



UNIVERSITY OF  
EASTERN FINLAND

# Welcome to UEF!

**THE WEBINAR WILL START AT 2 PM.**





- 1) The Fun Stuff** (Communication, Finland & UEF)
  - 2) The Necessary Stuff** (Documents & Deadlines)
  - 3) The Real Stuff** (Jobs, Money & Real-Life Expectations)
  - 4) The Inspiring Stuff** (Why Finland & Why UEF)
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**Questions to UEF? Please, use the Q&A!** This webinar won't be recorded but we'll share this presentation to all registrants. Kindly note: If you have programme specific questions (curriculum, study practices...) please contact your Programme Coordinator directly.



# **The Fun Stuff**

**(Communication and Marketing Matters)**

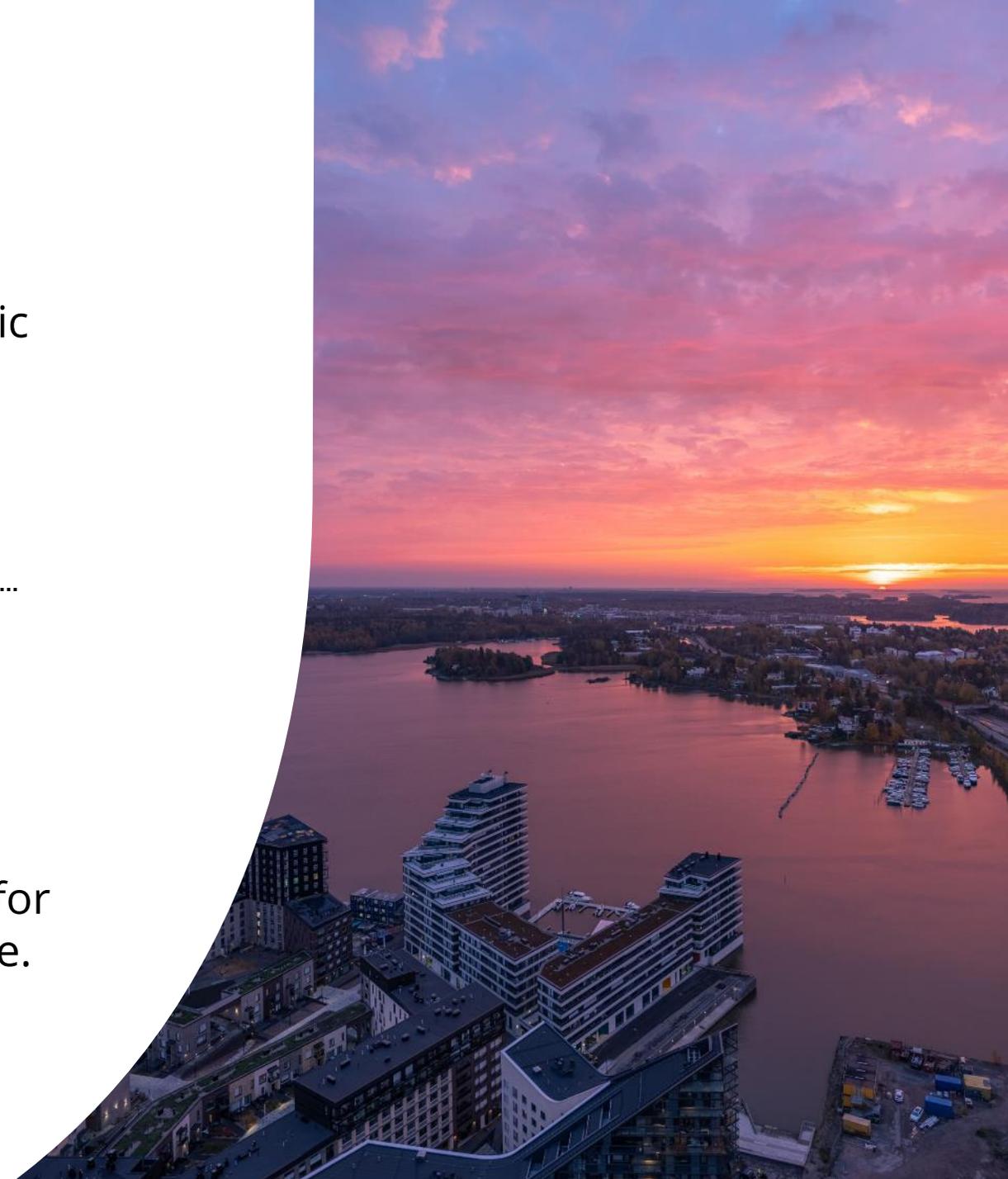


**Finland is known for its safety and a good work-life balance.** Finland is a Nordic democracy and a member of the European Union. The population of Finland is 5.5 million, and the capital city is **Helsinki**.

