

# Fuksi Guide 2025







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# International Captains' greetings

## Greetings reader!

Whether you're a new Fuksi or a worried loved one, we hope this guide will shed some light on the upcoming year at Aalto university.

We are Atte Ikola & Santeri Ylittervo, the international captains of **Tietokilta** (computer science guild) and we'll be there for you the whole year organizing events and helping you on your journey to Teekkarihood.

Let us explain the terms "Fuksi" and "Teekkari" right away. In Finland technology freshmen are called Fuksis and by surviving a year as a Fuksi, they become a Teekkari and earn their right to wear the beautiful Teekkari cap. This and so much more are explained more in depth in this guide we've created. Be sure to read it carefully as you will get answers to burning questions such as "how can I get an apartment"? and "when and where do I show up?"

But the guide isn't the only thing helping you! We have lots of older students volunteering as Tutors for you during the student year. Each student will be part of one subgroup which has their designated tutors who will be contacting you prior to school starting. Be sure to check



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your email every now and then to not miss the messages. In addition to being your guides to Finnish student life, as fellow students you'll be seeing us around campus and events so don't be afraid of starting a chat whenever!

In Finland we are very proud of our student culture and guilds are a big part of it. If you've received this guide, you are (should be) part of Tietokilta or Computer Science Guild in English. Guild organizes events for baking, board games, sports, company excursions and so much more. Be sure to subscribe to the guild newsletter and/or check the guild calendar for events! In addition to guilds Aalto has many different clubs you can join. But to not overwhelm you here, we'll just say you will have a chance to get to know the clubs on the orientation week so don't worry.

Finally, we just want to welcome all the new Fuksis to Tietokila and Aalto in general. The year is going to go by fast but in the end, we hope you'll have lovely friends and beautiful memories to cherish for the rest of your life. We're sure we will atleast!

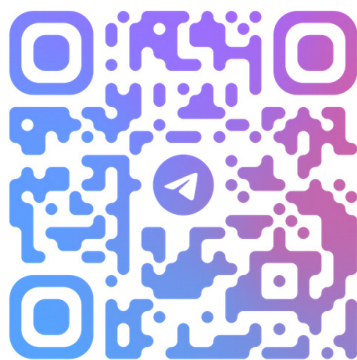
See you in the Autumn!

**Atte Ikola & Santeri Ylittervo**

International and Masters' Captains of Tietokilta



Join the [TiK fuksis '25](#) Telegram chat!  
Further info will be posted there!





# Greetings from the Tutor Coordinator

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## A BIG welcome!

Hi there, new TiK freshman — a BIG welcome to the guild!

Starting university can be a bit nerve-wracking, which is why the guild has ISOs to support you throughout the entire year. You don't have to figure everything out on your own — you'll be welcomed by a BIG group of truly amazing people!

As the tutor coordinator, I'm responsible for the Computer Science Guild's ISOs (tutors) and assisting the freshman captains in planning and organizing events. My most important task is to keep our ISOs — who were recruited earlier in the spring — informed and guide them in practical matters.

At Aalto University's technical schools, student tutors are called ISOs. ISOs are second-year or older students whose job is to introduce you freshmen to student culture and university life. This year, there are an incredible 87 ISOs in the Computer Science Guild, all here just for you. So don't hesitate to reach out to any ISO

if you have questions or concerns. You can easily recognize ISOs by their "Tutor in Aalto University" shirts, white teekkari caps, and black overalls with an @-logo on the back. ISOs work hard to organize events for you and can be spotted all over throughout the year!

You might meet some ISOs already during the headstart, but during orientation week you'll definitely get to know your own freshman group, which will be guided by two ISOs.

There's no need to stress about the schedule for orientation week — your group's ISOs will make sure you're in the right place at the right time. With the help of your freshman group and your ISOs, you'll get a smooth start to your university journey — and maybe even make some new friends!

You have an unforgettable freshman year ahead, full of new and exciting experiences. Be sure to get to know not only your own group but also the other freshmen in the guild — these people will help make your year truly memorable.

Enjoy the rest of your summer — see you in the fall!

**Otso Mikkilä**

Tutor coordinator of Tietokilta





# Greetings from the Fuksi Captains

## Hi there!

We are Miia and Joonatan, the Fuksi Captains of Tietokilta. We are responsible for all of Tietokilta's Finnish bachelor's degree fuksis, and our job is to help them integrate into teekkari culture and into Aalto University. With the International Captains, Atte and Santeri, we guide fuksis through their first year at Aalto and organize events for them!

The start of the first semester is an exciting time for all new students and guild members, regardless of whether you are coming from abroad or not. So, in addition to the studies, we encourage you to have fun, get to know people, and participate in guild events! The guild offers various activities and events, from which you can certainly find something fitting for you. Don't be afraid to try them out! As mentioned earlier, all fuksi events are a joint effort together with your International Captains, so we would be very happy to see all of you there! Even though your captains, Atte and Santeri, are the closest contacts for you, don't hesitate to ask us for help if needed!

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the autumn!

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# Greetings from the Fuksi of the year

## Hello fuksi,

Welcome to the Computer Science guild, also known as Tietokilta! Congratulations once again on starting your studies here at Aalto University. Aalto University has a very lively student culture and much more, so be prepared to make some long-lasting memories.

These must be exciting times, moving to another country, to a new university, or even just changing your field of study. Sometimes it might feel a bit taunting, I know because I've been through it during my exchange. Don't worry, all of us have been in the same situation, and us older students and tutors (ISOs) are here to help you! You will get a lot more information and new acquaintances during the orientation week, so that week is a big support on your first steps to Otaniemi.

Studying together is always more pleasant, so don't hesitate to form a study group of your own or come to the Tietokilta guild room to grind or hangout. While Aalto University is your main contact point to academic life, the guilds and associations act as your guide to the student culture. Tietokilta has many associations and arranges different kinds of events and trips, that you can take part in or volunteer at, which I highly recommend. Usually, the best laughs and fondest memories are made while contributing to this amazing community.

Otaniemi also offers a diverse assortment of clubs related to things like sports, baking, gaming, languages and culture, and there's always some kind of event going on. I highly recommend joining especially the fuksi events that the international committee and guilds arrange throughout the year! The teekkari life is very immersive, but remember to take some time to cool off when needed. This is the time of your life, and you can make it look like whatever fits you the best!

It might seem a bit odd that some of the events don't have a lot of information on what's going to happen beforehand. Personally, I think that's part of the fun, because you never know what kind of adventures you end up in with this overall donning crowd. That's why I suggest keeping an open mind and jumping into what Otaniemi has to offer. If you ever have any questions or concerns about the events, studies, or anything else you can always ask ISOs, your fuksi captains, or school administration and you'll be helped!


My biggest tip is going to an event even if you don't know anybody there yet, since that is usually the most efficient way to get to know people and meet new friends! Remember to stay curious – this community has a lot to offer.

**See you in Fall!**

**Kettu Kautto**

KvM-Fuksi of the year '24





*"A spex is a student run musical in which the audience gets to interact with what's happening on the stage!"*

# FYYSIKKOSPEKSI

Fyysikkospeksi (The Physicist Spex) is the Guild of Physics' very own spex. It is also known to be the only spex in the world that is also regularly performed in English. The next version will be shown in autumn 2025.

**TUE 14.10.**  
**WED 15.10.**  
**MON 27.10.**  
**TUE 28.10.**

**IN ENGLISH**  
**TUE 18.11.**  
**WED 19.11.**  
**LOUHISALI, ESPOO**

**TICKETS**  
**16€ / 26€ / 50€**  
STUDENT / REGULAR / SUPPORT TICKET  
**WWW.FYYSIKKOSPEKSI.FI**



# International Director's greetings

## Greetings, new fuksi!

Heartfelt 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 Niklas Riihelä, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union, known as AYY. I am the current 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, as also stated above.

Our goal with the aforementioned International Captains of the Teekkari associations and your ISOs / BIGs or tutors is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable and as accessible as possible!

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 and unique experiences in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Otaniemi and the rest of Finland and meet other 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 an extensively 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. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy not only in itself but also for those around it. Outside of Otaniemi, Teekkaris are known, among other things for their pranks (jäynä), tempaus, and singing culture. The



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Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance - Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are.

For what matters to you is the long-standing tradition of fuksi education and upbringing. 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. These points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, as well as to all the fun memories! Collecting enough of these points may grant you the possibility to earn you your very own Teekkari cap.

The fuksi year will culminate in the largest, most joyful, and revered event for us Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that you, the fuksis, have proven 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 student fuksis, 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. And I can personally promise that 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 other 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. See you at orientation week!

Best regards,

**Niklas Riihelä**

The International Director





# DOMINANTE

## SINGING TO THE WORLD



Open rehearsal 1.9. at 18:00  
Audition dates 3.9. & 4.9.

Ask for more information and reserve your audition  
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[@dominantechoir](https://www.instagram.com/dominantechoir)

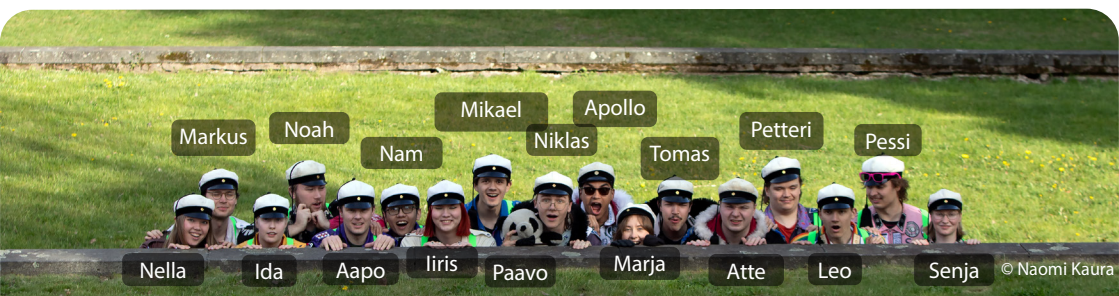
# International Committee



The International Committee or KvTMK (comes from the Finnish word Kansainvälisyystoimikunta) consists of the people in charge of international students and matters in different guilds and associations and is led by the International Director. KvTMK is involved in the fuksi and tutoring activities regarding the international fuksis (new master's students, exchange students and double degree students). The events organized by KvTMK are for all Aalto students, yet prioritizing the internationals as the main language in KvTMK's events is always English. Furthermore, KvTMK also promotes internationalism and the role of foreign students at Aalto and the Teekkari guilds and associations.

