

- Finland is a republic located in Northern Europe, with a population of about 5 million.
- Finland's Capital is Helsinki.
- Official languages are Finnish and Swedish. Especially younger Finns understand English relatively well.
- Most Finns speak good English, therefore students can communicate with locals with ease.
- Euro is the official currency of Finland.
- Some of the famous cities in Finland are:
 - > Helsinki
 - > Tampere
 - > Turku
 - > Oulu
 - > Jyväskylä
 - > Lahti



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Why Study in Finland?



Quality of Education:

- World-class and modern education
- Cutting edge education (OECD, PISA survey 2006 -2012)
- The most competitive, happiest and wealthy country
- Excellent infrastructure and a well-functioning society
- > Trust, Honesty, Equality, Positive attitude, Flexibility
- A safe and clean environment, Corruption-free
- The home of Nokia, Kone, UPM High-Tech society
- ➤ The home of Santa Claus & Angry Birds friendly people
- Finland ranked as the best overall country, as well as the best high-income country and the best country for education" (Newsweek, 18 August, 2010)
- Best Higher Education and Training System in the World World Economic Forum 2015



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Scholarships:

Universities offer a range of options for scholarships both for bachelor's and master's level international students, as The first academic year the scholarship covers 50% of the tuition fee. In the following academic years, the scholarship covers 50% of the tuition fee if a student earns required credits for the program.

Post Study Work Visa:

2 Years after completion of Bachelor's or Master's



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Part Time work/Student Jobs

- International Students can also work for 30 hours per week (part-time) on average during the academic year and work full time with no restrictions during holidays.
- The students are allowed to work part time but are restricted to do such jobs only that are related to their study course.
- ➤ Typically the current minimum wage in the cleaning branch is €7.30 per hour. The average hourly wage amongst industrial worker is about €14 per hour
- > Students with Finnish language skills are entitled for higher wages as compared to the students having no skills.

Intakes & Deadlines

One Intake:

Autumn- August

Deadlines for Applications:

Autumn– Starts from 9th January to 23rd January (for online registration) and 30th January for documents uploading.



Entry requirements



For Bachelor's:

> 12th with minimum 55%

For Master's:

Minimum 55% in bachelor's degree + 2 years of work experience (for some courses)

Student selection criteria:

Online entrance examination + interview or SAT test (for Bachelor's)



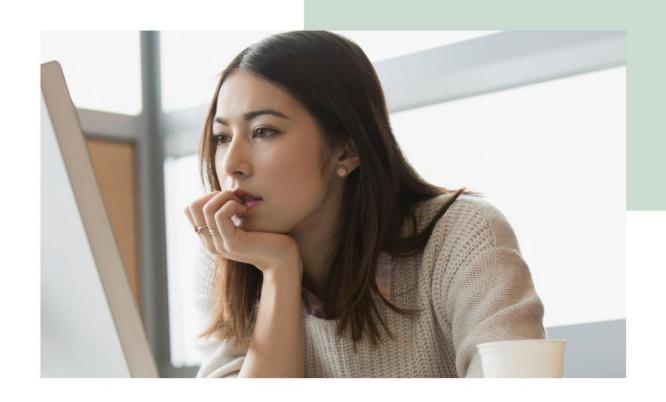
Duration & Tuition Fees

Duration:

- ➤ Bachelor's-3 to 4 Years
- ➤ Master's- 1 to 2 Years

Tuition Fees:

- Arr Bachelor's- € 8,000 to € 9,700 (INR 6.5 Lakhs to 8 Lakhs)
- Master's- € 9,500 to € 10,000 (INR 7.5 Lakhs to 8 Lakhs)



Documents required for Application to Institutions

- Passport copy.
- Marks Sheets of 10th and 12th and Bachelors
- Degree Certificate
- ➤ Bachelor's Transcript
- Recommendation letters (Not mandatory)
- > Statement of Purpose
- TOEFL / IELTS /SAT score(Not mandatory)
- Resume (not mandatory)



Documents required for Finland Student Visa or Residence Permit

- Certificate of acceptance/attendance from your educational institution in Finland
- Colour copies of the passport page containing personal data and of all passport pages that contain notes
- Your passport must have a validity that exceeds the duration of the visa or residence permit you are applying for by at least 3 months
- ➤ Travel Health Insurance (https://migri.fi/en/insurance) with coverage of minimum 40,000 €
- Documentation of paid tuition fee or documentation of scholarship
- ➤ Living Expenses of € 560 per month to be shown for entire duration of the program and it has to be shown in the student's savings account only.
- For a two-years program, you must have EUR 13,440 at your disposal. For a one-year program, you must have EUR 6,720 (https://migri.fi/en/residence-permit-application-for-studies)
- Degree certificates
- Work Experience Letters if any
- Passport Size Photograph



Acceptable Financial Documents for Finland Student Visa or Residence Permit

How do I prove my income? (https://migri.fi/en/means-of-support)

- > You should attach a bank statement to your application, showing that you have the necessary funds in your bank account. The bank statement must show the name of the account holder, the name of the bank, and the currency.
- > You must have the necessary funds in your own bank account that is in your personal use only.
- ➤ If you are under the age of 18 or an exchange student, the bank account can be a joint bank account that you share with your guardian. The bank statement must include a statement of your right to access the bank account.
- > Sponsorship agreements provided by relatives, friends or employers are not acceptable. The funds must be in your own bank account.
- ➤ If you have received the funds for instance from your parents or relatives (a sponsor), we may ask you to submit additional documents on the origin of the funds.
- You can have a bank account in any country, as long as you can use it in Finland. You must be able to withdraw money from the account when you are in Finland.



Finland Student Visa or Residence Permit

Expected processing time for electronic application

> First permit 2 - 3 months

Expected processing time for paper application

> First permit 2 months

Electronic application fee

➤ First permit 300 €

Paper application fee

➤ First permit 400 €

Book an appointment to visit Application Centre for Biometrics:

- Finland Visa Application Centre Shivaji Stadium Metro Station,
- Mezzanine Level, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001



Finland Student Visa or Residence Permit

AMENDED LAW: Easing entry and retention of international students in Finland

Under a new act, students and their family members arriving in Finland from abroad will obtain a residence permit for the entire duration of their studies. The law will also make it easier to apply for work after graduation. However, students will still be responsible for their livelihood throughout their studies.

Main points in the amended law

- Students will be granted a residence permit for the entire length of their studies.
- Foreign students' right to work during their studies will increase from the average of 25 hours to 30 hours a week.
- The type of permit for students studying for a higher education degree will change from temporary (B) to continuous (A), which will make it easier to obtain a permanent residence permit. According to the legislative reform, the family members of the student will also receive a continuous (A) permit.
- > Students will still be required to provide proof of a secure means of subsistence, but only for one year. However, they will be responsible for their livelihood throughout their residency.
- Tuition fees will continue to be charged of students arriving in Finland from third countries. Read the press release <u>here</u>.



