



International Aalto

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- Aalto students represent almost **a hundred different nationalities** – every fifth (~ 3 100) Aalto student comes from outside of Finland, and many stay here after their studies
 - **Exchange student** = international student, in Finland for 3-12 months
 - **Degree student** = international degree student, in Finland for 2-5+ years

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Exchange a few ideas with someone sitting close to you:

How does internationality currently show up in your association?

Is it easy for international students to participate in your association?

If not, what could you do about it?

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The AYY Association Guide has a section about Internationalisation!

<https://yhdistysopas.ayy.fi/?lang=en>

It has tips for different sectors of your association, e.g. events, communications and advocacy!

Next up we'll take a look at some of those.

A tips for beginners

B tips for advanced

C tips for cross-cutting internationalisation

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”We’ll concentrate on integrating new master’s degree students to the Aalto-community as well as our own community.

We’ll also continue communicating in both Finnish and English in our social media channels and we’ll translate our website into English.”

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”As we have many international students within the Department of Design, it is advantageous as a whole to be bi-lingual. When our decisions and discussions are in Finnish and English, our student community can better access them. Inclusivity is the most significant advantage here, and with that, you also get exposure to different cultural perspectives and understanding.”

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- You don't have to reinvent your activities – if you're just getting started, even small steps are worth celebrating when it comes to internationality!



THANK YOU! / KIITOS!

If your association has any questions or needs help with internationalisation,
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