KvTMK works under the Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto in Finnish), or TJ when shortened. The Teekkari Section's main job is to uphold various Teekkari traditions and organise many different kinds of activities that are meant to strengthen and enrich the Teekkari spirit. Although its main objective is to focus on Teekkari life, the activities are open for all Aalto students.

Additionally as the representative of the oldest and original technical university students in Finland, the Teekkari Section's opinions have a big impact on the future of Teekkari traditions.





# SCI, SCI, SCI!

The School of Science, more commonly called SCI, includes five guilds: The Guild of Physics (FK), Athene, Prodeko, Data Guild (DG) and Computer Science Guild. Below you will find some trivia about these guilds!

We bustle a lot together and you will have many events with all the other SCI guilds during the year. Naturally, you will make new acquaintances outside your guild along the way!

The shout "SCI, SCI, SCI!" is known as the battle cry of the School of Science. It is shouted while waving your hands in the air as if you were cross-country skiing.

You may spot all the SCI International Captains on the picture on the right: Nella (Inkubio), Leo (Prodeko), Tomas (FK) and Atte (TiK). The two missing Captains from the photo are Santeri (TiK) and Ira (Athene).



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Guild of Physics

Majors: Engineering Physics  
and Mathematics, Quantum  
Technology  
Intake: ~50  
Guild founded in: 1947  
Overalls: natural white



Athene

Majors: Information Networks,  
Engineering Psychology  
Intake: ~110  
Guild founded in: 1999  
Overalls: forest green



Prodeko

Majors: Industrial Engineering  
and Management  
Intake: ~60  
Guild founded in: 1966  
Overalls: white with rainbows



Computer Science Guild

Majors: Computer Science  
Intake: ~210  
Guild founded in: 1986  
Overalls: black



Inkubio

Majors: Life Science and  
Technologies  
Intake: ~20  
Guild founded in: 2004  
Overalls: redish brown



## 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.



@ayy\_fi  
@ayyhousing



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AYY Housing



ayy\_fi



Aalto University Student Union AYY



AYY Info  
AYY Events



Student Union AYY



# 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 bravely jump into the unknown – 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 '25**

# 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](https://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 this fall. 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 five sections: Community Section Aava, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum 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 Jämeräntaival 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](http://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](http://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 first days in Otaniemi

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The student community at Aalto organizes outstanding events for all students, but most of them, also the most special ones by far, are exclusively made for the fuksis. Keep in mind that there is no second chance for the first year. If you miss something, you can't repeat it another time in the same way. So if the only reason you are not coming to an event is that you feel just too lazy to get out of your room- get up and go!

On the other hand don't stress about participating in everything. Focus on finding the events that are the right ones for you, for example based on the event description. Listen to other student's advice on which events are important, you might be surprised about what type of event is nice for you once you try. The easiest way to enjoy an event is an open attitude upon arrival at the event location.

In the early autumn, you especially won't have a chance to get bored due to the high variety of events happening. Of course it is not mandatory to attend any events, but highly recommended and the best way to get to know people from the start. You will also be able to receive the guild's overall in that time. Here's a brief selection of some of the upcoming events:

## Headstart 16.8

That's your first chance to meet us, your tutors, and other fuksis! Attending is highly recommended, but don't stress about it if you can't make it!

## Orientation week 25.8 - 29.8

This week is full of things to do, expect to be up and busy all day long: in the mornings mostly with the official parts from the University, in the afternoons and evenings from the guild and other associations.

**You can find the school's orientation schedule for your program here:**

[Master and Double degree students](#)  
[Exchange students](#)

## Campfire evening, Monday 25.8

The Monday of orientation week starts early and ends late, so have a good night sleep from Sunday to Monday. The part we're looking forward to most is the campfire evening. Next to the coast, you can for example grill food here and make new friends!

## Guild initiation, Tuesday 26.8

In the guild initiation you get introduced to the guild, learn a bit about its history and be accepted as a member. Also you will receive your own Fuksi point card, your companion through the first year, until the possible Wappu.

## Fuksi-ISO-fun, Wednesday 27.8

More chances to get to know your tutor group better. This day's evening program is organized completely by your tutors.

## Otaorienteering, Thursday 28.8

Having a checkpoint crawl is a common thing for Teekkaris. Otaorienteering is the very first chance for you to participate in one. Team up with a small group and roam through Otaniemi in search for the associations' checkpoints, to get to know them and the campus at the same time.



## OtaFest, Friday 29.8

During the day you will get to know people from the other SCI guilds. In the evening the biggest party of the orientation week, OtaFest will be organized, where there will be live music and program from various associations!

## Autumn getaway, Sunday 31.8

After a rest day, close your orientation week with a chill outing to one of the many national parks near Otaniemi. Experience Finnish nature with your fellow fuksis, and end the day with a traditional Finnish sauna.

## Aalto Party + Afterparty, Tuesday 2.9

Aalto Party is a festival style event organized at Alvari Square. The Party gathers all associations of Otaniemi. The stands in the event will have for example various activities and overall patches from the associations. The evening will culminate in Aalto Afterparty at Dipoli. This is a wonderful day, organized by the whole Aalto community.

## Stadiorienteering, Thursday 4.9

A similar event to Otaorienteering, but this time organized in Helsinki!

## Fuksisitsit, Friday 19.9

Just after the orientation week one of the most important events of the whole year will happen. The fuksis of Tietokilta will be introduced to sitsit culture in an exclusive event for them and their ISOs. Simply put, sitsit is an academic dinner party with three courses, singing, drinking and a theme. During the evening you will get to know different sitsi traditions, experience Finnish student culture and you perhaps even dance. The most important thing is to spend a fun evening with good company, food and drinks. That's what sitsits are at their best.

The sign-up for Fuksis will be arranged early so don't miss it. This is probably the one event you should attend even if you don't attend any others! But be aware, participants in sitsit, especially this one, are expected to follow some instructions and respect traditions, if you just want a wild party without limits we will gladly recommend some other events to go to.

PhTMK is preparing a wonderful fuksi year for you all!



# Fuksi Survival Guide

Whether you were born in Finland or are here for the first time, questions always arise when there is so much change in your life. These pages are a starting point to answer the most practical questions of student life. However, as you will probably figure out soon, often there are no standard solutions for exceptional people, and since you received this guide, here you count as such. Practically, there would have to be around 200 different versions of these guides to meet the different needs of each of you. And the sad truth is: no single person would be able to write this guide, because no single person knows all the answers to your specific case. The overwhelming first advice is therefore to decide what you need, if you are willing to invest time in or decide to let it be.

An example: you might be able to receive some financial support from Kela (the Finnish Social Insurance Institution), but that depends on many things. If you want to get it, you will have to figure out if you are eligible, fill at least one form, spend time on dealing with the institution. For many of you that's probably not worth it.

Additionally these regulations have been changed many times in the past year, so giving an advice from experience can be misleading in the worst case. Matters like this are discussed in the 'Aalto International' Telegram chat. If you are stuck with such problems I'd start there.

## Apartments and other services

AYY owns apartments that are rented to Aalto university students. Unfortunately the amount of available apartments is insufficient though new apartments are built every now and then. Therefore reach out to other options.

Additionally, AYY offers other services, for example, renting of spaces, saunas and vans. You can also check out libraries and other local services for renting extraordinary things you need.

### Apartments

AYY website: [ayy.fi/en/housing](https://ayy.fi/en/housing)

**Apply for an apartment through the Domo system:** [domo.ayy.fi](https://domo.ayy.fi)

**HOAS:** [www.hoas.fi](https://www.hoas.fi)

**Otaniemi subleasing:** [link](#)

**University of Helsinki student nations:** [eng.nation.fi/housing](https://eng.nation.fi/housing)

### IMPORTANT!

**Apply to as many apartments as possible no matter the location as the amount is scarce. It also extremely important that you accept ANY apartment you are offered.**

**HINT: If you have a friend arriving at the same time, you can apply for a two-bedroom apartment together.**

### Private service providers:

[nolistudios.com/en](https://nolistudios.com/en)

[vuokraovi.com](https://vuokraovi.com)

[oikotie.fi](https://oikotie.fi)

### You can also check out Forenom:

[www.forenom.com](https://www.forenom.com)

## Student card

By showing the student card you gain student benefits from all around, like the cheap student meals in the canteens on campus. You can order a physical card or install the Frank app on your phone. The physical card needs a small sticker given out by the university to be valid. If you possess already a student card like ISIC, you can instead attach the sticker to this card and not use frank.



## Food

Otaniemi has numerous student restaurants offering different meals for roughly the same price. You can also eat at the restaurants at the University of Helsinki at student rates. The price of a meal is typically €2.95, which includes salad and bread. Student meals are state subsidized, so it's worth enjoying this benefit and eating good food cheaply!

In order to receive a student discount you have to show your student card, although the staff doesn't always remember to ask. Before you receive your card, you can show the receipt of your student union membership fee instead. You might get refused with this though, the further we are into the semester, the more likely.

