

Dear Colleagues,

It is time for your nominated exchange students to apply to the **University of Helsinki (Faculty of Pharmacy)**.

The online application form together with a lot of useful information is available here:

<http://www.helsinki.fi/exchange/admission.html>.

Please ask your students to read the instructions carefully.

**Note that the application deadlines are as follows:**

Autumn term 2014 and the whole academic year 2014-2015:

May 15, 2014

Spring term 2015:

October 15, 2014

Please note that we cannot consider late applications. Only applicants who fill the online form by the deadline (May 15 or Oct 15) can be considered.

**Accommodation:**

Your students need to fill in housing application form as well (if they apply for student housing). More information on housing: <http://www.helsinki.fi/newstudents/housing.html>

**Courses, studying and language requirements:**

Information on courses offered in English can be accessed by following the links on this website:

<http://www.helsinki.fi/pharmacy/studying/courses.html>. The curriculum for each academic year will be updated during May-June. Please ask your students to use the information for this academic year.

Please also note that we require a certificate of the English language skills of the student. You can find the accepted ways to prove the language skills here: <http://www.helsinki.fi/exchange/admission.html>.

The reason we require a certificate is that the courses we offer in English are quite demanding and the students need to participate both orally (possible presentations) and by writing. Students who do not know English well enough have had problems in following the courses. University of Helsinki does not offer English language courses for exchange students.

**Lab/research work:**

All students wishing to work on a research project should find a supervisor for themselves before their arrival and when possible, name the supervisor already in their Motivation Letter. To find out about research opportunities, your students should contact the suitable research groups and persons directly. The research groups in the Faculty of Pharmacy are listed here: <http://www.helsinki.fi/pharmacy/research/index.htm>

**Duration of semesters and orientation**

The Faculty recommendation is that the exchange period is between Sep 1- Dec 31 / Jan 1- May 31. If students have a supervisor who is willing and able to host them for a different period that is also possible. Students should inform us of the supervisor and the agreed time frame on their application forms (eg. motivation letter), if they have agreed on a different period with their supervisor.

In June and July there are almost no courses available, so if students wish to stay here then, it is important they have a research project/lab work/book exams agreed upon with your supervisor. Otherwise their exchange period will be marked until May 31.

The orientation for new students will take place in late August - early September and the beginning of January, so unless otherwise agreed with the supervisor we recommend the exchange students arrive in

time for the orientation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Looking forward to receiving the applications from your nominated students!

Best regards,  
Virve Kahri