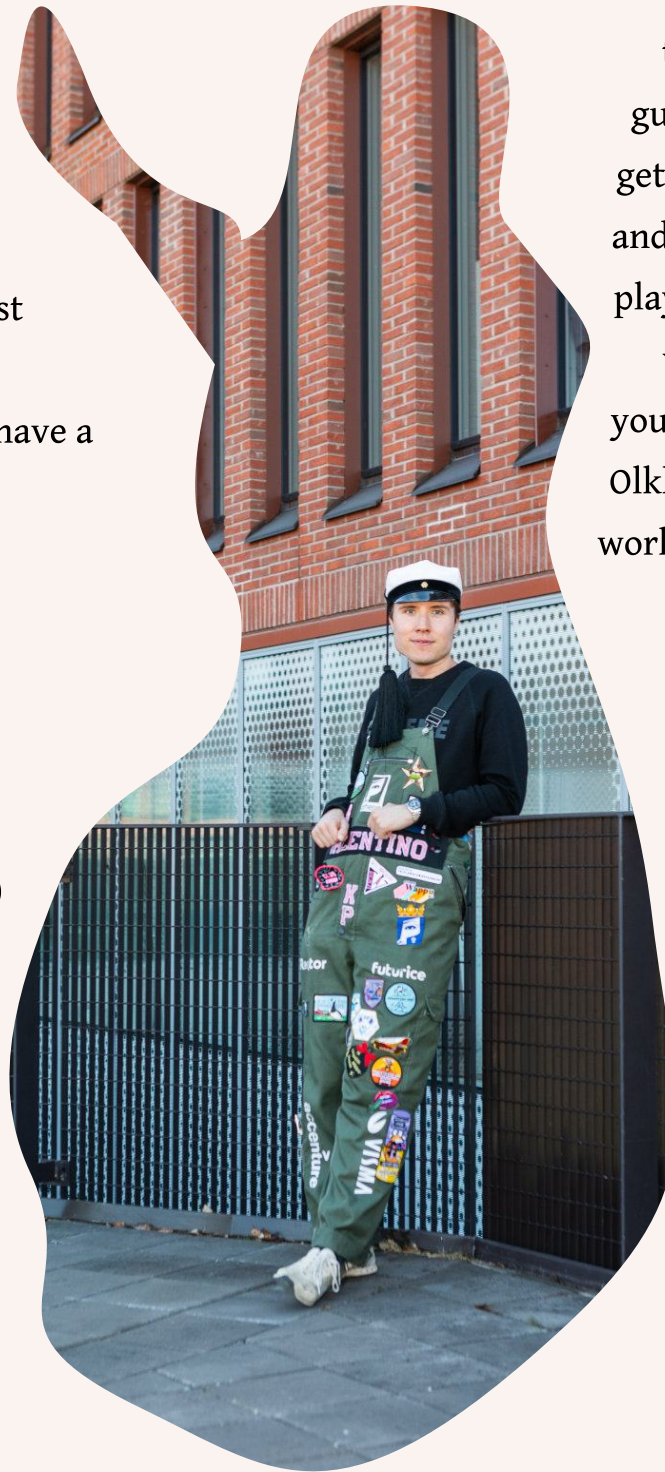
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Welcome to Athene!

I'm Valentin, the Captain of International & Master's Students of our guild Athene.

First of all, my biggest congratulations on making the best decision of your life and coming to Aalto. My job as the International & Master's Captain is to make sure you all have a successful and truly unforgettable year in Finland, both academically and culturally!

And what is this Athene I keep talking about? Athene is our home guild - the association uniting Information Networks, Engineering Psychology and ICT Innovation students at Aalto University. And when I say our guild I really mean it, it's a second home for both you and me :-)
The people at Athene organize all sorts of activities and events to its members from parties to sports events as well as maintain relations to the corporate world and school staff. Joining Athene is your chance to make the most out of your time in Finland. As a member of the guild, you will be very welcome to join in all our events.



It's safe to say the guild and the Athenians do a lot of stuff together, and many international students have joined the guild in also the organizatory part. But no worries yet, you'll get the chance to see and experience what Athene is all about and see for yourself how involved and what role the guild will play in your life. What I want to emphasize is that you're very welcome to all Athene's events and as a member of Athene you'll get access to our guild room, which we call Olohuone or Olkkari (Living Room in Finnish). There people come to study, work, hang out, play Mario Cart or just grab a cup of *free coffee*.

