

# SECULO

## Master's Programme in Security and Cloud Computing

(Erasmus Mundus)

# Meeting for new SECCLO students, intake 2022

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# Topics of this session

- Checklist on things to do before start of studies
- Erasmus Mundus scholarship payment practicalities
- Student stories
- Q&A

# Checklist on things to do before start of studies

- You can find the students' checklist here:

<https://www.secclo.eu/student-life/for-selected-students/>

# Important dates

- Orientation week: 29 August – 2 September
- Teaching starts on 5 September
- Academic year runs officially from 1 August – 31 July
- Student status is available from 1 August (e.g. student housing, discounts, student card)
- You should arrive to Finland by the beginning of orientation week!



# Conditional acceptance to the university

- All students are admitted conditionally until certified copies of educational documents are received.
- 1) Degree was complete at the time of applying
- 2) Degree was incomplete at the time of applying

## If your degree was complete at the time of applying

- Send certified (attested) hard copies of the degree certificate and transcript of records
  - A notary public in your country or the university can certify copies to be authentic copies of the originals
  - If your documents are not in English, send also official translations
- Send documents **as soon as possible**
- See Application documents → Country-specific document requirements and follow those
- <https://www.secclo.eu/admission/application-documents/>



## If you applied with an incomplete degree:

- You will need to graduate by 31 July 2022
- Send certified (attested) hard copies of the degree certificate and transcript of records **at the latest by 17 August**
  - A notary public in your country or the university can certify copies to be authentic copies of the originals
  - If your documents are not in English, send also official translations
  - If you are uncertain whether you can get the degree by the given deadline, we can accept also a statement (in English) from your university confirming that you have completed all credits (incl. thesis, if applicable) by 31 July 2022. This statement must be sent by 17 August.
- <https://www.secclo.eu/admission/application-documents/>

# Sending your documents:

- Courier services, bringing the documents in person:
- Postal address:

**SECCLO Admissions Office**  
Aalto University School of Science  
Konemiehentie 2  
02150 Espoo  
Finland

**SECCLO Admissions Office**  
Aalto University School of Science  
PO Box 15400  
FI-00076 Aalto  
Finland

# Insurance

- Scholarship holders will receive an insurance certificate very soon by email
- Self-funded students will receive the insurance once their payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> academic year is received
- Familiarize yourself with the insurance conditions when you receive the certificate
- If you feel that you need some additional insurance, you need to take it yourself
- Insurance cover begins when you start your journey to Finland (details in insurance brochure)

## Non-EU students: apply for residence permit

- <https://migri.fi/en/residence-permit-application-for-studies>
  - *Normally, the processing takes 2-3 months*
- Apply for 2-year residence permit, if possible
- See FAQ for residence permits at New students checklist pages
- send us a proof of submitted residence permit application to [anne.kiviharju@aalto.fi](mailto:anne.kiviharju@aalto.fi) with the information on which Embassy (**country, city**) you go for identification appointment + date and time of visit.
- Send us (by email) a scanned copy of your residence permit card once you have it (both sides). You can use secure mail Deltagon. Instructions: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/cyber-security/deltagon-for-non-aaltoers>

# Immigration

- Embassies and centers for identification may be closed temporarily due to covid-19 conditions: *follow the given information and keep in contact with us*
- Local travel restrictions may prevent identification or needed documents: *follow the given information, try to obtain some form of proof about the restrictions and keep in contact with us*
- Typically, the appointments for identification are not processed if the residence permit application is not submitted

# Self-funded invoices

- Self-funded student: pay participation fee by set invoice due date (or before) + send receipt of paid fee
  - *Insurance certificate is sent upon reception of programme fee*



## Apply for accommodation (HOAS/AYY)

- Housing is an external service: outside the university influence
- Follow up-dates on the main service providers' websites:
  - The Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS): <https://www.hoas.fi/en/>
  - Aalto University Student Union (AYY): <https://www.ayy.fi/en/housing>
- Notice that some apartments are furnished, some not
- Some are close to campus and some elsewhere in capital region

# Next steps...

- You will need to enroll as an attending student at Aalto University
  - *Enrolment is possible during 2 May – 31<sup>st</sup> July*
  - *Attending students need to pay the Aalto University Student Union membership fee (will be around €63/academic year) and the Finnish Student Health Services (FSHS) fee (in 2022 the fee is €35.80/term).*
- In beginning of August, you will receive your Aalto credentials and student number
  - *They will be sent by email using verification with telephone, so please check that your personal information is correct in the Studyinfo –service*
- We will inform you about next steps with newsletters, follow your email!

# Erasmus Mundus scholarship payment practicalities

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## When will the scholarship payments start?

- Normally all scholarship payments are launched after arrival to Finland
- Requirements:
  - You are committed to full-time study activity starting **29.8.2022**
  - Opening an European bank account (may take 1-2 months after arrival): in practice, the payments may reach you in October once the account is opened
- The following requirements need to be fulfilled, all students:
  - You have **enrolled** as attending, you have **submitted a personal study plan** and you have **registered to all courses in your study plan**
  - You have completed pre-orientation material on MyCourses
  - You have participated to **SECCLO orientation meeting (x.8/x.9.2022 (date and time to be confirmed))**
  - You have met personally SECCLO administrative staff on campus in the orientation meeting/beginning of September
  - You have submitted your banking information
  - **You are full-time study active: we accept late physical arrival (due to covid-19 force majeure obstacles – proof needed) but not late participation to the programme and courses**
    - **Holiday, employment or other private reasons are not force majeure obstacles**

# Networking channels with SECCLO students

SECCLO facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/secclostudents>





## FAQs:

- Programme participation cost: 3000Eur/academic year or 9000 Eur /academic year
  - *If statement needed for organizing loan, contact us*
  - *Notice also living costs <https://secclo.eu/student-life/for-selected-students/>*
- Duration of the programme: two academic years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024)



# FAQs:

- Teaching: following the normal arrangements of teaching period, courses etc,
  - *Full-time study Sept 2022-May 2023 (courses at Aalto)*
  - *Internship (summer job) June-August 2023*
  - *Second academic year, exit university courses Sept-Dec 2023*
  - *Thesis Jan-June/July/August 2024*
  - *Graduation July/August/Sept 2024*
- Arrival to Finland: **by 29th August 2022**
- Residence permit procedure: approx 3 months: start immediately when you receive the insurance certificate!
- **Part-time working:** not recommended during the first year (as full-time study required), but residence permit allows working 25h /week
- Finland abroad: <https://finlandabroad.fi/frontpage> (to find Embassies)

# Main admin contacts:

- Eija Kujanpää, Administrative coordinator of SECCLO, [eija.kujanpaa@aalto.fi](mailto:eija.kujanpaa@aalto.fi) (scholarship issues)

- *On holiday 31.3-8.4.2022*

*Anne Kiviharju, Planning officer, [anne.kiviharju@aalto.fi](mailto:anne.kiviharju@aalto.fi)*

- *On holiday 1.4.-5.4*

- Every Monday virtual office hour 10-11 (Helsinki time)

<https://aalto.zoom.us/j/64233377322>

- SECCLO staff out of office in July (most of it)



**Welcome to Aalto University!**