In terms of student restaurant specialties, TF (Täffä) deserves a mention. TF is a student restaurant maintained by the Swedish-speaking student nation, and its pièce de résistance is spaghetti bolognese, which is on the menu every Wednesday. The Computer Science building hosts a Subway restaurant offering 15 cm Sub meals for the price of a student meal. In addition to the student restaurants, Otaniemi has a burger and hotdog stand, X-burger, which is situated close to the AYY building.

Of course, you can also buy food from the shop, warm it up and eat it- for example- in the guild room. Cooking yourself (or with friends) is fun and healthy. Join the grandma club of the guild to discuss and share ideas and get help!

If you want something fancier, there are a few options in A Bloc, and if you really want to celebrate and ready to spend more money, there's Fat Lizard with a really fancy kitchen. Of course there are more restaurants around, but then you have to leave the campus.

## Transport

The public transport system in the Helsinki region is provided by HSL. In addition to buses, you can also travel by commuter train, tram and metro, all with the same ticket!

### Student card

[www.frank.fi/en](http://www.frank.fi/en)

### Canteens & cooking advice

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

[Grandma Club](#)

### Travel routes

[www.reittiopas.fi](http://www.reittiopas.fi)

### Big library with services

[www.oodihelsinki.fi/en](http://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en)

### Student Healthcare Service

[www.yths.fi/en](http://www.yths.fi/en)

HSL divides Helsinki currently into four different transport zones, designated A, B, C, and D. Otaniemi is located in zone B, so when travelling to Otaniemi, you always need a ticket covering zone B. The other zones included in your ticket depend on where you travel from and through. For example, to travel from Helsinki City Center to Otaniemi, you need an AB ticket. The easiest way to find out about routes and timetables is to use HSL's route finder, Reittiopas. There you can also see the zone limits and what sort of ticket will you need to have for a certain trip. The HSL app is also really handy. Students living in the Helsinki Region can get a 45% discount for monthly tickets. More information at <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/discounted-travel/student-discount>. You can also use city bikes from late spring to early fall. A season ticket costs 30€. More info: <https://kaupunkipyorat.hsl.fi/en>

## Arriving by car

There are a reasonable number of parking spaces at Otaniemi, but it tends to get crowded around the main building. Parking is generally free in the Teekkari Village (watch out for the signs) and paid in the university's parking lots. Parking is also available around Innopoli for a fee.

# Health and Wellbeing

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## FHFS (YTHS)

The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS [www.yths.fi/en](http://www.yths.fi/en)) takes care of the health of university students. You can receive help from FSHS for general health, oral health and mental health issues once you have paid your student union membership fee. Appointments are made by phone, via a call-back service. Contacting FSHS and general health visits are always free of charge.

In order to use the service effectively, create an account with FSHS' online service, Self ([www.yths.fi/en/self](http://www.yths.fi/en/self)). The service allows you to make and change appointments and manage other health-related issues online. Note! If you wish, you can use the services of any FSHS unit, also in other districts. When FSHS is closed or you cannot get an appointment, you can use your own municipal health centre's or hospital's emergency services.

## Study psychologists

Regarding challenges related to your studies, you can turn to your own school's Student Services or to Aalto's study psychologists. Study psychologists guide and support students in challenges related to learning, motivation, self-regulation, stress management and study skills. They can best be reached by email: [opintopsykologit@aalto.fi](mailto:opintopsykologit@aalto.fi).

## Starting Point of Wellbeing

The Starting Point of Wellbeing offers students easy access to counselling and advice on matters of well-being and study ability. The services available to you include drop-in (no reservation) advising/counselling sessions, peer support groups, and online materials. You can also make an appointment to receive individual counselling. More info [here](#)

## Nyyti and the Aalto Chaplains

You can turn to the Aalto's university chaplains, better known as the Aalto priests, when you wish to talk confidentially about anything that is weighing on your mind. They are at the disposal of every member of the Aalto community, irrespective of religion or worldview. [www.aalto.fi/en/services/aalto-chaplains-provide-services-for-every-one-at-aalto](http://www.aalto.fi/en/services/aalto-chaplains-provide-services-for-every-one-at-aalto)

Nyyti, of which AYY is a member, is a nationwide association for the promotion of students' mental health. The aims of the organization include supporting students' mental health and study skills. Additional information: [www.nyyti.fi/en/](http://www.nyyti.fi/en/)

## University Sports - UniSport


UniSport provides members of the Aalto community with low-cost sports services. UniSport gyms and sport centres can be found in Ota-niemi, on the University of Helsinki's City Centre Campus, and in Kumpula, Meilahti and Töölö. UniSport services include group training, ball sports, gyms and various courses, and its season and day tickets are permanently cheaper for Aalto University students. Additional information: [www.unisport.fi](http://www.unisport.fi)



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# University Studies 101

As explained previously, being an international student in Computer Science can mean very different concepts of study. If you have questions about your program, ask the contact person of that program. The few things which are the same for everyone are wrapped up here.

## Orientation week

From Monday the 25th of August to Sunday the 31st is the orientation week, the start of all studies. Though usually there are no courses during this week, it is an important part of the study process as well. Especially in the morning parts of the timetable the university staff will explain the practicalities of studying extensively.

## Timetable

The first courses will start on 01.09.2024. At Aalto, the academic year is divided into five teaching periods, each having an evaluation week at the end for exams and determining the course results. Some courses span several periods, some only one. Therefore, it is also possible to have exams in the middle of the course. When making your weekly schedule, carefully check the workload you have in each period and possible overlaps. You have to sort this out manually and it will take some time and energy! Something that might differ from universities you have attended previously: The only big holiday break is

over Christmas and New Year, so portion your resources.

## Course registration

You have to register for every course you want to take. The name of the system is SISU. Degree students will also make their personal study plan (called HOPS) in this system. It is necessary to have a course first in your study plan before you are able to register for it. Sometimes a separate registration for certain exams is necessary. In computer science at Aalto, we have a high variety of teaching and evaluation methods. Read the course's information before registering for it. Remember: One credit (ECTS) is supposed to be 26.7 h of work, but in practice it can be very different- meaning more or less time spent.

## Online services

As the first step, check out the [student guide](#). It doesn't require a login and provides you with useful information, for example on your program, the courses you have to take and also what steps you have to take when entering Finland as a foreigner. The second step then is SISU, as mentioned before. Log in and plan your studies. Finally you use [MyCourses](#) to overview information and tasks of the courses you have registered for. The quality of the course pages depends highly on the course staff though as

### Academic calendar 2025-2026

[www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide/academic-calendar](http://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide/academic-calendar)

Orientation	25.08.- 31.08. 2025	Autumn Term
Period I	01.09.- 19.10. 2025	
Period II	20.10.- 07.12. 2025	
Second evaluation (for exam retakes)	08.12.- 14.12. 2025	
Period III	05.01.- 22.02. 2026	Spring Term
Period IV	23.02.- 19.04. 2026	
Period V (multimodal)	20.04.- 05.06. 2026	
Summer courses (separate guidelines)		



they are responsible for content. Some courses organize their exercises over **A+**. Sometimes you get the automated evaluation of your homework there in a few seconds before you can try again if there's a mistake.

For remote studies Zoom and Microsoft Teams are in use. You can also log in Aalto workspaces as virtual machines on your computer at home.

## Study support and advice

You can always turn to the student services if you are unsure about where to start or whom to ask. Student services can assist you with matters as:

- Questions related to studies
- Approval of your personal study plan (HOPS)
- Graduating with a BSc. or MSc. degree
- Getting transcripts of records or certificates of student status
- Registration for the academic year
- Tuition-fee payments
- Student exchange
- Transfer of credits

In fact, student services can assist you with almost anything related to your studies, and if not, they can probably direct you to someone who can.

### Useful Links (all services share the same login credentials!)

**Student guide:** [www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide](http://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide)

**Sisu:** [sisu.aalto.fi](http://sisu.aalto.fi)

**MyCourses:** [mycourses.aalto.fi](http://mycourses.aalto.fi)

**A+:** [plus.cs.aalto.fi](http://plus.cs.aalto.fi)

**Remote workplace login:** [vdi.aalto.fi](http://vdi.aalto.fi)

**Examination archives:** [www.tenttiarkisto.fi](http://www.tenttiarkisto.fi)





# Congratulations Fuksi!

Become a student member of TEK! Membership is completely free, and includes a host of services to help you not only work in Finland, but to thrive here. These include guidance on how to summer job hunt, recommendations for your salary, as well as legal aid to check your first contract or to later protect your rights. As a joining gift, you will receive a TEK overall belt.

TEK is a community of some 81,000 university students and graduates in the field of technology. We strive to ensure that our members have the best working conditions possible, in order to help them solve the major issues of our time; from climate change and natural resource scarcity to artificial intelligence.

Find out more at [www.tek.fi/en/students](http://www.tek.fi/en/students) or join [www.tek.fi/en/join](http://www.tek.fi/en/join) now!

Best regards,



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**MORE INFO:** [www.unisport.fi](http://www.unisport.fi)



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# Welcome to Tietokilta!





# Greetings from the Guild's chairperson

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## Greetings!

Congratulations on your study place and welcome to Tietokilta – an excellent choice! I'm Mikko Juusti, and this year I serve as the Chair of the Board of Tietokilta. Tietokilta is the student guild for computer science students at Aalto University.

The guild is responsible for organizing student events, corporate cooperation, well-being activities, and advocating for students' interests. Tietokilta also collaborates actively with other student organizations and associations in Otaniemi, as well as with the Aalto University Student Union (AYY)!