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**Discover a Nordic study destination where adventure meets safety, and experience one of the world's leading higher education systems.** Finland consistently ranks among the best globally for education, equality, safety, and quality of life.

*Photo: Helsinki Material Bank*





**The are two official languages in Finland** — **Finnish and Swedish**. Finnish is often considered challenging for learners due to its unique structure and vocabulary. However, Finnish pronunciation is relatively straightforward!

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**Today you'll learn at least 6 Finnish words, and guess what? You might know at least one of them!**



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# University of Eastern Finland

**2** campuses

**Joensuu | Kuopio**

**4** faculties

**Philosophical Faculty  
Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies**



**100**

Major subjects

**3,500**

Members of staff

**17,000**

Degree Students

**1,200**

International Degree Students





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# ABOUT UEF

- Distance between the campuses is 130 km (1,5 hours by car)
- **Regular bus, train and flight connections from Helsinki**
- Helsinki-Joensuu 440 km (4-5 hours by car, 4 hours by train and 1 hour by plane)
- Helsinki-Kuopio 390 km (4-4,5 hours by car, 4 hours by train and 1 hour by plane)



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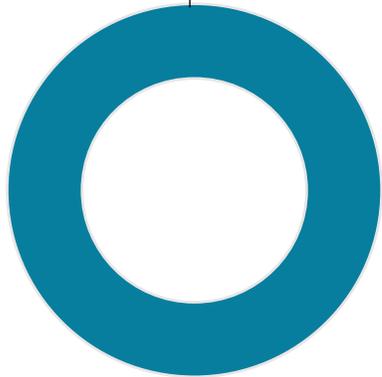
# **The Necessary Stuff**

**(Administrative Matters)**

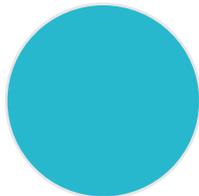


**Confirm your study place ASAP on Studyinfo**

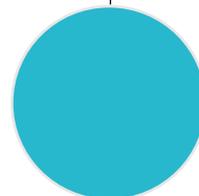
The final deadline is 10 July



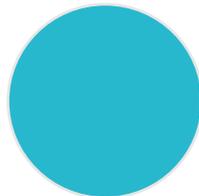
**\* Pay the tuition fee**  
Early Bird  
by 10 June



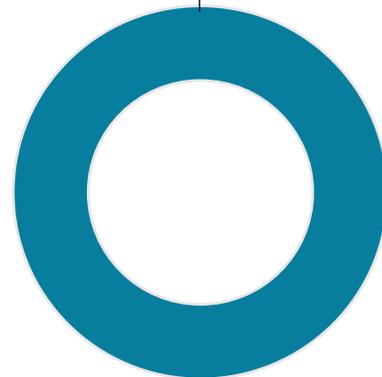
**\* Apply for a Residence Permit ASAP**  
by 31 July



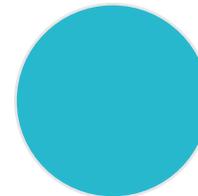
**Verify your educational documents**



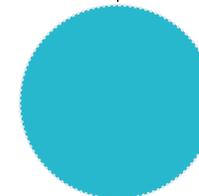
**Apply for Housing**  
May onwards



**Register being present**  
online (by 21 August) or  
after arrival  
(by 15 September)



**UEF Summer School**  
10.-21. August



**Orientation**  
online, end of August

**Start of the Studies**  
In most programmes,  
September



*\* Students outside EU, EEA and Switzerland*



# Verification of educational documents (1/3)

- All conditionally accepted students must verify their educational documents
- You are required to verify **the same educational documents** you submitted during the application period
  - The degree certificate
  - for Master's: also the transcript of records
- If your document is not issued in English, Finnish or Swedish, you must submit the official translations.