I'm actually writing this text from Olkkari right now!

Anyways, I hope you'll get some useful and interesting information from this guide, and if there's anything still unclear to you, feel free to shoot me a message anytime on Telegram (which is the main communication channel at Aalto) !

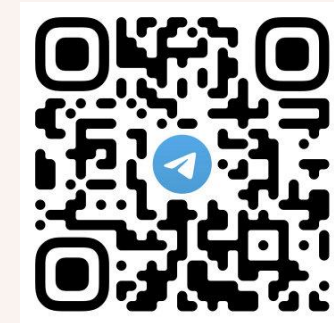
Very much looking forward to autumn to meet all of our new students at Athene, and to introduce Finland and the funky student culture to you. :-) :-) :-)

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TO DO List

TELEGRAM



- ☐ Read the guide
- ☐ Join the Telegram group: Freshers of Athene '24 (<https://t.me/+zk8UAJ44iCgzNWRk>)
- ☐ Become a member of Athene (www.athene.fi/join) and pay the membership fee (10€)
your best spent 10€ in 2024 trust me
- ☐ Read the newsletters and other information material sent by your study coordinator at Aalto University, and follow the instructions for pre-arrival arrangements
- ☐ Follow Athene on Instagram @athenekilta , there you can have a peek of the stuff Athenians do
- ☐ Order a student card or download Frank App (my recommendation)
- ☐ Pack warm, Finland gets cold fast!
- ☐ Apply for housing at AYY or HOAS if you already haven't!
Also make sure you are able to pick up the keys, or that a tutor will get them for you
- ☐ Come as yourself and enjoy the ride! 🦄

Internationals at Athene



Hello there!

Congrats on making it to Aalto and Athene! I am Bastien, an EIT digital Alumni who has lived 3 years in Finland. My job is to help you integrate into the unique and fascinating Finnish student life, and to make you feel at home here.

The university and student life in Finland is confusing at first, as it extremely different from any other countries' experience. This is probably your first time hearing about “student guilds” and wondering what the heck this is all about. Well no worries! I will be helping the captain Valentin to make sure you get a smooth introduction to the peculiar Finnish student lifestyle.

Also, you can contact me if any concerns arise, related to school, student life, or life in Finland in general. Please do not hesitate, there are no stupid questions, I will be happy to help.

Come with an open mind. Have the will to experience new things. Rely on your captain, me and your tutors whenever you feel confused or at lost . If you follow these advices, I can guarantee your time in Finland will be a blast!

Bastien

International advisor

Student Culture in Finland

Finland has a very active, unconventional and fun student culture with countless traditions formed over several decades. There are multiple centres of student life which naturally take place in the large university cities, such as Helsinki, Turku, Vaasa, Tampere, Oulu, Rovaniemi and Joensuu. However, you are in great luck since arguably the best and liveliest of them all is the Aalto University campus, Otaniemi.

The student culture and traditions are largely maintained by student associations, which there are many types of. All fields of study usually have their own subject clubs, which in the field of technology are called guilds. Especially guilds are often very active, and organize all types of events, such as parties, sitsit (peculiar and traditional dinner party), sports events, wellness events and events related to studies. However, in addition to subject clubs there is also a wide variety of different student organizations and clubs at Aalto which unite people with common interests like sports, gaming, cocktail-making or virtually anything you can think of!

In Finland, there are many things of which you can spot a university student even from afar. When attending events or partying, Finnish students wear large long-sleeve overalls in all colors of the rainbow. By the color of the overall, you can also often tell what the student's major is, since all subject clubs have their own overalls in specific colors. The overalls are often decorated with strange dangling objects and sewn-on badges, which students get for example by attending different types of events. Sometimes students also pair their overalls with a white sailorman-like cap, which they have gotten when graduating from high school.

Student culture is also quite diverse and colorful, varying a lot between different fields and cities. For example students in law, business, social sciences and technology all have their own traditions. As technology students, we take pride in our strong and traditional Teekkari culture, which you will surely get to enjoy during your time in Finland!

What is a “teekkari”?

Teekkari officially means a technology student, but in reality it is much more than just that. You can recognize a teekkari from their student overalls (with the color signifying the study program), teekkari cap (a cap with a tassel) and their cheeky attitude.