With over 700 members, Tietokilta is one of the largest guilds in Otaniemi. The guild's event selection is vast, and there's something for everyone! Events include satsit (academic dinner parties), sports tryouts, company visits, trips abroad, food and drink tastings, sewing nights, cooking eve-

nings, sauna nights, LAN parties, and so much more. Many members are inspired to contribute to the guild's activities. The wide range of events is coordinated by an 8-person board and a group of around 40 committee chairs. Altogether, nearly 200 active members are involved in developing the guild through various committees. It's easy to get involved in guild activities – the threshold is low, and it's a great opportunity to try new things and learn in a fun and welcoming group.

The guild is a close-knit part of the Otaniemi community, and the place itself has a lot to offer. Otaniemi is compact and unified, with both the university and the community events happening in the same location. Within the Aalto community, there's a huge variety of associations – offering everything from sailplane flying and theater to radio and dance. Everyone can find something meaningful to do here. The community is active and full of opportunities to learn new skills and gain amazing experiences!

Personally, joining guild activities has been incredibly fun and educational. Through the guild, I've made many new friends and seen how much can be accomplished by working together. You'll get to experience this already during the orientation week!

I warmly encourage you to approach everything with an open mind and enjoy all that the guild and the Aalto community have to offer. As a fuksi, you have a great chance to explore and discover different things. It's no exaggeration to say that student life is the best time of your life!

Make the most of your first year – an unforgettable one awaits!

See you soon,

**Mikko Juusti**

Chair of the Board, Tietokilta 2025

# The Board of Computer Science Guild

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Tietokilta is run by an eight-member board of fellow computer science students. The board is responsible for the practical operations of the guild, including finances and organization. The board is elected annually at the election meeting held in November, where any member of the guild can run for a position. On this spread, you'll meet the members of Tietokilta's 2025 board. In addition to the board, the guild has several committees involving nearly 200 volunteers in total. These volunteers help develop the guild's activities and organize various events and entertainment for members. The committees will be introduced on the following pages.



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Hei Moi! I'm **Mikko**, and I serve as the **Chair of Tietokilta's board**.

As Chair, I prepare and lead the board's weekly meetings and ensure that board members and committee chairs have things under control — not out of hand.

I also act as a liaison and advocate to the university leadership, working alongside the chairs of other associations. See you in the fall!

Hey hey! I'm **Sami**, this year's **Vice Chair of Tietokilta's board**.

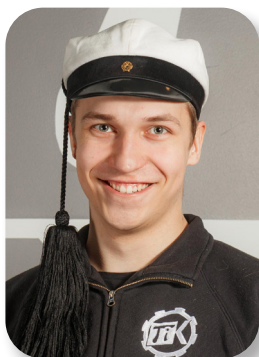
As Vice Chair, I also serve as the Secretary, writing the minutes of board and guild meetings, and I'm involved in community matters along with the rest of the board.

I also support our Chair Mikko with various practical tasks.

If you have any questions about the guild or how to join, feel free to contact me!



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Hi again! I'm **Joonatan**, and I serve as **one of the guild's Fuksi Captains**.

As a Fuksi Captain, I help new students — you fuksis — integrate into the guild and student life at Aalto. I work closely with Miia, Atte and Santeri to organize freshman events and other fun activities throughout the year! Only one captain sits on the board, so I'm responsible for communication between the board and fuksi guidance.



Hi! I'm **Julia, the guild's Head of Communications.**

I make sure guild members stay up to date about events and other important matters via Telegram announcements and weekly emails. Besides communications, I maintain the guild's social media channels and photo gallery together with the Communications Committee.

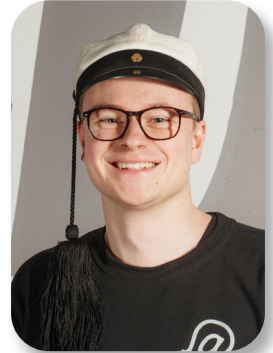
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Hey! I'm **Samuli, the guild's Head of Academic Affairs.**

I'm your approachable advisor on study-related questions and problems.

I also oversee the guild's Academic ISO (tutor) operations.

Additionally, I represent student interests in university decision-making bodies, especially at the School of Science.



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Tsaukki! I'm **Niko, the guild's Head of Corporate Relations.**

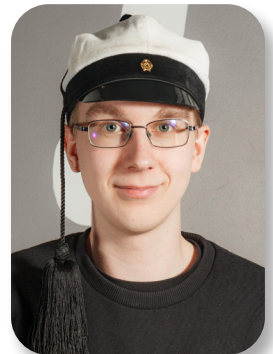
I'm responsible for the collaboration between the guild and companies. You'll see this in the form of job postings on the guild's recruitment platform, excursions with companies, and the UraTiKAS career fair that we organize with AS guild.

Can you spot familiar companies on our overalls?

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Hi! I'm **Veeti, the guild's Treasurer.**

As Treasurer, I handle all things financial – paying bills, monitoring the budget, and making sure our finances are in check.



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Hi! I'm **Arto, the guild's Head of External Relations.**

I mainly handle cooperation with other guilds and student organizations outside Otaniemi – though I do keep in touch with folks here as well.

I also organize external excursions, which are trips beyond the capital region.

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are used to having  
joint-meetings

The pains of  
existence:  
Pain au chocolat  
Champagne  
Window pane

# The Guild's history since 1986

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The following is a summary of the guild's history and traditions divided by topic. Much can happen in 39 years, so it is impossible to go through everything here, but by reading this text you will already know much more than the average member about the Computer Science Guild's past.

## Founding of the Guild

The first computer science Fuksi (around 40) began studying at Helsinki University of Technology in autumn 1984. Because the guild had yet to be established, the first two years of Fuksi education were provided by the Helsinki University of Technology Guild of Electrical Engineering (SIK). The meeting which founded the Computer Science Guild was arranged on 13 February 1986, when the guild's rules were made official and the first board was chosen.

Attempts were already made to register the guild with the Finnish Register of Associations in 1987, but this failed due, among others, to a lack of clarity over the guild's rules. The Computer Science Guild eventually became a registered association in 2002. Today, the guild receives over 150 new members every year.

## The Guild's Symbols

The guild's unofficial @-sign logo and its official cogwheel logo are two different things. The guild's badge, in the shape of the guild's logo, is called *pränikkä* ("brand new"), while the Pro-TiK badge functions as a medal of honour. Both the logos and *pränikkä* were adopted in 1986, Pro-TiK in 1990. The unofficial @-sign logo can be seen, among other places, on the back of guild members' overalls, while the official logo can be admired, for instance, on the wall of the guild room.



## The Guild Room

The guild room of the Computer Science Guild was initially located in the main building of Helsinki University of Technology, since when it has moved on at least two occasions. The furniture was replaced when needed, usually at the latest when the room became unbearably cramped.

1998 saw the completion of the long-awaited Computer Science Building (T-building), to which the guild room also moved. At this stage, we also acquired our own kitchen and store cupboard. The guild room was renovated in 2005, the fur-

niture was replaced, and an enormous picture of the Tietokilta's official logo was painted on the wall. In 2015, a whole wall was demolished in the guild room to make more space, and in recent years the interior design of the room has been vigorously re-vamped. Next to the guild room you can find computer classes T7 and T8 which also go by their old name "Paniikki" (Panic room).

## Sauna Nights and Partying

Throughout its history, the Computer Science Guild has arranged an innumerable number of sauna nights, academic dinners, games nights and other recreational activities for its members. The guild's largest and grandest party is its annual celebration Muistinnollaus ("Memory Reset") or M0, which is arranged every year between February and March.

The Computer Science Guild's traditional Otaniemi game board was made from the guild room's first table top, which dates from 1986. Today, the game is usually only played during the week of the annual party and occasionally with other guilds or with excursion guests from outside Otaniemi.

## Culture, Sports and Travel

The guild's cultural activities were established at the beginning of the 1990s, when the guild was also particularly active in this area. Excursions were made to musicals, operas, ballets and concerts. In turn, physical culture has always been the responsibility of the guild's own sports club, nowadays called AthleTiKs, earlier Lenskin Dynamo. One of the sports most peculiar to the guild is its traditional kuutiopallo ("cube ball").

The Computer Science Guild has traditionally enjoyed a strong singing culture, of which members can be proud. The guild has produced several song booklets and vociferous Masters of Ceremony (or gherkins) who have ensured that the songs never stop at sauna nights or academic dinners and that those present also remember the lyrics.

## Summa summarum

Many old traditions are still going strong while others have slipped slightly. New events and forms of activity arise every year according to the wants and needs of the guild members.

Guild room is a good place to meet other guild members.  
Can you spot any familiar faces?





# Committees of the Guild

Tietokilta has several committees providing workforce and organisation in a certain field the guild needs. Old committees, whose purpose became pointless can be sorted out and new ones can be invented and established at the yearly election meeting of the guild. The chairpersons of the committees are elected there as well. If you are a guild member you can join one or several committees by contacting the respective chairpersons. It follows a selection of (relevant) committees.

## **Abimarkkinointitoimikunta** **Student Marketing Committee**

The tasks of the student marketing committee include marketing the field of computer science to high school students in various ways. The committee comes up with ideas and produces materials for marketing the guild and the study program, and visits high schools and various events. Additionally the committee may organize events for high school students.

## **Alumnitoimikunta** **Alumni Committee**

The guild's alumni committee serves as a bridge between the guild's graduated members and students. Additionally, the alumni committee organizes events where alumni and students can meet and receive, for instance, career and academic guidance.

## **Digitoituimikunta** **Digitalization Committee**

The Digitalization Committee is responsible for the guild's IT infrastructure and it maintains and develops the guild's digital services. These services are built in cooperation with the members of the committee, utilizing the latest technologies.

