Fund your studies

Orientation programme for new students

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Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA


- If you are not a Finnish citizen and have come to Finland for study purposes, the general rule is that you cannot get financial aid from Finland.

- However, you may qualify for financial aid if
  - you have been granted a continuous (A) or permanent (P) residence permit or an EU residence permit for third-country nationals (P-EU or P-EY). If you are a citizen of another EU or EEA country or of Switzerland, the family member of such a person, or a citizen of a Nordic country, you only have to register your right of residence or present your residence card.
  - if you are living in Finland permanently and
  - you have arrived in Finland for some other reason than to study. Such a reason can for example be employment, family ties or return migration.
Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA

- Study grant
- Government guarantee for a student loan
  (housing supplement, only in special cases)
- General housing allowance
Financial aid for students from FPA/KELA

• To look out for:
  – The amount of credits (academic year)
  – Income limits (calendar year)

• Be in direct contact with KELA/FPA
Scholarship programme for master’s students

• Two categories:
  1. Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 100% of the tuition fee, awarded for 2 years (second year conditional)
  2. Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 50% of the tuition fee, awarded for 2 years (second year conditional)

• Scholarship agreement

• Johanna Quiroz-Schauman(admission@abo.fi) will answer all questions in relation to this
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

• Presented in the scholarship guide (almost 100 scholarship funds)

• Most of the scholarships come from funds that are held in trust by the ÅAU Foundation

• For degree students at ÅAU who are enrolled as present

• Annual application process in February

• Scholarship decision based on:
  – the wishes of the donators to the different funds
  – study performance
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

• **Three categories of scholarships:**
  1. **General scholarships** are open for application for all degree students on bachelor/master level
  2. **Faculty scholarships** are open for application for students studying a specific subject or at a specific faculty in accordance with the scholarship regulations
  3. **Special scholarships** have special stipulations e.g. regarding background, specialisation in studies or life situation

• **Further divided into:**
  - **Scholarships with a language clause**, i.e. scholarships for students with Swedish as their first language
  - **Scholarships without a language clause**, i.e. scholarships, which can be applied for independently from the first language or in particular cases with a different first language than Swedish.
Åbo Akademi University scholarships for students

• **Process:**
  – Application period (February)
  – Processing of the applications (March-May)
  – Scholarship decision (May)
  – The most common payment date: 15 June

• Scholarships vary between 200 euros and 2000 euros (400 euros the most common amount)

Scholarships for Students at ÅA School of Business and Economics

- So called Hanken-scholarships, seldom granted to first year students
- Two annual application periods: one in March/April and one in October/November
- The scholarship decisions are published 1-3 months after application deadline
- Contact person: Tuija-Liisa Pohja (tuija-liisa.pohja@abo.fi)
Travel grants for students at Åbo Akademi University

• Only travel expenses (no per diem)

1. For individual students
   – For e.g. mandatory language practice, internships, gathering of material for thesis purpose, participation in scholarly conferences

2. Student associations and student groups
   – Travel grants for field trips in connection to the studies

• Two annual deadlines: 1 March and 1 October (however, application open continuously)
• The application has to be submitted before the trip
• More information can be found here
Other scholarships

- Look out for possibilities:
  - Grant or student loan from your home country/municipality
  - https://www.scholarshipportal.com/ (check scholarships in Finland)
  - http://fyrk.fi/ (in Swedish)
Important matters to consider when working, receiving scholarships and studying in Finland

• Scholarships are **not taken into account** in the income control by FPA/KELA (study grant)

• **Scholarships in Finland are tax free** up to the amount of 23,269.80 euros (2020)


• **Residence permit for studies:**
  – You may only work for an average of 25 hours per week during the academic terms.
    • The number of working hours is not restricted on a weekly level. This means that you can adjust your weekly working hours during the academic term, as long as you work for 25 hours a week on average.
  – You can work without restrictions at the times when your educational institution offers no instruction, that is, during summer and Christmas holidays.
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