



Study in Finland

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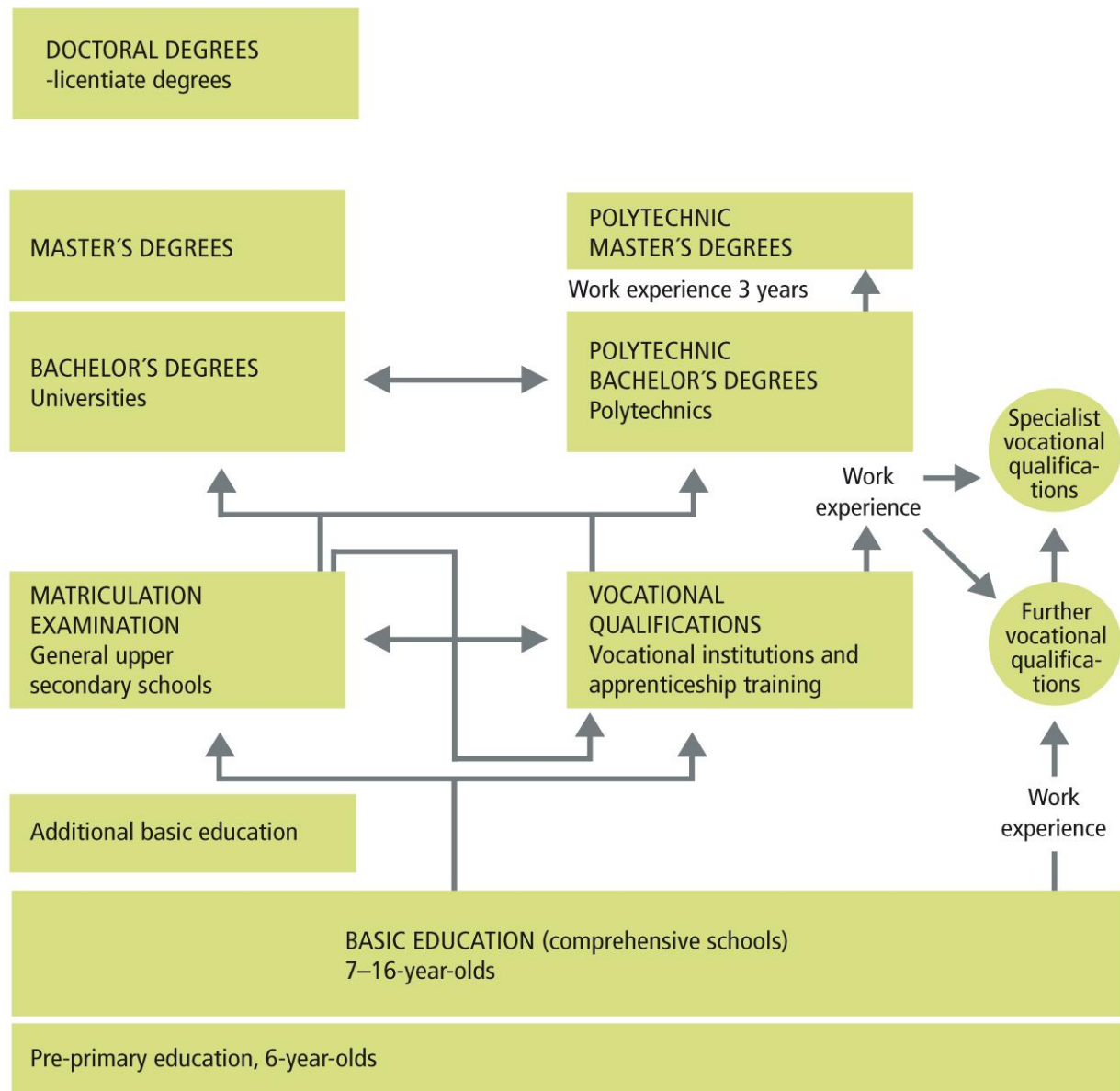


- governmental agency operating under the Finnish Ministry of Education
- National Agency for the EU education, training, culture and youth programmes
- established in 1991

Among other things, CIMO...