## **Herkkukurkkutoimikunta** **Songmaster Committee**

The Songmaster Committee consists of the guild's Songleaders, responsible for introducing and leading songs at the guild's academic dinners. A Teekkari sings "rather than well" – which means that you don't need to be a talented singer to be a Songleader, as enthusiasm is more important than a note-perfect voice! Instead, it is important to remember how songs begin and to be able to introduce a song whatever the situation, even by using the most tenuous and bizarre connection. In addition to acting as Songleaders in academic dinners, songmasters develop and improve the guild's song culture by, for example, writing new lyrics and encouraging guild members to sing in various events.

## **Kiltahuonetoimikunta** **Guild Room Committee**

The guildroom committee is responsible for the state of the guildroom. The guildroom is an important hangout place for many guild members and multiple committees organize meetings there. The committee acquires everything needed for the guild room and organizes cleaning events.

## **Kiltatuotetoimikunta** **Guild Product Committee**

The guild product committee is responsible for designing, acquiring and selling guild products, such as overall patches and clothes. Part of the activity is also finding out what kind of products the guild members want.

## **Kulttuuritoimikunta** **Culture Committee**

The Culture Committee takes care of the cultural enlightenment of the guild by organizing cultural events such as tasting evenings, workshops, the traditional UFO-sitsit, and group departures to various events, such as theater and music performances, and beer festivals.

## **Liikuntatoimikunta Sports Committee**

The Sports Committee is responsible for the guild's physical activities and fitness. It organizes various sports events, such as indoor surfing, paintball, and padel. The committee also includes the guild's sports team AthleTiKs.



## **Marttakerho - The Grandma club**

The Grandma club's most important mission is to bring everyone together by organizing cozy and relaxed events for the members of our guild. The grandma club has developed and expanded since its founding and nowadays it's mostly known for baking and patch sewing events. The committee also organizes Grandma-sitsit and a trip to a fluffy alpaca farm yearly. Most events are alcohol-free.

## **Juhlavuositöimikunta Jubilee Committee**

The Jubilee Committee is responsible for organizing the most solemn and grand event of Tietokilta – the annual ball, Muistinnollaus, affectionately referred to as M0. Most years this committee is known as the M0 Committee, but since Tietokilta is turning 40 years old the name of the committee has been updated to reflect this grand occasion. The Jubilee Committee plans and executes the events of annual ball week/year under the leadership of the Jubilee Directors. Keep your eyes open for different jubilee events throughout the whole year, culminating at the beginning of next year with memory being wiped for the 40th time as Tietokilta turns 40 years old! The age of Tietokilta has traditionally been measured in bits, so next year will mark the 101000st Muistinnollaus!

## **N-toimikunta - N Committee**

N-committee organizes activities for older guild

members that are still students (Nth years students as we say here). For example, organizing sitsis for Nth-year-students of different guilds.

## **Opintotoimikunta Study Committee**

The Study Committee takes care of student advocacy, protecting the students' rights and keeping our voice heard in the university's matters, such as course issues or study program adjustments. The committee also arranges a master's degree info and an exchange sauna where you can hear about the experiences of students who have been on exchange before.

## **Pakutoimikunta - Van committee**

Van committee is the youngest of the guild's committees. As the name implies, the committee is responsible for Packet Loss the guild van. This mission can be divided into two main areas. Firstly general upkeep of the van. Secondly, lending out the van for guild members for guild activities and personal use.

## **Pelitoimikunta - Games Committee**

The Games Committee organizes various game activities in the form of LAN parties, tournaments and weekly role and board game evenings. The committee has also acquired many games for the guild room, which anyone can play!

## **Phuksitoimikunta - The Fuksi Committee**

The Fuksi Committee plans and arranges the largest fuksi events. The committee consists of the Fuksi Captains, the Tutor responsible, the International captains and the responsible tutors.

## **Rytmiyhmä - The Rytmi Committee**

The Rytmi Committee is responsible for producing Alkorytmi, the guild's official magazine. Alkorytmi is published on a regularly occasional basis, consisting mostly of what the writers themselves are interested in writing. Alkorytmi has always been a magazine that reflects it's makers! Creating content for the magazine let's your creativity soar. There's a need for doing layout, graphics, photographing, writing, proofreading, as well as talented knitters and puzzle creators.



## Yrityssuhdetoimikunta Corporate Relations Committee

The Corporate Relations Committee functions as the right and left hand of the Master of Corporate Relations Committee members assist in organizing excursions, corporate events, and other forms of corporate collaboration. Being on the Corporate Relations Committee is an easy way of making contact with IT-sector businesses.

## Sisätoimikunta Internal Committee

The Internal Committee is responsible for organizing guild events under the leadership of IE (Isäntä and Emäntä, host and hostess). Organizing events includes planning them, making necessary purchases, and recruiting workforce.

## Ulkotoimikunta External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee organizes trips to various events such as the annual Titan's Battles, bar crawls, as well as fun longer trips (excursions) outside Otaniemi and occasionally outside Finland as well. Members of the External Affairs Committee assist the Head of External Affairs with planning trips and with practical arrangements.

## Tiedotustoimikunta Communications committee

The Communications committee is responsible for the Computer Science Guild's information flow and communications. Internal communications include weekly mails and Telegram announcements, while external communications involve social media management. The guild has active accounts on, for example, Instagram and TikTok (@tietokilta).

## Titeenitoimikunta Battle of Titans committee

As the name implies Battle of the titans committee is responsible for organizing the "Battle of the titans", an annual meeting of all computer science Teekkaris. You are in luck since this year this magnificent event is held in Otaniemi and thus the committee needs your help organizing this event (and the guild needs your help to win the battle). You'll receive more info during the year.





# The Guild as an association

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## The Board

The Guild is an officially registered association. As such it has to follow certain rules in the Finnish law creating a base for how it is run. The guild is required to have a board containing a chair, a treasurer and a secretary. Additionally, in practice, the board has additional members, up to twelve. Nowadays the additional members are any other actives of the guild.

The board guides, coordinates and overviews the operations of the whole guild and meets weekly for that purpose. Any guild member can attend board meetings to listen. In the past years an ongoing process started to outsource community work from the board into the committees, possibly giving more room for self-organization and development of the community. This is accompanied by occasional meetings of the chairpersons with the board members (some are both).

## The yearly meetings

Members of the guild can influence the future of the guild by attending meetings, like the most important, the election meeting in November. The members of the board, the committees and the committee chairpersons are decided by democratic vote. Every member of the guild has a vote and can also be elected.

## How does this matter to me?

1) It's recommended for you to join the guild so you might want to know a bit more about what's behind the organisation.

2) If the activities you'll experience through

the guild are fun for you, you might feel like becoming a helper in some way.

3) After all the guild's business is a practical one: supporting it's members. Who is elected in a certain position can make a big difference for what actually happens. Take your chance to have a say!

An example:

Even if you are an exchange student leaving after (half) a year you can think of the following generations of exchange students. If you think something concerning exchange students generally should be changed you can bring it up pretty easily. Who can and will advocate this point of view better than you?

## International in the guild

In the time the guild was founded not many students came from elsewhere. And though at this point in time the guild takes in more international students every year than Finnish students, often the Finns are much more active in the end. There are many reasons for this to happen, and it causes that internationals are sometimes underrepresented (in events).

If that happens, remember that the guild is totally a place for you! Ask people if they could change to English if you don't understand what's going on.

If something feels weird, maybe just noone yet came to mind it could be different, so then it's up to you. Talk to the International Captains, to tutors and other guild members if you run in such issues.

# Recognize the Teekkaris

The student union (AYY) contains a lot of different groups and student associations. Some exist to unify students in a certain hobby (dancing, gaming, diving, singing ...), some have more administrative character (e.g. the board of the representative council of AYY), some serve, besides doing other things, also as links between others (e.g. international committee). Depending on the position of the group inside AYY they have certain rights

and duties. Just like Tietokilta there are other guilds in the schools of Aalto which are “special status” associations. Most of them give home to Teekkaris, “technological students”, determined by their study program. But just because someone wears an overall or a similar “uniform” that doesn’t mean they are Teekkaris (in the original sense) necessarily. For example the business students of Aalto (see p. 44). Some guilds don’t take in their own Fuksis and one group of overall-wearers is a student nation and not a guild, connected by the language instead of the study program.



The complexity of the associations working together in AYY has grown historically and is in an ongoing process. This is caused for example by the introduction of new study programs or the restructuring of them done by the university. In the end every student (group) tries to find their place and advocacy in the existing system. For example the increasing amount of international students coming to Aalto caused that the relevance, workload and purpose of the international committee has changed a lot and keeps changing.

Some associations' descriptions are listed here now to cover some of the confusion. Luckily noone has to know all this information and you can always ask if you want to see through the system a bit better. After all we are all students and can have a good time together no matter which guild we belong to. Note that all underlined associations on page 38 have more detailed information on one of the pages 39 - 41. In CHEM only one guild accepts fuksis, so the others aren't presented here in detail.



### **Teknologföreningen (TF)**

is Aalto's 150 year old Swedish-speaking and only student nation. Everyone is welcome to join TF, irrespective of their study programme. The only requirement is the desire to learn or speak Swedish. The Teknologföreningen is located in Urdsgjallar, the large concrete building next to Dipoli, where TF has a fully licensed restaurant. TF members wear "engineer red" overalls.



### **Maanmittarikilta (MK) - Guild of Surveying Engineers**

was founded in 1901 and is the oldest guild in Finland that still accepts Fuksis. It is said that of all the guilds, MK feels the most like a family, "killoista perheen". Their overalls are matt black with a fuchsia left sleeve and thigh pocket to represent the Built Environment major. The back of their overalls is decorated with the guild's logo: "three hard" ("kolme kovaa") and the course year code is displayed on the left calf.



