

Fund your studies

Orientation programme for new International Degree 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.
- <https://www.kela.fi/web/en/financial-aid-for-students>

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 based on support months)
- Be in direct contact with KELA/FPA as all your cases are individual.

Scholarship programme for master's students

- Three categories:
 1. Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 100 % of the tuition fee, awarded for 2 years (second year conditional).
 2. Tuition Fee Scholarship, covering 80 % of the tuition fee, awarded for the whole length of the study right.
 3. Finland Scholarship, covering 100 % of the tuition fee for 2 years (second year conditional) and in addition a one time 5000 € relocation grant.
- Questions in relation to this should be directed to studinfo@abo.fi.

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 **is in September**
- 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

- Application time: 1st September to 15th September 2023
- Processing of the application: 2-3 months after September deadline
- The scholarship decision is announced: November
- The scholarship is paid (in most cases): November

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)
- <https://www.abo.fi/en/study/already-in-2/plan-your-studies/fund-your-studies/scholarships-for-students-at-aa-school-of-business-and-economics/>

Travel grants for students at Åbo Akademi University

- Only travel expenses
- 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: end of March and end of November (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 25 547,52 euro 2023
- <https://www.vero.fi/en/individuals/>
- **Residence permit for studies:**
 - You may only work for an average of 30 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 30 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.

THANK YOU!