The teekkari culture of Otaniemi dates all the way back to 1872, when the school was still situated in Helsinki (thus, the old name of the school was Helsinki University of Technology), and is a point of pride for all teekkaris alike. Teekkaris also built the first apartments in Otaniemi even before the school came here, so we are very well rooted to Otaniemi and consider it as our home.

Being a part of the teekkari culture in Finland holds a lot of emotion and pride formed over time, which is why we take such good care of our freshmen, to ensure they get the chance to become fully a part of the teekkari culture.



An important part of being a teekkari is the cap. It is protected (by law!), so that only the technology students who have completed their "degree" in teekkari culture are allowed to wear them. This is done by following a point card (which you will get from the Captain of International & Master's Students), and completing a certain amount of points before the first of May. This will include, for example, visiting companies, attending sitsit-parties, going to the teekkari museum and singing (teekkaris love singing, we have a saying that goes: “a teekkari sings rather than well”).

Don't worry, it is all very doable, if, and hopefully when, you decide you want to do it. Every year many international students participate and become full teekkaris, with the cap, overalls and cheeky mindset. However, it is important to notice that none of this is mandatory. Teekkari culture is all about having fun and doing things that you want to do, so consider it rather as a great possibility for you!

What is a “teekkari”?



A bunch of Finnish and international Athenians this spring celebrating being a teekkari



Greetings from the Chair of Athene (the Big Boss)

Hey you, brand new Athenian!

I'm Markus, the current chair of the board of Athene. Athene is the guild of Information Networks, Engineering Psychology and EIT Digital students, and we have the privilege to welcome you student community here in Aalto University.

A guild is a student organization built around students in the same study program. Together with all the other guilds and organizations in Aalto, we organize all kinds of events and activities during the year. Guilds are active and diverse communities and through them everyone can find their own place in student life, make new friends and gain new experiences. In total we have over 500 members - Athene is not the biggest, but certainly one of the most active guilds at Aalto!

Our board and volunteers organize parties, sports and culture events as well as company excursions, take care of our guild room and much more. We are in close contact with the Aalto School of Science and the departments of Computer Science as well as Industrial Engineering and Management to make sure that students' voices are heard in academic decision making.

Aalto has an exceptional student community unlike any other - there are countless opportunities within the diverse community, and I encourage you to try out the variety of different things that student life in Aalto and Athene has to offer. Parties and events are only a small part of what makes Athene such a great community. Athene is a guild with lovely people and a warm culture of helping each other.

We are really excited to meet you and welcome you to Athene - see you in September!

Markus Laine

Chair of the Board, Athene

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Greetings from the ICT Innovation

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We're from the EIT and we're here to help!

We are Minna, Nina and Mika, and we will get you in and out of the EIT Digital Master School at Aalto University.

For over a decade there have been these curious being called EITS wandering around the Aalto campus. Mostly harmless, often adorable, always on the go. Making them human-cen- tred autonomous data clouds, they are. Our job is to herd and care for them, give them pizza and credits. Help them find places to be, and jobs to be done (VPC).

Things can get a bit complicated when you choose to complete your degree in 2-5 countries all over Europe, and that is why our team is there to catch you if you slip.

Come meet us at the several events we organize around the year, or just pop by to make an ex tempore sanity check on you studies.

No thing is too small to ask - except 0.2 ECTS from an excursion that is too small.

Minna Parviainen, Planning Office

Nina Vainikka, Study Affairs Secretary

Mika P.Nieminen, Programme Director



Important Dates

23.8. Head Start - Get to know your tutors, other freshers and the guild

ORIENTATION WEEK yesssirr 🌋🌋🤪 here a peek of the preliminary evening activities (a more detailed schedule including school's activities and lectures will be given to you later):

- **26.8.** Bonfire Night
- **27.8.** Tutor Bar Crawl
- **28.8.** Sauna night
- **29.8.** Aalto Welcome Fair & Ota Orienteering
- **30.8.** Freshers vs. Farts (older students) football match & Pöhinä Party

In addition to these, try to have the orientation week as free as possible, as the days will be filled with program

If you want any details on the schedule or events, do not hesitate to contact me, your captain, or the international advisor Bastien. By joining the Telegram-group you can also chat with all of the tutors.