### **Arkkitehtikilta (AK) - Guild of Architecture**

was founded in 1908 and is Otaniemi's third oldest guild. It is home to students of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design, so their members are a mix of students with either technical or artistic backgrounds. The Guild of Architecture's overalls are broken white and they are made of a very easily soiled cotton. The Landscape Architects can be identified by the self-drawn tree on the left leg, to which a leaf is added every Wappu. The logo on the back of the overalls is different each year, as it is designed by the Fuksis themselves.



### **Rakennusinsinöörilikilta (IK) - Guild of Civil Engineers**

more commonly known as "Raksa", is a subject association that was founded in 1913 and accepts undergraduates studying Energy and Environmental Technology. As of this year, they are also welcoming Computational Engineering students to their ranks. The association, which was originally named "Engineers' Club" (IK) is Otaniemi's third oldest guild that still accepts Fuksis. Before 2013, the guild members majored in Building and Environmental Technology. Raksa members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls and their legendary chant of "RAKSA JAKSAA" ("Raksa perseveres!")





### **Koneinsinööriklita (KIK) - Guild of Mechanical Engineers**

was founded in 1915 and is one of Otaniemi's largest guilds. This subject association, earlier for students of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Technology and from 2013 for students of Mechanical and Construction Engineering, is part of the School of Engineering, or ENG. KIK members can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink caterpillar tractor mascot and their jubilant chants of "Yy, kaa, KO, NEI!" ("one, two, THREE, FOUR/ MACHINE")



### **Sähköinsinööriklita (SIK) - Guild of Electrical Engineers**

was founded in 1921. The energetic and hard-working electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls, the back of which sports their light-bulb logo. Their 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 SIKI!".



### **Fyysikkokilta (FK) - Guild of Physics**

is a subject association, founded in 1947, which gathers under one roof all of Aalto's physics and mathematics students. Each FK member later specializes in either physics, mathematics or systems sciences, unless they are studying Quantum Technology. The guild's overalls are a natural white and in order to achieve the right shade Fuksis dye their own overalls with tea.



### **Prodeko - Guild of Industrial Engineers**

was founded in 1966. 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 for the first time in November at the Sikajuhlat (literally "pig party" = Cännärit of Prodeko), to which you are also warmly welcome!



### **Nuoret Designerit (NuDe) - Young Designers**

is the association for the Department of Design in ARTS. NuDe was founded already in 1986, before NuDe's former home, the University of Art and Design, was merged with the faculty of Architecture - forming what is now known as Aalto ARTS. NuDe members can be spotted in their design student 'uniform': the Vapputakki ("Wappu jacket"). Its pattern changes yearly, although it is named after the first pattern 'Vappu flower'.



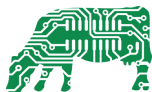
### **Automaatio- ja systeemiteknikan klita (AS) - Guild of Automation and Systems Technology**

members, sometimes known as aASit (ASses), can be identified by their violet overalls, the left sleeve of which is black. The black sleeve of Telecommunications students also has a white pocket to recognise their SIK accomplishments. The back of the overalls sports the guild's logo and the words "Aivan Sama" ("whatever"), which AS members can sometimes be heard shouting. Since 2018, the guild has also been accepting Digital Systems and Design students.



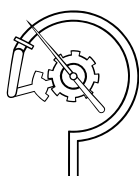
### Athene - Guild of Information Networks

is the subject association for Information Networks, established in 1999. While it may be one of the smaller and younger guilds of Otaniemi, it is all the more lively and jolly for it. Members of Athene can be identified by their forest green overalls and their logo: Athena's eye. The overalls are decorated by a black left sleeve to commemorate their computer science roots.



### Inkubio - Guild of Bioinformation Technology

was founded in 2007 and is thus Otaniemi's second youngest guild. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Ikubio'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.



### Prosessiteekkarit (PT) - Process Engineers

founded in 2012 PT receives all of the Fuksis from the School of Chemical Engineering, including, since 2019, those from the english bachelor programme. Members of PT sport blue overalls whose legs and sleeves are decorated with yellow, red and blue stripes. The stripes commemorate the school's old guilds which used to accept Fuksis. PT members are characterised by their chant of "Pumppu, Tase!"



### Data Guild (DG)

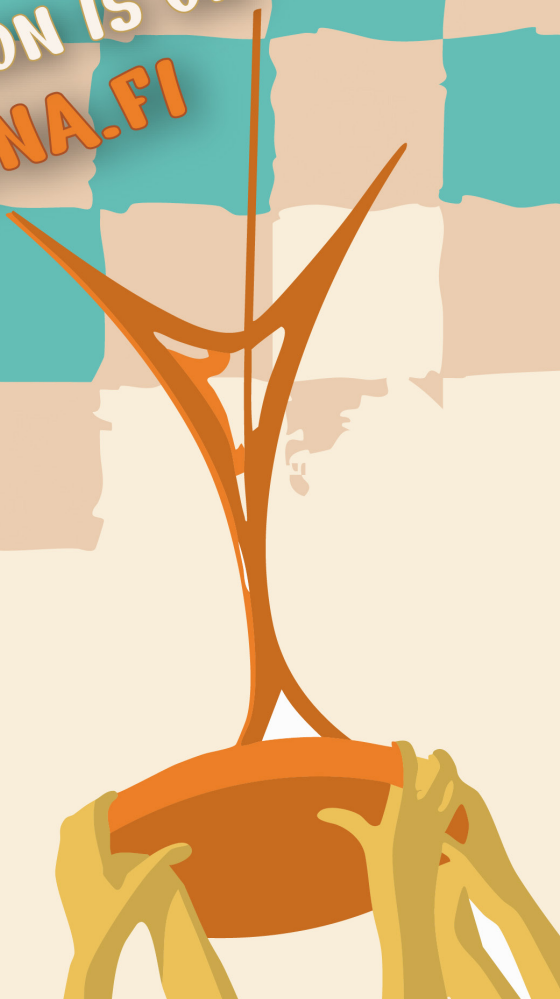
is the guild for students of the Data Science bachelor programme. Founded in 2019, Data Guild is Otaniemi's youngest guild. The current students of the guild can be identified by their black overalls with a silver left sleeve. In the future Fuksis will get silver overalls with a black sleeve which will remind them of the time when students in the programme were still part of Tietokilta.

Fuksi Committee 2025



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och typerää viihdettä!

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AYY annual ball - festivals  
adventures - sports  
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interdisciplinary events

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AYY events

# Teekkari culture and traditions

Traditions and a twinkle in the corner of their eyes since 1872. The long history of Teekkaris has brought about countless traditions and created a multifaceted culture around technical university students.

Teekkari culture and traditions don't exist in a vacuum – they are shaped by both time and place. As is the nature of traditions, from time to time some older ones die and new ones are born. Additionally, what may be a dying tradition in one part of Finland might be a new and exciting one in another Teekkari community. During the Fuksi year it is highly recommended to participate in events with students from another locality!

It would be impossible to cover all the facets of Teekkari culture and the plethora of different traditions within the covers of this book. However, we will cover some key aspects of what it means to be a Teekkari in the following sections.

During your Fuksi year you will experience and learn a lot about the Teekkari culture and traditions. Look forward to a chance to visit the Teekkari Museum on a guided tour!

## Teekkari Cap

The Teekkari cap is the symbol of Teekkari, and its appearance changes slightly based on which university it is tied to. The current form of the cap in Otaniemi has been worn here for already over one hundred years. In many ways it is reminiscent of Finnish high school graduation caps, but its hexagonal shape, black bushy tassel, and gear

wheel cockade communicate the carrier's dignity and value from afar.

With this great distinction comes great responsibility – and rules. The tasseled cap is a summer cap, and therefore it can only be worn from 1.5. to 30.9.. During the winter, wearing the cap requires a valid reason, as well as a written permission from the Aalto University Student Union (AYY)'s Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto).

The Teekkari cap cannot be worn by just anyone – permission for its use must be earned. Every Fuksi that gathers enough Fuksi points during their first year of studies may place the cap on their heads at midnight on the potentially organized Wappu. Should enough points not be earned, the cap can be worn slightly later, after mothers' day. In the fall the cap is removed during the Lakinlaskiaiset (lit. "cap downing") event.

## Overalls

Overalls are an accessory from which Teekkari can be recognized. They are worn in several events in which participants move around in public as Teekkari. Every guild has its own overalls, and they are like a uniform for these guilds. Students traditionally decorate their overalls in several different ways, for example by sewing on patches that they have traded with others or by exchanging parts of their overalls. In some cases the location of a patch or overall piece may have a special meaning: for example, a pant leg is often exchanged between partners in a relationship.

The Computer Science Guild's overalls are shiny and black, and are adorned with the guild's unofficial @-logo on the back. As the story goes, the Computer Science Guild chose black as its color as its parent guild, the Guild of Electrical Engineering has white overalls, and an opposing color was wanted.





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## Sitsit

Sitsit are an academic table party, where participants sit at tables and eat a three-course (entrée, main, and dessert) meal. The main point of sitsit, however, is to spend the evening in good company – and to sing! Sitsit also often include some activities and performances. Sitsit naturally also have their own sitsit-etiquette and general good behavior. There are many kinds of sitsit. There are fancy sitsit, where one dresses nicely and strives to behave most appropriately, without sacrificing fun. These kinds of sitsit usually include a dress code of dark suits for men and cocktail dresses for women. The second type of sitsit are themed, where the etiquette is slightly less strict and the dress code goes in accordance to the theme.

An excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to sitsit is the Fuksi Sitsit being held at the very beginning of the fall!

## Singing Culture

Singing is an important part of Teekkari parties, and here Teekkaris are renowned for making up in enthusiasm for what they lack in talent. For this reason, for instance at academic dinners, songs are usually led by a Master of Ceremony who can actually sing them correctly. Singing culture is also evident in collaboration between Teekkaris, also in many Teekkari choirs, the best known of which, at least around Otaniemi, are the Polytech Choir and Dominante. To support this singing culture, several Teekkari songbooks have also been published, which contain numerous popular Teekkari songs from down the years.

