

APPLY TO YOUR FACULTY'S FACULTY COUNCIL TO INFLUENCE MATTERS!

We are looking for student representatives for the faculty councils at each faculty for the term 1 January 2026–31 December 2027. This is your chance to get to influence matters!

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Faculty councils are multi-member administrative bodies of the faculties. They are chaired by deans. The duties of the faculty councils are as follows:

- Processing any far-reaching plans and other important matters of principle at the faculty
- Developing teaching and research at the faculty
- Deciding on issues such as degree requirements, teaching schedules and student admissions criteria
- Overseeing quality management over research and teaching

Further information on the faculty councils' operation is available in Flamma by searching for the faculty councils by the name of each faculty. According to the Universities Act, the administrative language of the University of Helsinki is Finnish, and the faculty councils consequently work mainly in Finnish. However, it is possible to use other languages in their meetings by agreement.

As a member of a faculty council, you will get to **influence** the future direction of your faculty and discipline, make students' voice heard and form useful networks all at the same time. You can get credits for serving on the faculty council, and a meeting fee of 35 euros is also paid for the meetings.



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WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

Student members of the faculty councils act as the voice of students in the University's decision-making processes. There are only **two** clear requirements: you must be registered for attendance at the faculty whose representative you are applying to become and you may only be employed by the University if your working hours are a maximum of 50 per cent of normal working hours or your contract lasts a maximum of 6 months. We hope that student members of faculty councils would maintain active contacts with faculty organisations and the Student Union as well as be bold and show initiative when participating in the councils' work. Previous experience of student advocacy work helps with acting in the position but is not required!

Faculty councils meet around once a month during academic terms. The meetings last around 1–2 hours. Preparing for the meetings by going through the meeting material, for instance, will also take some time, depending on the matters to be discussed. Thoroughly reading the meeting material before the meeting, asking for the opinions of – depending on the situation – either your fellow students or subject organisation on the issues on the meeting agenda and speaking up at the meeting itself are quite enough to be successful in the position. The Student Union will also provide the new student representatives with training, support and our expertise to help you with your work in University administration.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE?

Applications should be submitted at <https://beta.hallosed.fi/en> by **11.59 pm on 9 October 2025**. Depending on the faculty, we are looking for 4, 6 or 8 actual members as well as vice members for them. The number of positions for your faculty is stated on the aforementioned **Hallosed application website**. We assume that you are available for the positions of both actual member and vice member.



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Your application must clearly indicate **your current major or degree programme and study orientation**. The Student Union considers the following as advantages and hopes that the applicants address these aspects in their application:

- 1) Motivation towards the position
- 2) Understanding of current affairs at the faculty
- 3) Good cooperation skills and the ability to become organised as a group with the other student representatives
- 4) Contacts with a faculty or subject organisation
- 5) Previous experience of acting as a student representative in administration, as a person in charge of academic affairs or in some other position related to student advocacy work

The Student Union hopes to see applications from representatives of different genders and people in different stages of their studies from diverse backgrounds. The Student Union will strive to consider different disciplines' representation when making the selections.

For further information on the position and the application process, please contact:
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Further information on serving as a student representative and on applying to become a student representative is available at <https://hyy.fi/representative>. Check out the FAQ section on the page, too!

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