Otaniemi Campus Map



These are the places you'll most probably visit *at least* once during next year

1. T-talo = CS Building, also home of our guild room Olkkari
2. TUAS Building
3. Metro station & Abloc
4. Harald Herlin Learning Center - Main Library
5. Amfi
6. Dipoli
7. TF - Täffä
8. Unisport - Otahalli Sports Center
9. YTHS - FSHS
10. Smökki



Aalto University Student Union

As a student of Aalto, Aalto University Student Union, AYY, is your student union. AYY brings together about 17,000 students of arts, design, business and technology. We work to ensure the well-being of all our members and we want to develop 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 throughout Finland. AYY offers several services for its members, such as affordable student housing, rental facilities, and advocacy. As a student of Aalto, you can also participate in activities and events organised by AYY and over 200 associations within the Student Union.

AYY in Figures

- More than 17,000 members
- Approximately 200 organisations and associations
- Approximately 2,700 student apartments
- Nearly 50 employees
- 10 full-time board members
- Approximately 500 volunteers

Communication Channels

You can find comprehensive information about all AYY's services and opportunities at [ayy.fi](https://www.ayy.fi). We compile all current information concerning students in the weekly newsletter published by email on Mondays.



Greetings from Aalto University Student Union!



A warm welcome to Aalto University and especially to your Student Union AYY. Student life is a matter close to our hearts, and we at AYY are working hard to ensure that you can experience the best student life in the world! Our goal is to ensure that every student enjoys a safe and supportive environment during their studies.

A new open world full of great opportunities is now in front of you. We encourage you to be curious – to learn, to discover, to explore and above all to enjoy your time at Aalto. Challenges are part of life and finding your own path can be challenging at times. So don't hesitate to contact us as we are here to support you with any problems you may have.

See you on campus!

AYY board '24

Services

Student housing

AYY owns 2700 student apartments and offers home for over 3400 residents. Apartments are located in Otaniemi and Leppävaara in Espoo and in various parts of Helsinki. Living in AYY's apartments requires AYY membership and a valid right of residence to AYY apartments.

AYY has single room apartments, studios, two room apartments and bigger apartments. Single room apartments are offered primarily to new students and exchange students. All the apartments are unfurnished, and rent includes Internet and water. Laundry room and sauna slots are extra service for free.

You can browse and search for AYY's housing through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi. You can read more detailed application instructions on AYY's Housing website. As a student, you can also apply housing from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS).

Advocacy and interest representation

AYY represents students' interests and rights on university level and national level, making sure students are being heard in the society! You can take advantage of AYY's advocacy services, for example, if your exam results are late or you may get in touch with an

equity officer if you encounter any type of harassment. As a member of AYY, you can apply for administration as a student representative and influence the decisions made at the university.

AYY's highest decision-making body is the Representative Council (RepCo), which is elected by vote. In the elections, all AYY members can vote and run as candidates. The next Representative Council elections will be held next year. Members of the Representative Council decide on the goals and policies of the Student Union.

Student culture

Volunteering, association activities and diverse events are an essential part of Aalto student culture and the Aalto community. The highlights of the year include Wappu and Orientation week events, annual ball, Shrovetide celebrations and many other events.

In addition to the Student Union, events are organised by volunteers who work in sections and committees. AYY has six sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum Section, New Students Section and Advocacy Management Group (more commonly known as EduJory). The call for volunteers will open in late autumn. Information on the call will be published in AYY's communication channels. In addition, AYY has more than 200 associations that organise activities in the fields of sports, music, games, and other hobbies. New students are always welcome to join association activities, and AYY

offers help, support, and advice for the establishment of associations and their activities. Keep an open mind for different opportunities and get to know the associations in upcoming events!

The Museum of Student Life has expanded its exhibition and activities to cover the student cultures of the entire Aalto community - technology, business and arts. In addition to technology students' culture, the museum now also presents the history and present of KY - Aalto University Business Students and TOKYO, Students of Art, Design and Architecture. In addition, AYY's art collection will also be presented in the exhibition collections. The museum is located at Jämeräntäival 3A.

Rental facilities

In addition to housing, AYY has numerous saunas, event venues and recreational facilities that members can rent. Some facilities are free of charge. AYY also rents a van.

Scholarships and project grants

You can apply for a project grant from AYY or the TTE-Fund for a project organised by a group of friends or an association. You can also apply for scholarships awarded by AYY.