## Sauna Culture

Not exclusive to the student culture, but of course important in Finland in general. The most important thing is that you do, what feels good for you - the sauna is there to relax and enjoy. That means on the one hand that you can go in a swimsuit, even if many students here don't need more than a towel to go to sauna at events. It means that you don't ever have to go to sauna if you are uncomfortable with it. It also means that the sauna is a special place where we respect each others privacy- let other people be as they are, don't make a big deal out of it. Whatever is the best way for you to have or not have a sauna, expect that people here will go often at events.



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## (Possible) Wappu - May Day

Wappu is the most important party of the year and involves different traditions depending on the area. At Otaniemi, these include the declaration of Wappu rowdiness on Wappu eve and permission to don the Teekkari cap at the stroke of midnight. At Otaniemi, the Wappu celebrations begin if and when the Fuksi Major decides to arrange Wappu. At Otaniemi, traditional signs of Wappu are a presentation of various pranks and tricks and the launch parties of the Wappu magazines, which should under no circumstances be missed in your Fuksi year! April promises many other great events, particularly for Fuksis, but let's keep them secret until the spring...

## Wappu Magazines

Teekkaris' Wappu magazines are a sure sign of spring and the coming of Wappu. Wappu magazines are humorous publications whose level of humour varies from head to toe. The proceeds from magazine sales support all kinds of Teekkari activities, all the way from building saunas to arranging concerts and comedy nights. Naturally, magazine sellers also receive a share of the profits. Selling Wappu magazines is, after all, a popular way for Teekkaris to earn a little extra for the Wappu festivities. Wappu magazines vary from area to area, and at Otaniemi, since 1978, between Äpy and Julkku, which are published in alternate years. Next Wappu, it is the turn of Julkku.

## Jäynä

Teekkaris are known for their practical jokes or pranks known as Jäynäs. A Jäynä can target people from inside or outside Otaniemi, but their goal remains the same: to spread lighthearted humour and the Teekkari spirit. Jäynäs are also one of the main ways Otaniemi is seen in the rest of Finland, since almost every year one of the Jäynäs makes national news. But you will learn more about these as the year goes on.

## Battle of the Titans

Battle of Titans, or more familiarly known as Titans (in Finnish: Titeenien taisto or Titeenit), is the annual gathering of all computer science Teekkaris. The goal of this event is to bring together CS students from across Finland and determine which city has the best Teekkaris through six grueling events. Titans is usually held during the spring, and the location rotates between different cities each year. You're in luck this year, since there's no need to travel, as Titans will be held right here in Otaniemi! So, we'll be needing your help in organizing this great event and, naturally, in helping Tietokilta win this fine contest.



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# Harrassment contact persons

## Hello hello!

I'm Emilia, the Equity Coordinator of Tietokilta, which means I'm the chair of the guild's Equity Committee! Our committee's mission is to promote equity and ensure that everyone feels safe and welcome in the guild just as they are.

The guild community does not tolerate any kind of harassment, discrimination, or inappropriate behavior. I am one of the guild's general harassment contact persons, along with Joonas and Teea. You can reach out to us easily – **anonymously via a form, by email, or even on Telegram**. Our contact details can be found at [tietokilta.fi/harassment](https://tietokilta.fi/harassment) and at the bottom of this page. All conversations are held confidentially and entirely on your terms.

Many events have **designated harassment contact persons** on duty, who can be recognized by a pink ribbon. These are usually announced, for example, through event announcements, on the event website, on bathroom walls, or other printed materials. You can also always reach out to event organizers, even if no specific harassment contact persons are mentioned. For example, at Head Start and other fuksi events, the harassment contact persons are your captains — Atte and Santeri, and the Finnish captains, Joonatan and Miia. The guild's general harassment contact persons might not be available during events, but you can and should always message us after an event if something's been bothering you!

The Equity Committee also includes committee members who work to make the guild's operations even more inclusive. We're always happy to hear feedback about the guild's culture — so please feel free to message us via our anonymous form or other means!

Congratulations again on your place of study, and I hope to see you at the events this fall!

Emilia Repo  
Equity Coordinator of Tietokilta



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# Otaniemi - English Dictionary

A-Bloc Big building with Otaniemi's Metro station and shops, see also Väre

AK (Arkkitehtikilta) Guild of Architecture

Alvari A student cafeteria in the under-graduate cente

Alvarin aukio A grass park located between the undergraduate center and AYYs office.

Amfi Amphitheater at Otakaari 1.

ARTS Aalto university School of Arts, Design and Architecture.

AS (Automaatio- ja systeemitekniikan kilta) The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology

assistentti, assari Course or research assistant, usually holds excersise sessions for courses.

Athene The guild of information-networks students

AYY Aalto university's student union

AYY-kalenteri / AYY-calendar Free booklet calendar, also student unions yearly information blast

AYY:n palvelupiste / AYY service office AYY services office in Otaniemi, located at Otakaari 11. You can handle all things related to the student union here.

BIZ The School of Business

CHEM The School of Chemical Engineering

CS guild See TiK

DI (Diplomi-insinööri) Finnish Master's level academic degree. Official english translation is Master of Science.

Dipoli Official main building of Aalto university, also works as a celebration space.

ELEC School of Electrical Enginee-ring

ENG School of Engineering

Etno Otaniemis grill, A.K.A. X-burger. Stays open untill late into the night!

excursio Or excu, an excursion to a firm or to somewhere in the world.

FK (Fyysikkokilta) The guild of physics

FTMK (Fuksitoimikunta) Fuksi committee, formed by the Fuksi captains of the guilds, responsible for big events involving all Fuksis

Fuksi A technological student who studies the first time at Aalto, turns into a Teekkari after the first year.

Fuksikapteeni / Fuksi captain Leads the Finnish BA students through their first year. Organizes also events for you, in cooperation with others.

Gorsu A sauna in the basement of JMT 5.

HOPS (Henkilökohtainen opintosuunnitelma) Personal study plan. Made by degree students at the start of their degree, but changeable later.

HUT = TTK Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011

HY University of Helsinki

HYH Helsingin Yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta

IE (Isäntä ja Emäntä) Host and Hostess of the Guild

IK (Rakennus-insinöörikilta) The Guild of Civil Engineers

Inkubio Guild of bioinformation technology

Innopoli Bussiness center in Otaniemi

IRC Internet Relay Chat, a communication device for computer scientists, in recent years it has lost popularity to Telegram

ISO(henkilö) = Tutor Student, who in addition to his/her/\* own studies, helps Fuksis as good as he/she/\* can.

JMT (Jämeräntaival) One of the streets in Otaniemi where students live

Julkku Wappu magazine that is published in even years.

jäynä A good natured Teekkari style prank

keto = AYY office, at Otakaari 11

(keskustoimisto) KIK The Guild of Mechanical Engineers

(Koneinsinöörikilta) Kiltahuone, kiltis Guild room. A room for all students in a guild.

KK The Chemistry Guild

(Kemistikilta) Kvarkki Student canteen in Otakaari 3

KV- (Kansainvälisyys-) international

KVTMK (Kansainvälisyystoimikunta) International Committee, formed by the international captains of the guilds, responsible for big events for the international community.

KV-vastaava International Captain. Is an equivalent of the Fuksi captain for international / Master students.

KY The Foundation for Business Students in Aalto University (KY Foundation)

(Kauppakorkeakoulun Ylioppilaskunta) kylteri A Business student in Aalto

lafka A school or a department in Aalto

laskarit Sessions organized by a course, where you can get help from the course assistants

M0 "Memory reset", The computer science guild's annual celebration.

(Muistinnollaus) Maarintalo, Maari Used to be a building with a lot of computer classrooms, open 24/7. They are moved to otakaari 1 now

MK (Maanmittarikilta)	The Guild of Surveying Engineers
museo	A museum showcasing the history of the Teekkari, holding many historical relics, located at JMT 3.
MyCourses	A portal where you can find all information about your courses.
n:th year student	Student who has been in the university over 4 years.
OK20	A facility owned by AYY used for events. Is split in three rooms and has a sauna, located at Otakaari 20.
Oodi	Former now SISU
op (opintopiste), noppa,	Credit. A unit to measure study effort, courses have varying credits and one is equal to around 27 hours of work.
Ossi	Ossi Törrönen, Teekkari villages first longtime-leader, Teekkari h.c
Otaniemipeli, Otaniemi Game	Guild's legendary drinking game played about twice a year.
OUBS	A student association, that for example streams and records big student events in Otaniemi.
Päälafka, päärakennus, Undergraduate Center, main building	Otakaari 1, contains teaching & studying facilities and a canteen. Official main building before Dipoli, some people still call it the main building.
Paniikki	Literally 'Panic' in English, a computer class located at CS-building, next to the guild room.
PJK (Puunjalostajakilta)	Forest Products Guild
Prodeko	The guild of Industrial Engineering and Management
pruju	Teaching handout or more generally any copy.
PT (Prosessiteekkarit)	The Association of Process Engineers
Rantsu (Rantasauna)	"Beachsauna", located in the student village near the shore, owned by AYY.
rekursio	Recursion, see rekursio
SCI	School of Science (You're part of it!)
SIK (Sähköinsinöörikilta)	Guild of Electrical Engineering
sillis	A breakfast enjoyed after a party night, usually sitsit. Biggest sillis happens on Wappu at Ullanlinnanmäki.
SISU	Information system for studying and teaching (HOPS is made there)
sitsit	Formal student party, themed social evening with rules, where you usually eat, drink and sing songs.
Smökki	"Servin mökki", Servi's cottage, once a canteen but now frequently used for sitsit and parties.
SMT, Servin Maijan tie	Road in Otaniemi

