

SECULO

Master's Programme in Security
and Cloud Computing

(Erasmus Mundus)



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Meeting with new SECCLLO students, intake 2024

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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: 26 August – 30 August
- You should arrive to Finland by the beginning of orientation week!
- Teaching begins on 2 September
- Academic year runs officially from 1 August – 31 July
- Student status is available from 1 August (e.g. student housing, discounts, student card)

Accept the study place

- Please confirm that you accept the study place in the Finnish national study information portal (StudyInfo)
- You have received a link to your email directly from the StudyInfo
- Please note that you can only accept one admission offer in Finland and the decision is binding and cannot be changed afterwards.

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 2024
- Send certified (attested) hard copies of the degree certificate and transcript of records **at the latest by 8 August 2024**
 - 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 2024. This statement must be sent by 8 August.
- <https://www.secclo.eu/admission/application-documents/>

Sending your documents:

- Courier services, bringing the documents in person:

SECCLLO Admissions Office

Aalto University School of Science

Konemiehentie 2

02150 Espoo

Finland

Tel. +358504723100 (phone number
of Lobby Services, if needed)

- Postal address:

SECCLLO Admissions Office

Aalto University School of Science

PO Box 15400

FI-00076 Aalto

Finland

Recommended

Insurance

- Scholarship holders will receive an insurance certificate very soon by email
- Self-funded students will receive the insurance once their payment of the 1st 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
- See FAQ for residence permits at [“New students checklist” –pages](#)

- **EM scholarship holders:** send us a proof of submitted residence permit application to emma.tuomola@aalto.fi with the information on which Embassy (**country, city**) you go for identification appointment + date and time of visit.
- **All non-EU students:** Send us (by email) a scanned copy of your residence permit card once you have it (both sides). You can use secure mail, instructions next slide.

Instructions for sending secure mail

- To send secure messages, open an address <https://securemail.aalto.fi> with a web browser.
- To send messages, you must register to the service: write your e-mail address to “From” field and press “Continue” button.
- Now you can authenticate to the service to send e-mail. Register your e-mail address with “Register” button.

Immigration

- The appointments for identification are not processed if the residence permit application is not submitted

Self-funded students' invoices

- **Self-funded student:**
You will receive the invoice for the first academic year soon (once you have accepted the study place). 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

- Housing is an external service: outside the university influence
- Follow updates 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 most of the apartments are not furnished
- Some are close to campus and some elsewhere in capital region
- Webinar of housing issues is upcoming (information in the last slides)

Next steps...

- You will need to enroll as an attending student at Aalto University
 - *Enrolment is possible after conditions have met (submitting hard copies of docs, graduating)*
 - *Attending students need to pay the Aalto University Student Union membership fee (€65/academic year) and the Finnish Student Health Services (FSHS) fee (€36.80/term).*
 - *Please enroll yourself attending as soon as possible*
- In beginning of August, you will receive your Aalto credentials and student number
 - *They will be sent by email using verification with phone, 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



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 26.8.2024***
 - ***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 needs 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 (date and time to be confirmed)***

When will the scholarship payments start?

- *You have met personally SECCLLO administrative staff on campus in the orientation meeting/beginning of September*
- *You have submitted your banking information*
- ***You are full-time study active:***
 - ***Holiday, employment or other private reasons are not force majeure obstacles for late arrival***

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 (2024-2025 and 2025-2026)

FAQs:

- Teaching: following the normal arrangements of teaching period, courses etc,
 - *Full-time study Sept 2024-May 2025 (courses at Aalto)*
 - *Internship (summer job) June-August 2025*
 - *Second academic year, exit university courses Sept-Dec 2025*
 - *Thesis Jan-June/July/August 2026*
 - *Graduation July/August/Sept 2026*
- Arrival to Finland: **by 26th August 2024**
- 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 30h /week
- To find Embassies: Finland abroad <https://finlandabroad.fi/frontpage>

FAQs:

- Residence permit:

What should I answer in “Health insurance”?

Your studies last two years, so your insurance needs to cover pharmaceutical costs/medical expenses for up to 40 000 EUR. The Dr. Walter insurance scheme covers all expenses with no deductible, so you can choose “My insurance covers all expenses with no excess”.

Aalto webinars for admitted students

- Webinar 2: Student housing, 11 April at 1–2 PM (EEST)
- Webinar 4: Career support & working in Finland, 18 April at 1–2 PM (EEST)
- Webinar 5: Welcome to Finland, 30 May at 1–2 PM (EEST)
- Webinar 6: Welcome to the student community, 19 June at 1 – 2 PM(EEST)
- The registration links will be posted in this site:
- <https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide/events-and-resources-for-admitted-masters-students> (**Please note!** Webinars 1&3 are **not suitable** for double degree students.)

Networking channels with SECCLO students

- SECCLO facebook group
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/secclostudents>
- NordSecMob and SECCLO students and alumni group, LinkedIn
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8986660/>



Contact information

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- Every Monday virtual office hour 10-11 (Helsinki time)
<https://aalto.zoom.us/j/68411115120>
- SECCLLO staff out of office in July (most of it)



Welcome to Aalto University!