Student benefits

You will receive a digital or plastic student card to prove your student status (card delivered by Frank). By showing your student status, you are entitled to hundreds of benefits from 1 Aug onwards, including Kela, Matkahuolto and VR, as well as to student lunch discount in student restaurants. You are also entitled to student discount in public transport in the metropolitan area if you live in the HSL area and have updated your student status in your travel card at the HSL service point or activated the student discount in your HSL-app. You can find the list of all benefits and discounts available with the student card on Frank's website at frank.fi.

The digital student card Frank App is an official student ID, which you can download and activate starting on 1 Aug once you have enrolled for attendance at the university and paid AYY's membership fee. You can check the prices of other card options on Frank's website. You can also add an ISIC license to both digital and plastic student cards. More information on different student cards can be found on Frank's website at frank.fi.

If you have chosen the plastic student card, please remember to pick up the academic year tag (aka. sticker) for your card from AYY's service point! At the same time, you can also pick up a free Design Notebook and a badge.

The Other Captain at Athene



Howdy!

I'm Sara Sofia aka Sarkku, Phuksikapteeni (freshman captain) of Athene. My task is to make sure the bachelor freshmen (= phuksis/fuksis) of Athene have an easy transition into student life here at Aalto university. I'm responsible for arranging events and activities for the phuksis as well as helping out with practical things and any issues our phuksis might face. Additionally, I guide the phuksis through the process of becoming fully-fledged teekkaris.

So in practice, I organize events for phuksis inside our own guild, and as a member of FTMK (Fuksitoimikunta, Fuksi Committee), for all the freshmen of Otaniemi as well. International students are also more than welcome to most of these events! Valentin will keep you updated on all the fun events you should definitely attend, but don't hesitate to ask me about them (or about anything else that pops into your mind) either!

Athenians are warm, friendly people who will happily help you with any problems you may have, and with whom you'll find yourself engaging in exciting and inspiring conversations on a daily basis. I truly hope you'll enjoy it here, and that you'll feel right at home here at Athene and in Otaniemi as a whole.

Can't wait to get to know you!

Sara Sofia Koivisto

Phuksi Captain

Athene's Events

Greetings and welcome to our beloved guild!

We, Athene's host and hostess, Aino and Matvei, or IE for short (from the Finnish words "isäntä" and "emäntä" meaning host and hostess) are responsible for organizing parties for you and all other guild members throughout the year. The guild offers various types of events for you to take part in. There are parties, hangouts and even sports. So something for everyone! While we are not always the driving force behind every event, we often at least help with the refreshments.

One particular event that is quite popular with students in Finland, is something called "sitsit". Although you will soon become familiar with the term, allow us to provide a brief introduction. Sitsit refers to an "academic table party" infused with singing and some fun etiquette. Essentially, it entails a traditional three-course dinner, usually preceded by a cocktail event and followed by an after party. We create them entree to dessert by ourselves with the help of our nine apprentices. The singing and the stories accompanying the songs are the defining characteristic of sitsit.

However, no need to be stressed about the singing, as it is meant to be fun group singing, no skills required!



Athene's Events



Participating in the events is a great way to make new friends, let go of stress and quite simply enjoy your time, so don't be shy to attend. Everyone is welcome to our events just as they are, and our main priority is to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and enjoys themselves! Alongside your captain, we will strive to keep you informed about all upcoming events, but if you have any questions, you can always contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to our guild and hope to see you soon!

Aino Pelander & Matvei Telov, Host & Hostess

Predominantly presented in Finnish and heavy on word plays, the sitsit are a crash course to the language, but not unilingual and there are songs and stories often sung and told in English, Swedish, German and more. Not to mention special international sitsit with a selection of songs to match. Sitsit also have wildly varying themes and the dress code differs from cocktail dress to animal suits. We believe sitsit are the most pleasing way to sit around a table and truly recommend giving it a try at least once!



International Associations



BEST Helsinki

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.

See more information:

Facebook.com/BESTHelsinki

Telegram: t.me/BESTHelsinki



ESN Aalto

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.

For more information:

facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficialesnaalto.org

Telegram group: t-me/ESNAalto

[CLICK HERE](#) to see all official associations at Aalto

International Director's Greetings

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University, you have made a choice of your lifetime applying here! I wish to warmly welcome you to our Aalto community and the unique community of technology students, Teekkaris!

My name is Joonas Sorvari, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union, also known as AYY. I'm the chair of the International Committee, KvTMK for short, which consists of the International Captains, International Officers, or Master's Captains of the Teekkari guilds and associations. Our goal with the aforementioned International Captains of the Teekkari associations and your ISOs or BIGs is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable.

