

Aalto University is where science and art meet technology and business. We shape a sustainable future by making research breakthroughs in and across our disciplines, sparking the game changers of tomorrow and creating novel solutions to major global challenges. Our community is made up of 12 000 students, 400 professors and close to 4 000 other faculty and staff working on our dynamic campus in Espoo, just 10 minutes away from the Helsinki city centre.

At the School of Business, we strive for better business and better society. We are the first business school in the Nordic countries to have received all three labels of excellence from the world's leading business school accreditation bodies - AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS – and one of the top schools in Europe.

The International Business unit at Aalto University School of Business invites applications for the **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DOCTORAL PROGRAM**.

The International Business (IB) unit at the Aalto University School of Business is one of the leading IB units in Europe. We offer a four-year International Business Doctoral Program, which fosters passion for multidisciplinary, multiculturalism and creativity.

The goal of our Doctoral Program is to train well-rounded researchers who are able to pursue academic careers and obtain employment at top business schools. Doctors from our Program have also been recruited in leading roles in the corporate sector. We host and organize modules of the Nord-IB (Nordic Research School of International Business) program in which most of our PhD students participate. This gives them deep insights into the Nordic tradition of IB research and provides them with excellent networks in the wider Nordic and European community of IB scholars. The dissertations and thesis proposals of our students have won and been nominated for a number of international awards granted by AIB, AOM, EIBA and EDAMBA. Doctoral researchers will also gain teaching experience with our faculty.

Our IB faculty is well known for their phenomenon-based, cutting-edge contributions to research in the following areas:

- **Headquarters Location:** This research project focuses not only on the physical but also perceptual aspects of headquarters location, as well as location of start-ups. See more: [Headquarters Location Research Project | Aalto University](#)
- **Sustainable Cities and Multinational Corporations:** This research project explores multiple ways in which multinational corporations participate in constructing sustainable cities of the future. See more: [Sustainable Cities and Multinational Corporations: A Future-Facing Perspective | Aalto University](#)
- **Aalto Center for Qualitative Management Research:** A hub of excellence in qualitative management and organization research that serves as a platform for methodological innovation and capacity-building both within Aalto University and externally.
- **Globalization of Universities:** Business schools have been and still are first-movers in higher education internationalization. This project addresses the university globalization by studying the strategic partnering of business schools across borders.

Our faculty publish their research in leading IB and management journals, host regular international research seminars and are actively engaged in research collaboration with other top international scholars, some of whom serve as our Visiting Professors. More information on the Faculty supervising doctoral students and their research interests can be found at Aalto IB Doctoral Program website: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/departement-of-management-studies/doctoral-program-in-international-business>

Funding for doctoral studies is guaranteed for two years after which it is available either from the School or through external foundations. There are a number of foundations that provide funding for doctoral studies and conference trips. International students can apply for permanent residence in Finland after completing their Doctoral degree.

Finland is a great place to live with or without family – it is a politically stable and well-organized Nordic society. Finland is consistently ranked high in quality of life and was just listed again as the happiest country in the world: <https://worldhappiness.report/news/its-a-three-peat-finland-keeps-top-spot-as-happiest-country-in-world/>. Finland offers many excellent state-subsidized services including affordable daycare and education free of charge. Finnish schools and universities are consistently ranked among the best in the world. Finland is also a research-friendly country, where companies are willing to participate in academic research and, in general, data is easily accessible.

The application period is 12.12.2022 – 12.1.2023. Detailed information about the application process for our doctoral program and online applications may be found: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-options/aalto-doctoral-programme-in-business-economics-and-finance>

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