



Autumn semester 2020 at Aalto University

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Dear Colleagues,

Summer greetings from Aalto University! We hope this e-mail finds you and your families in good health during these exceptional times.

Personally, I've recently returned back to work after a long parental leave and it feels very strange to start working directly online!

Now, me and my team would like to inform you about the decision Aalto University has made concerning Autumn term 2020 (September – December) exchange studies. Please, see below (after this message) the message of Kirsi Kettula, Head of International Relations of Aalto University.

The main points of Aalto's decision are:

- At Aalto **majority of the classes will be taught online throughout the Autumn term 2020**. Also orientation for new students are prepared to be mainly online.
- **Incoming exchange students** (to Aalto) may either study remotely online from home countries or arrive in Finland for exchange studies.
Both options are subject to the approval of the student's home university.
- **Outgoing students** (from Aalto) are recommended to conduct their exchange studies remotely online if the receiving university allows doing so.
However, the students may travel to their exchange universities, provided that travel restrictions and the receiving university allow doing so.

Based on this decision my colleagues Ms Hannele Pietola (exchanges-eng@aalto.fi) will contact all incoming students and Ms Melina Nummi (melina.nummi@aalto.fi) will contact all outgoing students.

We hope that this information is useful to you and to your students. Please, don't hesitate to contact us with any further questions.

Take care and stay safe!

Best wishes,

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Dear Partner,

Greetings from Aalto University. We hope you are well despite the challenging situation worldwide.

We wish to inform you about the decisions by Aalto University management regarding both incoming and outgoing exchange students for the autumn semester 2020 (September–December). With the Finnish government's gradual lifting of coronavirus restrictions, so too is Aalto gradually reopening Otaniemi campus. However, teaching will be implemented remotely for the most part of the autumn semester. Restrictions regarding the size of gatherings and the physical distancing will guide the teaching provisions in the autumn semester.

Incoming students to Aalto University

Aalto University will welcome your students for the autumn semester 2020. According to the decision by Aalto University management, incoming exchange students may either study remotely online from their home countries or arrive in Finland for their exchange studies. Both options are subject to the approval of the student's home university.

Our incoming mobility coordinators will contact each admitted exchange student by email to give further information and instructions. Students who choose to arrive on campus should acknowledge that they need to adhere to all travel restrictions and regulations set by the Finnish authorities. Kindly also recall that **majority of our classes will be taught online throughout the term.**

Rest assured that we are doing our utmost to facilitate your students' exchanges at Aalto. Their safety is our top priority. For this reason, and even at a very short notice, the pandemic may cause actions that affect university education. We are closely monitoring the guidelines of the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and need to proceed accordingly. All incoming exchange students should be prepared for changing guidelines in travel, accommodation and other practicalities.

Regarding spring semester of 2021, we remain hopeful that we will be able to welcome exchange students to Aalto University as usual. Due to the high student mobility volumes we are not able to automatically defer your students from autumn 2020 semester to the spring 2021 semester. **In case you would like to defer your students to the spring 2021**, please contact the international team at the respective Aalto school. We will do our best to accommodate your request in this difficult situation.

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Outgoing students from Aalto University

For the autumn semester 2020, Aalto University management has decided to advise our students to conduct their exchange studies remotely online if the receiving university allows doing so. However, this is a recommendation only, and the students may travel to their exchange universities, provided that travel restrictions and the receiving university allow doing so.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support and understanding in this rapidly changing situation. We are living challenging times in international education. However, we are confident that together we will be stronger than ever.

We wish you all the best – and stay safe!

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