The Teekkari culture is very unique and something that you can experience only in Finland. The community, the International Committee and your own International Captains will provide you with events in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Otaniemi and the rest of Finland and meet your fellow students. The activities are a great chance to enhance your stay in Aalto and to have the time of your life!

The Teekkari culture has a veeeery long history and Teekkaris have had a presence throughout Finland over many years, especially in Otaniemi and Helsinki. Teekkaris have been based in Otaniemi since 1966. The most prized distinction of a Teekkari is their tasseled cap (Teekkarilakki), which goes back to 1893. Outside of Otaniemi, Teekkaris are known, among other things for their pranks (jäynä), tempaus, and singing culture. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy not only in itself but also for those around it. The Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance - Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are and leave none behind.



International Director's Greetings



Paavo
the Panda
- the mascot
of the
Int. committee

Fuksi education and upbringing has a long tradition in Otaniemi. My, and your International Captains' task, is to welcome you to the Aalto community and guide you through your first year or semester in Aalto. As a fuksi, you will be able to collect fuksi points from various events and activities, which will earn you your very own Teekkari cap. The fuksi points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, as well as to all the fun memories! The fuksi year will culminate in the largest, most joyful, and revered event for us Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that you, the fuksis, have proved yourself worthy. If you are an exchange student leaving after the autumn term, I strongly suggest visiting Otaniemi again for the potential Wappu.

In addition to technology students, there are also arts and business students studying in Otaniemi. The united and multidisciplinary university, as well as the Aalto community, will provide you with a rich and abundant selection of student activities to complement your studies. Everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

My most important advice for you is to participate with an open mind and heart. Get to know your International Captains, tutors, and your fellow students. Besides studying, experiencing new things together and building friendships are some of the best opportunities our university can provide you during your time here as a student. Your guild or association, the International Committee, and countless other people and organizations create the framework for the activities, but you decide how you want to shape your time as a student. A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you and I recommend that you make the most of it! I am in the privileged position of accompanying you and your fellow students on your journey to becoming Teekkaris.

With best wishes,

Joonas Sorvari

Guilds

In Aalto University, there are many more students of technology besides us physicists, mathematicians and systems scientists. Here you can get to know a bit about the teekkari guilds that receive fuksis.



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 there. TF-members are recognized from their technology red overalls that are usually combined with parts of the guild or university association overalls.

The Guild of Surveying Engineers (Maanmittarikilta) is the association for students in the degree program of Real Estate Economics and Geoinformatics, Sustainable Communities and Built Environment. 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 Otaniemi's second oldest guild still receiving fuksis. It is home to students of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Architecture, so the members are a mix of students with technical and artistic backgrounds. 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. Interior Architects design their own fabric to decorate their overalls with. The logo on the back of the overalls is different each year, as it is designed by the fuksis themselves.



The Guild of Civil Engineers, more commonly known as "Raksa", is a subject 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 majored in Energy and Environmental engineering. Raksa members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls with a green sleeve and pocket and their legendary chant of "RAKSA JAKSAA" ("Raksa perseveres!")



The Guild of Mechanical Engineers was founded in 1915, and even with 108 years of history, it is the youngest guild in the School of Engineering. However, it is one of the biggest guild's with over thousand members. Members of KIK can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink caterpillar tractor mascot and their jubilant chants of "YY, KAA, KONE!" ("ONE, TWO, MACHINE").

The Guild of Electrical Engineers (also known as SIK) was founded in 1921. The energetic electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls with the new cog logo on the back of the overalls. You can also spot the old lightbulb logo from older students' 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 Fyysikkokilta, 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!



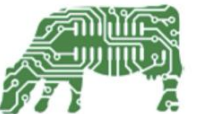
Tietokilta, or Computer Science Guild, is a student guild founded in 1986. Tietokilta is one of the largest in Otaniemi. Many of the younger guilds in Otaniemi have started as a part of this guild, namely AS, Athene and Data Guild. Members of the guild are recognized by their shiny black overalls with 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. The industrious members can be recognised by violet overalls. The left sleeve is black with a white pocket that reminds of shared history with TiK and SIK and 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. Inkubio is youthful, dynamic and it is the best guild in Otaniemi. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Inkubio's overalls are a reddish brown, and 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 proudly carry their logo, Maikki, a circuit board in the shape of a cow.