speksi	A musical with humour in which the audience can participate by shouting "Omstart!"
Teekkari	One who has earned the tassel, an engineer. Usual evolution from Fuksi.
Teekkari h.c. (honoris causa)	A honorary Teekkari title, can also be granted to non-Teekkars.
Teekkari kylä, Teekkari village	The student village, an area in Otaniemi where around 2500 students live.
Teekkarilakki, Teekkari Cap	Waiting for you, earliest at Wappu.
Teekkari perinneviikko, Teekkari tradition week	First week of december, when we celebrate the Teekkari traditions, the climax is the Teekkari Tradition party.
TEK	Trade union of engineers and architects
Telegram	Mobile chat program which almost everyone uses in Otaniemi
TF	Teknologiföreningen ("Täffä"), swedish speaking students society at Aalto University. Also canteen, famous for it's wednesday pasta.
TiK (Tietokilta)	Literally "Knowledge Guild", actually computer science guild, your guild!
TKK = HUT	Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011
TKY	The student union of Helsinki University of Technology.
TOKYO	A student organization which aims to bring together students of Aalto University's school of Arts, Design and Architecture.
Trinet	Campus area network
T-talo, CS-building	The computer science building
TUAS	Building behind T-talo, lecture halls.
Tupsufuksi, tassel Fuksi	Second year student (a Teekkari, despite the name)
Tutor	= ISO
Väre	Big building, home for ARTS. Connected to A-Bloc and BIZ building. A-Bloc and Väre also used as synonym for the whole building complex. Metro station is underneath.
VK (Vuorimieskilta)	Literally "Mountain man guild", guild for students in the programme of Materials Science and Engineering
vuosijuhla, vuju	Annual celebration for a guild or an association. Events, party, fine dresses and food for up to a week.
Wappu	The biggest celebration. Teekkari's second Christmas in spring. Most important: 30.04 - 01.05.
YTHS (Ylioppilaiden Terveystieteiden Seura)	FHS (Finnish student health service) in English.
Äpy	A wappu magazine which appears during odd years. Comes in various forms.



# Where to get information?

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## Telegram

Telegram is the main communication platform used in Otaniemi. All guilds and associations have their own telegram groups where they announce upcoming events and help each other.

Remember to join the international fuksi chat of Tietokilta by scanning the QR code or clicking the link: [t.me/+873qwJYlFKcyYWU0](https://t.me/+873qwJYlFKcyYWU0)



You don't need a smartphone to use Telegram. Additional information on using Telegram is available at [www.telegram.org](https://www.telegram.org)

Here are a few more links to Telegram groups:

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

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

for buying and selling things like furniture, for example.

English info and guild groups:

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

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

## E-Mail

You will receive e-mails from the university and the international captain. In case you become a member of the guild you can ensure to end up on the mailing list of Tietokilta to receive the weekly newsletter. Especially after the first year it's an important source of information since no one else will tell you about ongoing stuff anymore.

## The guild's website

At [www.tietokilta.fi](http://www.tietokilta.fi) you will find information about upcoming events and the guild in general. Website is one of the main resources for a guild members along with telegram. So be sure to check it regularly!

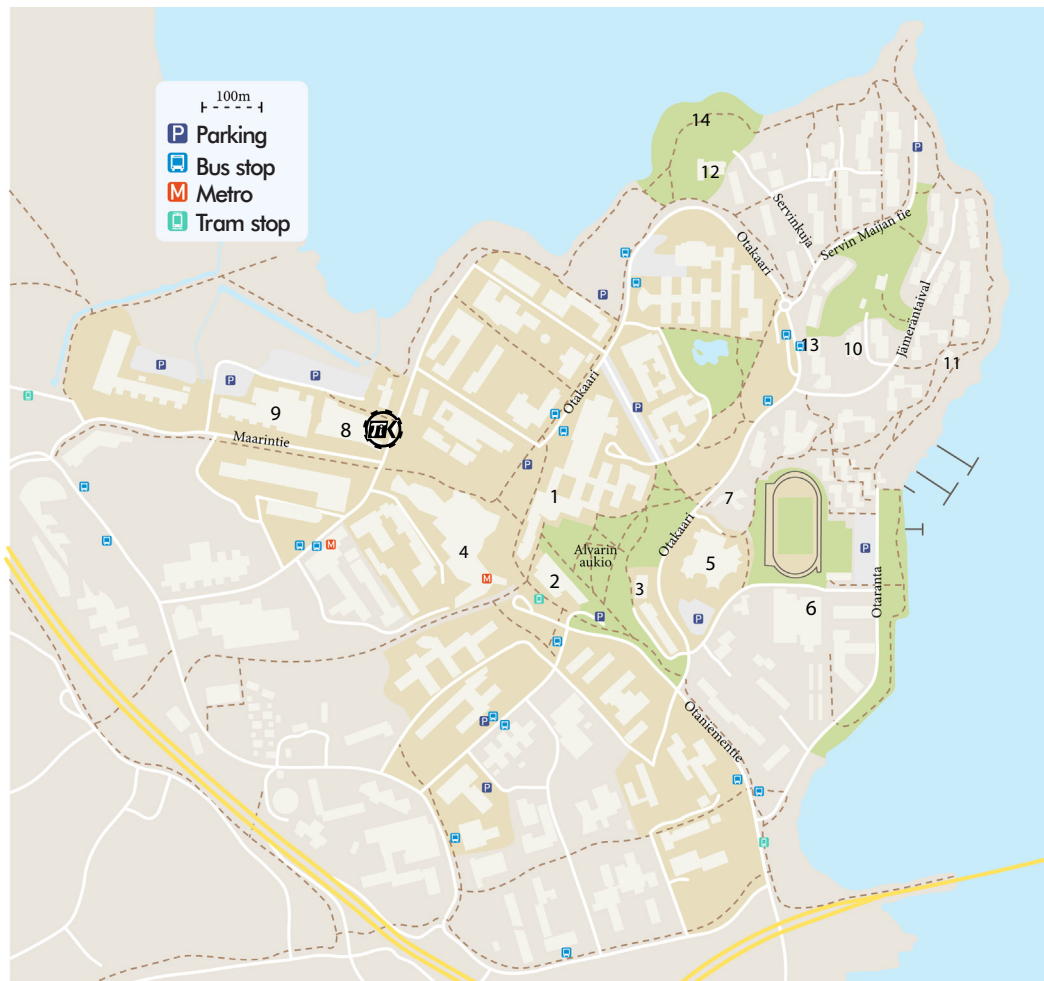
## Kide.app

Kide.app is a platform for buying, using and sending tickets to certain events. The guild membership is paid through Kide.app so make sure to download it! Being a member of the guild is mandatory if you wish to attend our events.


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Emails are often used for university announcements. You will receive important announcements and instructions by email, so check for messages from your school regularly! Don't forget to check the spam folder!

# Map of Otaniemi



1. Undergraduate Center, main building
2. Main library
3. AYY's office
4. Väre and A-Bloc
5. Dipoli
6. Otahalli (Unisport)
7. Täffä
8. T-talo, CS-building

9. TUAS
10. Smökki
11. Rantasauna or Rantsu
12. YTHS / FSHS
13. Ossinsauna
14. Niemenkäarki / cape corner
-  Tietokilta's Guild room

# TOKYO



**TOKYO ry is the student association for the whole School of Art, Design and Architecture and was founded in 1961. TOKYO is an acronym for ‘Taideteollisen Oppilaitoksen Kuvaamataidonopettajaosaston Ylioppilaskunta’, which translates to ‘The Student Union of the Art Teacher Department of the Institute of Industrial Arts’.**

**It is known as the umbrella association for the rest of the arts associations such as NuDe, Kooma, CRUST and GRR to name a few. TOKYO also owns its own canteen on campus, Kipsari, which offers solely vegan food to all any student in the heart of Väre.**

**At the moment TOKYO’s board contains following sectors:**

- Chair
- Vice chair
- New students
- Internationality
- Sheryl
- Advocacy
- Communications
- Artistic activity
- Outreach
- Campus and spaces



**On top of that, we own vegan restaurant Kipsari, student info-magazine Torso and recently opened Cinema Sheryl!**



**Outside of that we carry a system of Committees - our volunteers who help out with the board work and events!**

Join our telegram channel to stay tuned with all the new info!



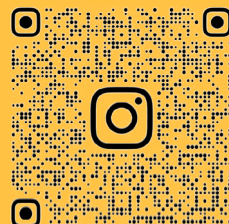
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Check our open committee positions!



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@TOKYO\_AALTO\_ARTS





# Checklist

## Before I move to campus (before mid to end of august)

- » I have acquired or applied for an apartment in Helsinki Metropolitan area
- » I have the official documents necessary for me to enter Finland, study, live...
- » I have organized my journey to Finland (booked a flight, etc.)
- » I have joined the telegram group for International Fuksis 2025
- » I have enjoyed the summer and prepared for the semester

## Before the beginning of school (before 25.08)

- » I have paid the AYY membership fee in time for my program
- » I have paid the membership fee for Tietokilta / CS-guild
- » I have figured out the best way for me to travel around the area
- » I go to the headstart event on the 16.8 at 2pm at Alvarin aukio

## On the first day (Monday 25.08)

- » In the morning I arrive in time at the annouced location
- » I know the group letter of my tutor group
- » I have AYY's membership fee receipt with me
- » I have money for lunch and beverages
- » I have my identity card with me
- » I have time until night
- » I have clothes to spend the night by the campfire
- » I know how to get home after the day

## During the first weeks

- » I have the (electronic) student card / AYY's membership fee receipt with me
- » I have the HSL card / app, if I need with student status for discount
- » I read the incoming information in chats
- » I have an open-minded and happy attitude
- » I am free during the evenings / nights and ready to meet new people