## **DEADLINES to submit verified documents:**

- Master's: **29th of May 2026**
- Bachelor's: **12th of June 2026**
- All graduating students: **30th July 2026**  
(IB/EB predicted grades by 31 March, final grades by 9 July 2026)





# Verification of educational documents (2/3)

## Electronic verification:

- Educational documents shared through electronic credential services, electronically signed or verified documents. Applicant pays possible fees.
  - Institutional Portals, National Systems
- Educational documents sent by e-mail by the awarding institution (use either programme's email or admissions@uef.fi)

## Paper documents:

If none of the electronic options above are available to you, **you must send your official educational documents as physical paper documents to the admission services.**

- Country specific instructions
- General instructions (Officially certified (attested) by the awarding institution, Apostille, Legalisation)





# How to verify electronically (3/3)

- 1) Choose the best **ELECTRONIC verification method**
  - Select the official verification portal/service available to you.
- 2) Email your Program Coordinator
  - provide details of the verification portal you wish to use.
  - Indicate if your application documents at Studyinfo contain a QR-code/ bar code/ other necessary information, allowing UEF access without extra cost.
  - If needed, provide a PIN code or access credentials.
- 3) Program Coordinator confirms successful verification.
- 4) Conditional admission at Studyinfo regarding verification is removed (new admission letter will not be issued).

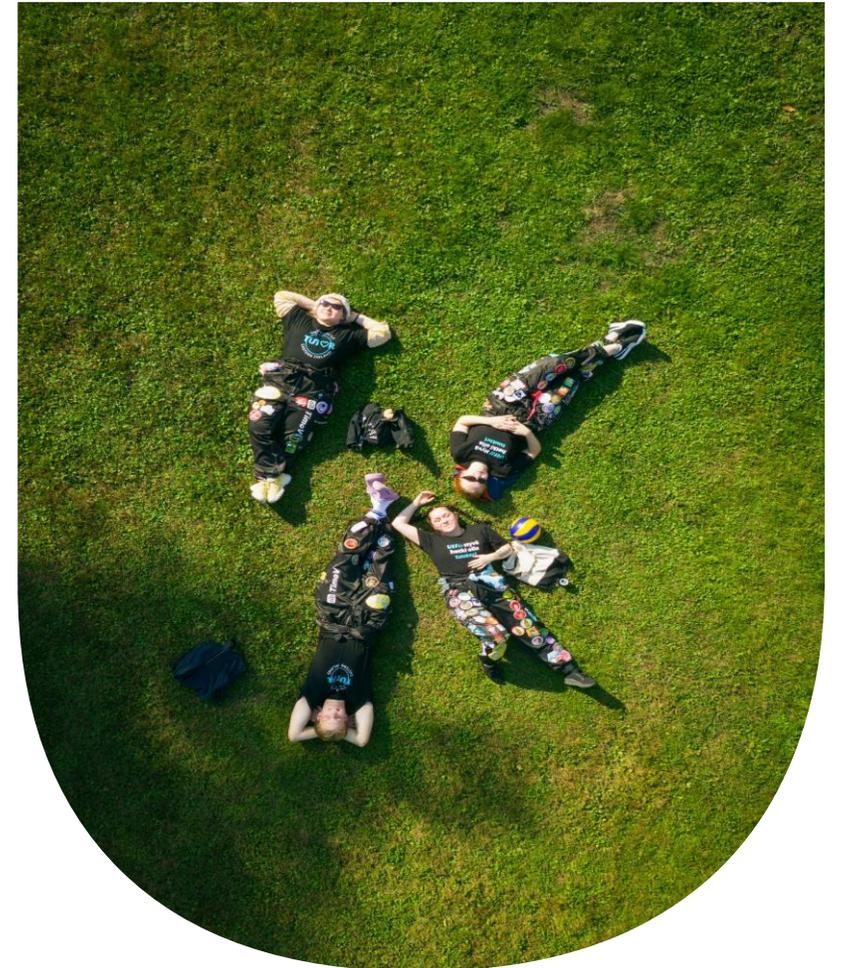
..also accepted: direct e-mail sent by the awarding institution  
& paper documents sent by post





