

## **Exchange Programme Fact Sheet**



Hervanta campus Autumn semester 2019

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#### Tampere University merger

University of Tampere and Tampere University of Technology merged in January 2019. Thus, the name also changed to Tampere University. Tampere Universities (in plural) consists of Tampere University and Tampere University of Applied Sciences, forming a new multidisciplinary community with competitive edges in technology, health and society.

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# Tampere University

## Application and nomination deadlines

#### Autumn semester 2019

Nominations by 15 April Application deadline: 30 April

#### Spring semester 2020

Nominations by 30 September Application deadline: 15 October

#### Nominations

The applicants must be officially nominated by their home university or student exchange programme.

Send your nominations by email to mobility.tau@tuni.fi

Information required for nomination of students (link)

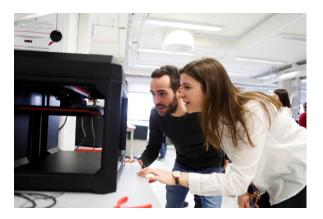
The link to the online application form will be sent to the nominated students by email.

#### Required level of knowledge of English

The required level of knowledge of English at Tampere University is **B2** on <u>Common European</u> <u>Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</u> (link).

## Required certificate of knowledge of English

Certificate of knowledge of English (B2-C1) written by university staff, preferably your English teacher or a language test score (TOEFL, IELTS Academic, PTE Academic). See more: Language requirements (link)



#### **Application procedure**

- Application, study plan and other required documents are to be delivered and they are handled in our online system only. <u>Required</u> <u>application documents</u> (link)
- The decisions on acceptance are made approximately one month after the application period has ended.
- The successful applicants will receive an electronic letter of acceptance.

#### Courses

Tampere University offers wide selection of courses taught in English. The study fields available for exchange students accepted to Hervanta campus are architecture, automation engineering, biomedical sciences and engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, information and knowledge management, information technology, materials science and mechanical engineering. Exchange students can choose courses freely from all study fields, except architecture courses as they are only for the students majoring in architecture.

Although the three higher education institutions in Tampere have formed a new community, the course selection still follows the former distinction of having three separate universities. There are some courses open to students from all campuses on the <u>Cross-Campus Study</u> <u>Service (link)</u>.

Students are responsible themselves for the prerequisites of the courses. Thesis or a project work requires a special arrangement.

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#### Registration

All new exchange students are required to enrol to the university. The enrolment has to be done in person and students can sign up for the courses after they have enrolled to the university.

Detailed information about the enrolment will be sent to the accepted students by email.

All new international students are required to attend the Welcome Week.

#### **Student housing**

Finnish universities do not have on-campus dormitories. Housing for students in Tampere is mainly administrated by the Tampere Student Housing Foundation (TOAS).

TOAS offers high-quality dorm rooms at a student-friendly price. The flats are mainly situated within a walking distance from the university campuses. International students have a fixed-term tenancy agreement with TOAS (from August to December and January to May).

The rent in a student apartment varies between EUR 250–400 per month. These are usually two or three-bedroom apartments, where the student has a single study-bedroom and shares the kitchen and the bathroom with the other students in the apartment. The laundry facilities are located in the basement of each building. Student apartments are equipped only with basic furniture including a bed with a mattress, a desk and a chair, a shelf and a kitchen table with chairs. A wireless network is included in the rent.

TOAS website gives more information about the application periods and the apartments.

#### **Cost of living**

Cost of living in Finland is comparable to the rest of Northern Europe. In addition to the rent, approximately 300–500 € per month covers food, transportation, personal and leisure expenses. Meals at student restaurants are varied and inexpensive.

#### Academic calendar

The academic year at Tampere University is divided into two semesters consisting of two periods each.

#### Autumn semester 2019 (19 Aug – 31 Dec)

- Welcome Week 19 Aug-24 Aug
- Period I 26 Aug-20 Oct
- Period II 21 Oct–20 Dec
- Christmas break 21 Dec–31 Dec
- Chilstinas bleak 21 Dec-31 Dec

#### Spring semester 2020 (2 Jan – 31 May)

- Welcome Week 2 Jan-3 Jan
  - Period III 7 Jan–17 May
- Period IV
  - 2 Mar-17 May

## Student Union of Tampere University (TREY)

Exchange students are encouraged to join the Student Union (TREY) (membership fee  $58 \in /$  one semester,  $116 \in /$  academic year in 2018 - 2019). On payment of this fee, students are entitled to order an official student card (preparation cost  $10 \in$ ), which entitles them to various services. Members of the Student Union are entitled to the student health care services. Doctoral students' membership fee is lower as they are not entitled to health care services or travel discounts.



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## C Tampere University

We are proud of the university facilities and the city of Tampere and Finland. We trust your students are going to love studying in Tampere – a vibrant student city with plenty of cultural destinations and fun.

#### **Facilities and Services**

- Orientation in the beginning of both semesters
- Trained and helpful student tutors
- University library services and computer class rooms
- Excellent sports facilities at campus
- Student activities arranged by a multitude of clubs, trips and excursions organized by International Student's Club and student tutors

#### Tampere

#### www.visittampere.fi

- 220,000 inhabitants, the third largest city in Finland and the largest inland city in the Nordic countries
- A true student city: every sixth resident is a student
- A vibrant atmosphere: 8,000 events and festivals each year
- Home of the Moomins
- Over 20 public saunas!
- Frequently voted the best Finnish city in terms of quality of life

#### Finland

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- Safe country with an amazing natural environment: 188,000 lakes and 37 national parks
- Over 2 million saunas there is even one in the Parliament House!
- The place to see Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights
- The land of crazy sports like swamp soccer, ice swimming and many more
- ... but no, we don't have polar bears

#### **Tampere Summer School**



Tampere Summer School offers a great selection of inspiring courses covering various academic fields and up-to-date topics. It is also a great way to enjoy the Finnish summer and meet other students from all over the world!

Courses are free of charge for all new exchange students of Tampere University and Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK).

All courses are taught in English.

## Application period is in late spring 2019.

#### Read more

We are looking forward to having your students with us in Tampere!

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