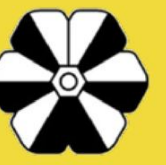


The Association of Process Engineering Students welcomes Chemical Engineering students in both the Finnish and English bachelor programme. Founded in 2012, PT is one of the youngest student associations in Otaniemi. PT's overalls are a blue and have three stripes, yellow, blue, and red, on each limb representing the three CHEM guilds that PT descends from. The association'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.

Data Guild is the guild for students of the degree programme in Data Science. Founded in 2019, it is the youngest guild in Otaniemi. The members of Data Guild have two different overalls. The older ones are shiny black with a silver sleeve and the current ones are shiny silver with a black sleeve to commemorate the time of Data Science students as part of the Computer Science Guild.



In addition to PT, there are three 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 in a collective fashion. The CHEM guild's overalls (red, yellow and blue) have become a rare sight in Otaniemi, but these colors can be seen sewn on to overalls, for example as a sleeve.



Teekkari – English – Teekkari Dictionary

Amfi - Amphi

The amphiteater-like construct of the old main building. Very popular as a place from which all kinds of adventures begin. There you will also receive your teekkari caps if Wappu arrives and you have earned the right to wear them

Appro - Bar crawl

An event where students go from bar to bar getting at least one drink per bar (or shop) on a pre-determined route

AYY

Abbreviation for "Aalto-yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta", the student union for all Aalto students and umbrella organization for guilds. (see p. 27)

Ethana

The hobby sports team of Athene, led by "Hercules & Xena". Organizes matches against other student teams in for example floorball, basketball, volleyball and futsal as well as other sports events within Athene.

Excu - Excursion

A visit to a company, usually organized by the guild. Organized in order to get to know the local companies that hire students from the guild, to network and of course have fun (companies like to host teekkaris).

Haalarimerkki - Overall badge

Badges of different events, groups, associations and memes that students sow to their overalls. Can be used for showing groups they support, events they've been to and just plain fun. Also used to distinguish between freshmen and older students (if the overall has no or very few badges, the user is most likely a freshman).

Hymni

Teekkarihymni, a traditional song that is sung at midnight.

IE

Host and Hostess (see p. 17)

ISO

Your tutors

Jäynä - MIT hack

A good willed, harmless and fun prank carried out by teekkaris. The definition of a jäynä is that it should amuse all participants (both "victims" and makers alike) and cause no property damage or physical/psychological harm.

Kaljakrocketti - Beer Croquet

Athene's "national sport" - a game where bubbly liquids are used in addition to ordinary croquet equipment.

Kilta - Guild

A student association for study programs. Guilds are specific for technical students in Finland, and most other student associations are formed around similarities in attributes (like language) or the major subject in universities. The objectives of a guild are to make sure that the school listens to the students (when making decisions about study programs etc.) and to organize different kinds of events like sitsit.

Laulukirja - Songbook

The book of teekkari songs. One of the best future memories from your time as a student in Finland, these contain most of the songs sung by teekkaris in sitsit etc. The reason why they form up to be great memories is the tradition of writing or drawing greetings and messages to your friends' song books during sitsit, so after a few, you can find a lot of happy memories there.

Lukkari - Songmaster / Toastmaster

The people who lead the singing at sitsit.

Teekkari – English – Teekkari Dictionary

OLOhuone / Olkkari - The Living room

Our guild room, which is always open for guild members to socialize, drink coffee, study or play some PS4. Located in the CS-building right across the main doors, you can't miss it.

(Opiskelija)haalarit - (Student) overalls

The main form of distinguishing university/college students from the major populace, that are worn in major public happenings (if unsure ask your tutor whether to wear them :-)). To the students they also tell what you are studying, and ease finding your mates at big gatherings, so find a bunch of forest green overalls, and you're sure to find friends! The main point of these is to show the unity and like-mindedness of students.

Otaniemi

Otaniemi, also called 'Niemi' is a neighborhood in Espoo, which also acts as the campus of Aalto University and the home of teekkaris. (see p. 24)

Sitsit

Academic table party. At its most basic form a three course dinner, with wine and other refreshments, where the attending men wear suits and women wear cocktail dresses (remember to bring yours!), with a lot of singing and socializing. These are something you do not want to miss during your stay! There are also themed sitsit, which aren't as formal, but just as (or even more) fun!

