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# Finland

**STUDY GUIDE**



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# Introduction

**F**inland is a Nordic country in Northern Europe known for its high-quality education system, stunning natural scenery, and vibrant culture. Home to some of the world's top universities, Finland consistently ranks among the world's top countries for quality of life, safety, and happiness.

## DID YOU KNOW?

# 1

Finnish people consume more coffee per capita than any other country in the world.

Finland is home to more saunas than cars.

# 2



# Why Study in Finland

**Ranked #1 as the World's Happiest Country 😊**

**Ranked #2 for the best place to start a business in 2023**

**Ranked #3 in Global Gender Gap Index 2023**

**10 Universities in QS Rankings 2024**

**20,000+ International Students**



# Top Universities in Finland



**Aalto University**



**HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO**



**UNIVERSITY  
OF TURKU**



**LUT  
University**



**Tampere University**



**UNIVERSITY OF OULU**

# Most In-Demand Courses in Finland

Below is the list of the most in-demand courses in Finland, their job prospects, and average salary.

Streams	Job Prospects	Average Monthly Salary
Business & Management	finance, marketing, accounting	€7,210 - €14,481
Engineering	Software engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering	€5267- €6,407
Information Technology	Software development, data science, web development	€2,000 - €5000
Healthcare	Nursing, medicine, dentistry	€3,000 - €11,000
Education	Primary school teacher, secondary school teacher, university professor	€3,000 - €6,000

Source: Glassdoor

# Application Process

The application process for studying in Finland typically involves several steps:

## **Step 1. Choose a Program**

Select the program you want to study and ensure it aligns with your career goals and interests.

## **Step 2. Check Eligibility**

Review the university's admission requirements and check if you meet them. Requirements may include academic qualifications, language proficiency, and entrance exam scores.

## **Step 3. Prepare Required Documents**

Gather all necessary documents, including transcripts, certificates, a CV, and a motivation letter.

## **Step 4. Language Proficiency**

If your program's instruction language is English, you must provide proof of English language proficiency through tests like TOEFL or IELTS.

## **Step 5. Submit Application**

Submit your application through the university's online application portal. Be sure to adhere to the application deadlines.

## **Step 6. Await Admission Decision**

Wait for the university's admission decision. This could even take several weeks, so be patient.

### Step 7. Pay Tuition Fees (if applicable)

If you are a non-EU/EEA student, you must pay the required tuition fees once you accept the university's admission letter.

### Step 8. Apply for a Residence Permit

Non-EU/EEA students must apply for a residence permit to study in Finland. Students are advised to check the Finnish Immigration Service's website for details.



# Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for studying in Finland vary depending on your country of citizenship and the level of study you are pursuing. However, there are some general requirements that all international students must meet, including:

- **Academic requirements:** You must complete upper secondary school education or equivalent. For master's level studies, you must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- **Language proficiency requirements:** If English is not your first language, you must demonstrate the requisite English language skills to succeed in your studies. This can be done by taking an approved English language test, such as the IELTS or TOEFL. The specific language requirements will vary depending on the university and program you are applying to.
- **Financial requirements:** You must have sufficient funds to cover your tuition fees, living expenses, and return transportation to your home country. The Finnish Immigration Service estimates that international students need at least €560 per month to cover their living expenses.
- **Visa requirements:** If you are not a citizen of the European Union, Iceland, Norway, or Switzerland, you must apply for a student visa to study in Finland. You can apply for a student visa online once you have been accepted to a Finnish university.

To apply for a student visa, you need to submit the following documents:

- A valid passport
- A letter of acceptance from a university in Finland
- Proof of financial support
- Proof of health insurance
- A passport-sized photo

# Scholarships in Finland



## Government Scholarships

- Finland Scholarship
- Finnish Government Scholarships for Foreign Students

## University Scholarships

- Aalto University Scholarship Programme
- Helsinki University Scholarship Programme
- University of Turku Scholarship Programme
- Tampere University Scholarship Programme



## Private Scholarships

- Kone Foundation Scholarship
- Emil Aaltonen Foundation Scholarship
- Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Scholarship
- Finnish Cultural Foundation Scholarship

## Other Scholarships

- Erasmus+ Scholarship
- Fulbright Scholarship
- Chevening Scholarship

# Post-Study Work Visa in Finland

International students who have graduated from a recognized university in Finland are eligible to apply for a post-study work visa. This visa allows students to stay in Finland for up to two years after graduation to look for work or start a business.

## Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for a post-study work visa in Finland, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must have a valid passport.
- You must have a completed degree from a recognized university in Finland.
- You must have adequate financial means to support yourself during your stay in Finland. This means having at least €560 per month.
- You must have health insurance.
- You must have a clean criminal record.

## How to apply

To apply for a post-study work visa, you must submit an application to the Finnish Immigration Service (Migri).

## Processing time

The processing time for post-study work visas varies depending on the time of year and the number of applications that Migri receives. However, it typically takes 2-3 months for Migri to process a post-study work visa application.

## Cost

The fee for applying for a post-study work visa is €350.

# Cost of Living in Finland



ONE PERSON RENT

**€734.13**



TRANSPORTATION

**€55**



LOCAL TRANSPORT TICKET

**€3.33**



DINNER IN A RESTAURANT

**€81.07**



MILK

**€1.02**



UTILITY BILL (ONE PERSON)

**€74.48**



INTERNET PLAN

**€20.50**



OTHER EXPENSES

**€150**

# About upGrad

upGrad Study Abroad was founded in late 2020 with a mission of extending access, equity, and democratization of international higher-ed. upGrad Study Abroad has disrupted the higher-ed ecosystem through its unique offering of a **hybrid study model**, offering our learners the **flexibility and merit** of online and offline learning through **1+1 years or 1+2 years format**.

Our academic collaborations with 100+ highly ranked university partners across 8+ countries, has successfully resulted in improved affordability, flexibility, and career outcomes. Our learners enroll in partner universities with advanced academic standing via transferable credits and get preferred for on-campus academic roles and full-time job opportunities.



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