# Tuition fees and tuition waivers

- **Tuition fees 10 000 € / academic year**
  - The tuition fee applies to students from outside of EU/EEA
  - International Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes
- **3 types of scholarships (merit-based)**
  - **UEF Scholarship** 100 % tuition waiver for top applicants in the application process (one per programme)
  - **Tuition waiver** 30 or 50 % tuition waiver.
  - **Finnish language scholarship** is applied during your studies at UEF, and it rewards your commitment to Finnish language studies
- **Payments:**
  - Via Flywire payment system
  - The annual tuition fee must be paid by August 31 in one or two installments
  - Early Bird discount: A one-time deduction of €500 for the autumn 2026 semester is available to students who accept their study place and pay the tuition fee by 10 June 2026



*Joint and Erasmus Mundus programmes have their own tuition fees and scholarship programmes.*



# Tuition waivers

- A tuition waiver is granted to some of the selected students. Information is in the letter of admission, and tuition waiver decision.
  - The tuition waiver is awarded to bachelor's degree students for three academic years (six semesters), and master's degree students for two academic years (four semesters)
- In addition to the general tuition waiver, UEF offers an additional tuition waiver related to Finnish language studies.
  - This tuition waiver can be applied for once during the studies (all students liable to pay tuition fees). You can ask more details from you programme coordinator when starting studies at UEF.
- Please review the [refund policy](#) and other guidelines in the tuition waiver decision. Note that Erasmus Mundus programs have their own scholarship policies.





# Residence permit

- Recommendation to apply online at Enter Finland service, <https://enterfinland.fi>
- Subject to fee
- Attachments needed (must be in Finnish, Swedish or English)
  - Valid passport
  - An acceptance letter from a Finnish educational Institution
  - Documentation of funding: bank statement from the student's personal bank account from last 3 months. If the studies last for a year or longer, min. amount 800 €/month (9600€).
  - Proof of paid tuition fee or scholarship (or necessary funds in bank account to pay the fee if not entire 1 year fee paid yet)
  - Insurance certificate (studies of more than two years, min. coverage of 40 000 €)
- Identification at a Finnish mission or VFS Global depending on country of residence of student.
- **The process can take several months**, and it can be expensive (even close to 6 months, depending on the country).
- If you are coming with your family, you should submit the residence permit applications for the whole family at the same time. Make sure that all documents proving family ties are in order.

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**Hei!**

# **The Real Stuff**

**(Jobs, Money & Reality)**



**All degree students at UEF must fund their studies and living expenses themselves.** Finnish Immigration Service (Migri) sets a minimum requirement of €800 per month for a student residence permit for non-EU/EEA students.

**We recommend budgeting a bit more, around €900–€1000 per month,** to comfortably cover essential living costs, including food, accommodation, and local travel. In addition, you might need funds for the tuition fee.

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**If you plan to move to Finland with your family,** your spouse may find it difficult to secure employment. Therefore, it is important to ensure that you have sufficient funds to support yourself and your family for the entire duration of your stay. [Student's family members | Maahanmuuttovirasto](#)