- administers scholarship and trainee exchange programmes
- promotes international cooperation (publications, www, education fairs, information services, etc)

The Finnish Education system



Finnish higher education offers plenty of choice



- An extensive network of institutions covering the whole country
- 20 (16 from the beginning of 2010) universities and 26 polytechnics (= universities of applied sciences)
- All institutions internationally oriented with special regional features
- For the moment no tuition fees for regular degree students and exchange students
 - From 2010 it will be possible for the universities and polytechnics to collect tuition fees from non-EU/EEA degree students in selected Master's degree programmes (a five-year trial period)

Finnish HEI's - locations



A large number of courses taught in English



- Over 450 study programmes taught in English
- Courses ranging from short-term programmes to degree programmes
- An excellent choice of subjects spanning from high-tech know-how through to fine arts
- Internationally acclaimed expertise in many areas
e.g. ICT, bio-technology, forestry and environmental sciences, architecture, and design

Universities promoting research and artistic learning



- Provide academic education based on research
- 20 (16 in 2010) universities – 176 000 students – 5 900 international
- Universities are mostly state-funded
- They confer Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor's degrees (3+2+4)
- Finnish universities participate in 11 Erasmus Mundus programmes
- Joint application service www.universityadmissions.fi
- ECTS credit system fully adopted

Polytechnics geared towards professionalism



- They provide professionally-oriented education tailored to the needs of the labour market
- 26 polytechnics – 132 000 students – 5 400 international
- Institutions are municipal or private institutions, mostly state-funded
- The polytechnics confer Bachelor's and Master's degrees (3.5-4,1-1.5)
- Joint application system www.admissions.fi
- ECTS credit system fully adopted

News



Universities:

- The Finnish Universities Act is under reform, independent legal personality, reform in management and decision-making system, tuition fees possible for non-European students in selected Master's degree programmes.
- Mergers: Aalto University (TKK+HSE+UIAH), University of Eastern Finland (UKU+Ujo) , University of Turku (+TSE)

Polytechnics:

Also the Polytechnics Act will be reformed

Mutual:

Education on-demand is nowadays possible

Money and other practicalities



- Free education on all levels for everybody for the moment
- Living costs appr. 700 euros a month
- At universities a student union membership fee around 60-110 euros
- A bank deposit of 6 000 euros
- Students outside EU/EEA need a health insurance
- For visa a letter of acceptance is required
- EU-citizens can work without limits, non-EU students 25 hours a week

How to make your way to Finland?



Exchange students

- Many opportunities available from bilateral agreements to multinational programmes

Degree students (BA and MA)

- Eligibility for higher education in own country
- Entrance examinations often required (BA)
- Good command of English (TOEFL, IELTS)
- Application deadlines mainly from January to May

How to make your way to Finland?



For **post-master's students** (PhD) and researches scholarships available

- Bilateral scholarships
- CIMO Fellowships
- Post-master's and advanced studies of Finnish language in Finnish university

How to make your way to Finland?



Post-graduate students (PhD) and researchers

Admissions: direct contact with the universities

Scholarships available for **post-Master's level** students and researchers at Finnish universities

- bilateral scholarships
- CIMO Fellowships
- post-graduate and advanced studies of Finnish language at Finnish universities

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Finnish Government Scholarship Pool

- post-Master's level studies and research at universities or public research institutes in Finland
- bilateral programme with 33 countries
- scholarship applications: to the authorities at the student's home country
- one application round per year
- scholarship period 3-9 months
- monthly allowance 1 000 € (2008)

www.studyinfinland.fi -> scholarships

How to make your way to Finland?



Important info for non-EU students

- student residence permits, visas
 - financial & health insurance requirements
- www.migri.fi (Finnish Immigration Service)
or www.formin.fi (Finnish embassies)

Scholarships / useful links



European Researcher's Mobility Portal EURAXESS

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

European Researcher's Mobility Portal Finland

www.aka.fi/eracareers

Finnish Academy www.aka.fi/eng

Finnish Cultural Foundation www.skr.fi/english/grants.html

Grants for foreign students in Finland

The National Union of Finnish Students, SYL

www.syl.fi/english/study

NordForsk www.nordforsk.org

Student Financial Aid

The Social Insurance Institution of Finland, KELA www.kela.fi

More information available



For prospective students: www.studyinfinland.fi

- General inquiries: cimoinfo@cimo.fi
- CIMO's organisational website: www.cimo.fi
(information on programme administration etc)

Degree student admissions:

- Polytechnics: www.admissions.fi
(on-line joint application system for Bachelor's level degree students)
- Universities: www.universityadmissions.fi
(joint application service / directly to the HEI's)