Smökki (Servin mökki)

The biggest place to hold parties or sitsit in teekkari village, and also a historical landmark. This place will be very familiar to you after a few months!

Teekkari

A technology student in Finland, who has earned the right to wear a teekkari cap. Known by their overalls, teekkari caps and overall good will and humor. In Finland teekkaris have a fairly good reputation, as we take care of our own (and others), cause no trouble to outsiders and are cheery throughout the year.

Teekkarikylä - Teekkari village

The place where teekkaris live, if they live in Otaniemi, and a place where most inhabitants are technology students. Also famous for the fact that you will always find some place to sleep there if need be.

Teekkarilakki - Teekkari cap

A cap with a tassel. People in Finland who have passed high school wear similar caps (around Wappu mostly), but without the tassel. Teekkari caps are the most distinct recognition of being a teekkari, and the right to wear one needs to be earned before Wappu. It signifies that the wearer knows the history and culture of teekkaris in Finland, and understands the significance of the right.

T-talo - CS-building

Computer science building, the building where Athene and the Computer Science guild preside. Also home to most departments related to computer sciences, and where at least some of your studies will be at.

Paniikki

The 24/7 computer room located in the CS-building. Favorite study place for many of students in the computer sciences or Information Networks.

Phuksi - Freshman

Often also spelled 'Fuksi, but 'ph' at Athene. At Athene, there are about 50 new bachelor's phuksis every year. At Wappu, phuksis become Teekkaris.

Wappu

The most important celebration of the year for teekkaris on 1st of May. Also known as May Day or Walpurgis Night, the celebration begins already a few weeks prior to first of May. Also remember that Wappu will only be arranged if the new freshmen have deserved it. (Do not mix with Vappu, which is the general May Day celebration for all other Finns.)

YTHS-FSHS

Finnish Student Health Service, closest post in Otaniemi in Otakaari 12.

This is it, thanks for reading and see you soon ;-)

Next some ads from different associations at Aalto, I recommend at least browsing them through!



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Aalto University



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KY - AALTO UNIVERSITY BUSINESS STUDENTS

KY is a community of more than 3000 business students, "kylteris". Our purpose in the Aalto community is to cherish our 110-year-old traditions, uphold KY culture and advocate for our members. At the campus you can spot us in our dollar green overalls.

KY is home for hundreds of volunteers, who participate actively in KY's clubs, subject clubs, subcommittees and committees. They organize a wide selection of activities to make sure that everyone gets the most out of their time in the university. We have many traditional events that are also open for anyone in the Aalto community, such as the adventure competition Aalto City Challenge, Hukkaputki pub crawl and KY Wappu.

Website: ky.fi
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PROBBA RY

Probba is the Student Association of Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus. All students who study at Mikkeli campus are members of Probba, bringing their size to around 240 members.

Website: probba.org
Instagram: [probbary](https://www.instagram.com/probbary)



TOKYO ry is the student association that brings together students of the school of arts, design and architecture.

We're the umbrella association open to all of Aalto ARTS and arts-inclined students.

The name "TOKYO" was originally an acronym for "Taideteollisen Oppilaitoksen Kuvaamataidonopettajaosaston Ylioppilaskunta"!

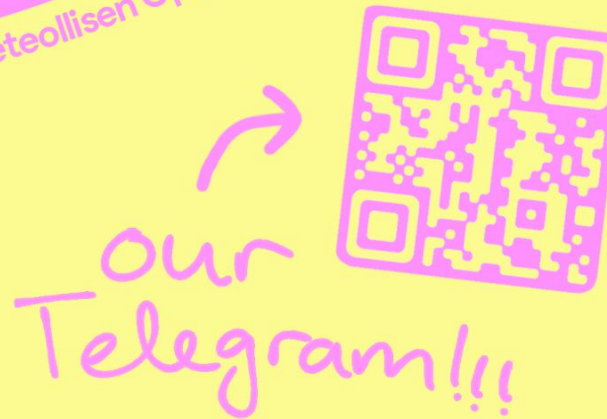
As a school-level association, TOKYO takes an active part in student advocacy and organizes events to gather together all the ARTS-minded students and alumni.

Our annual events include a Lapland trip, our annual ball Maskerad, and the Christmas and Spring student arts sales.

TOKYO also owns the vegan and non-profit Kipsari restaurant, as well as the Torso magazine, which features content contributed by ARTS students and discusses current events and topics.

Find more info about us on Instagram!

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