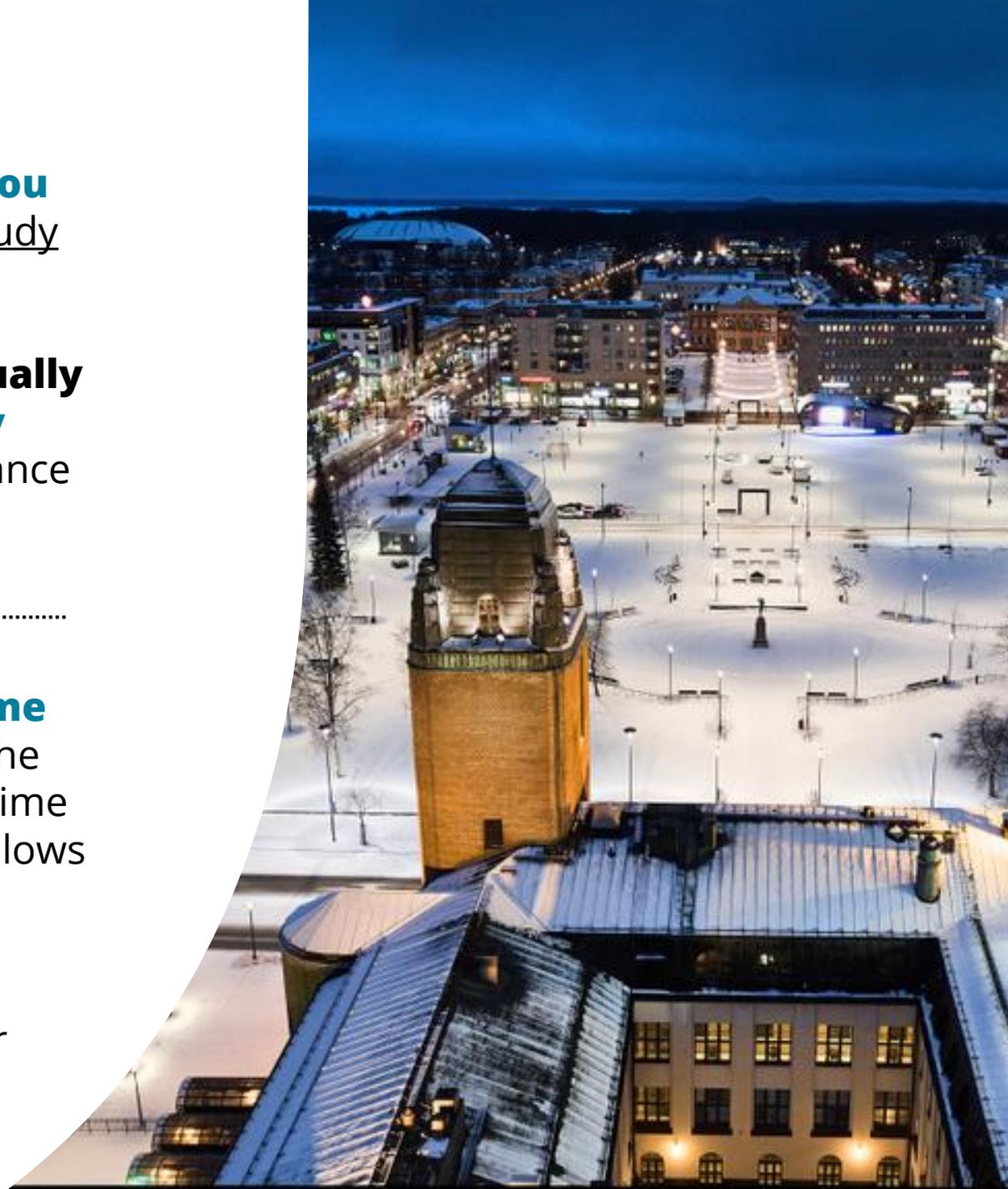
**Finland can be expensive, so make sure you have personal funds** to cover your entire study period before arriving.

**Students from outside the EU/EEA are usually not covered by the Finnish social security system.** You will also need valid health insurance for entire duration of the studies.

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**Students should never depend on part-time work** to fund your studies or life in Finland. The student residence permit is designed for full-time studies. While the student residence permit allows up to 30 hours of work per week, securing employment is not guaranteed.

**Financially supporting** a family in Finland or abroad while studying is not realistic.





**UEF does not offer any financial support or aid for students facing financial difficulties** and cannot provide assistance in emergency situations.

**Careful planning** will help you focus on enjoying your studies and student life here.

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**Please note that the job market in Finland is very competitive right now** (also for student's part-time work), and many positions require Finnish language skills.

**UEF offers Finnish courses** as part of your degree and encourages students to improve their language skills during their studies





# UEF Student Ambassadors

## Panel discussion, 15 min



# **The Inspiring Stuff**

**(Why Finland & Why UEF?)**

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**Hei Hei!**



# Student Services and Benefits

- UEF offers a range of services specifically designed to support international students throughout their academic journey.
  - Summer School
  - Orientation and tutors
  - Student Health Services
  - Language Learning Support
  - Library and 24/7 self-study facilities
  - Student lunch (discounted meals), and other student benefits e.g. for travelling
  - Sport services, events, activities (Student Union and student associations)
  - Career Services, mentoring, UEF Trainee programme (Talent Hub)
  - UEF Alumni network





# Student Tutors

All new students will have a **student tutor at UEF**. The student tutors are UEF students who have volunteered for tutoring. They are not staff members.

Each **student tutor** has a group of new students as their tutees.

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**The student tutors are there to help the new students.** Your student tutor will contact you by email a few weeks before the start of the semester.

**Please make sure you will reply** your tutor's email even if you are not sure of your plans yet.





# Student Housing

- Student Housing companies in both campus cities
  - Joensuun Elli (Joensuu)
  - Kuopas (Kuopio)
- Housing options located around the city
  - Usually no on-campus living
- Apartment types
  - Shared flats
  - Studios
  - Family apartments
- Apartments are non-furnished
- In a shared flat appr. 300-400 € / month
  - Studios, family apartments, and apartments from the private market have higher rents
  - Student Housing companies might offer student houses as early as July / August
  - Number of student houses is limited → it is not realistic to expect the cheapest student housing option





# How to plan your arrival?

Housing rental contracts usually begin on the first of day the month.

- Some students might receive an offer from the student housing companies starting July / August
  - Read the offer and its terms carefully. **It might be wise to accept the offer after you are sure about your arrival!** (e.g. you have a residence permit)
  - Keep in mind that accepting the offer is binding!
- Housing companies have limited office hours. However, if tenants notify the housing company well in advance, they can collect their keys from a key box. To open the key box, tenants must use the access code provided by the housing company.
  - If the tutor is in the campus city, they might be able to help you with the key (must be discussed with the tutor beforehand)





# Orientation

**Orientation Programme** will be updated on our Kamu website.

- **Orientation webinars** for all the new student at 12-17 on 24 and 25 August 2026
- **Campus specific orientation** at 12-17 on 2 September
- **Wellbeing activities** in the afternoon on 1 October
- In addition to these general sessions each programme will have **programme specific sessions.**

## **A lot of useful information for the new students**

- Studying and university life at UEF
- Practical matters
- Finland and Finnish culture
- Meeting other students, tutors and your programme coordinators





# Summer School 10.-21.8.

Studying combined with social programme

- Gives you an opportunity to get a glimpse of the Finnish culture and nature beforehand
- Helps you to adjust to your Finnish studying and living environment
- Offers you a possibility to network with your fellow students before your studies start in September

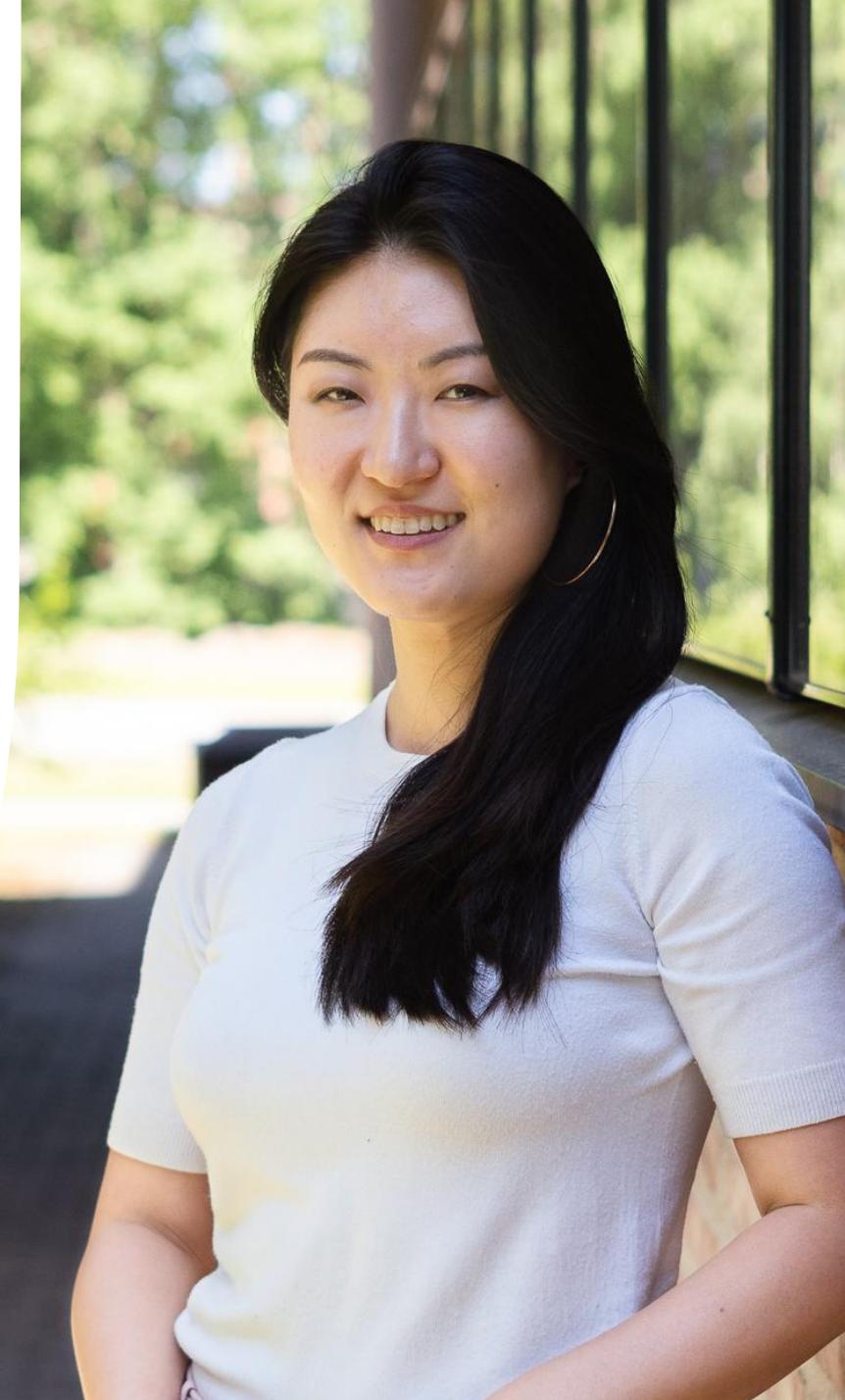




# Summer School

## 10.-21.8.2026

- Master and bachelor level courses targeted especially for international degree students
- Participation: free of charge for UEF degree students
- Language of instruction English and credits typically earned 5 ECTS/2-week-course and 2-3 ECTS/1-week-course
- **Rolling application period runs until 1.6.2026**
- Read more at: <https://www.uef.fi/en/uef-summer-school>
- Applications: [apply.summerschool.uef.fi](https://apply.summerschool.uef.fi) --> Select "Finland" as your citizenship when entering the site to open the simplified application form for UEF students
- Any enquiries? Contact [summer.school@uef.fi](mailto:summer.school@uef.fi)



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**Lumi**



# Finnish working life and Career Services

- **Mentoring program:** Professionals in different fields in Finland mentor groups of 3–5 international students for 6 months
- **UEF Trainee programme:** pre-negotiated, paid, 2-month-internships for international students (c. 15 per year, not in every field)
- Courses and exercise groups on Finnish working life and job seeking in Finland
- Individual career counselling, working life events, entrepreneur training (Realistic business idea)
- Cooking/Crafts/Dancing & Friends & Finnish groups





# Fun facts

- You can farm your own carrots and flowers at the campus.
- Sykettä-activities are the best!
- 3.2 million saunas in a country of 5.6 million people.
- When you are a student of UEF, you can take courses from ten other European universities as well through the YUFE network.





# Get a glimpse of Finnish student life

- Student life at UEF



- Read student stories



- Follow us on Instagram @uniuef





# Upcoming events!

- **28 April:** Meet and Greet with Student Ambassadors
- **10 June:** Pre-arrival webinar incl. Student Housing
- **16 June:** Webinar for Kuopio students with families
- **17 June:** Webinar for Joensuu students with families

Please find the registration links from the welcome letter.

All relevant materials will also be available in the [KAMU Student Handbook](#) after the webinars.

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**Hei Hei!**  
**Lumi**  
**Kiitos!**



**Thank you for joining this webinar!**

**Travel & city websites:**

**visitkarelia.fi  
joensuu.fi**

**kuopiotahko.fi  
kuopio.fi**

**QUESTIONS?**

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