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Call for applications

APPLY TO THE STEERING GROUP OF YOUR DEGREE PROGRAMME!

What kind of teaching is organised in your degree programme? Are the courses organised in a logical order, and do they properly account for different kinds of completion methods? If you have ever thought about these issues, this is your chance! Apply to become a student representative in the steering group of your degree programme for the term 1 January 2025–31 December 2026 to help improve your degree programme!

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Each degree programme at the University of Helsinki has a steering group that supports the director of the degree programme and processes the central issues related to the degree programme's operation. The steering group of a degree programme *prepares* the degree programme's curriculum. The curriculum is made for three years at a time and determines the following issues:

- What courses are included in the degrees
- What kind of methods to complete courses are offered
- What kind of attendance requirements courses have
- What kind of learning objectives courses have

The steering group of a degree programme *decides* on the annual teaching schedule of the degree programme. The teaching schedule is a kind of *implementation plan* for the curriculum. It determines the following issues related to courses:



- Timing
- Schedule
- Teaching locations

In other words, the teaching schedule includes all the **extremely important** details students need to know about courses for the entire academic year. As a member of a steering group, you will thus get to influence all the things that are realised in the teaching provided in your degree programme. This is a real chance to influence matters on a practical level! By attending the meetings, you also **may receive a meeting fee of 35€ per meeting**. Serving as a student representative will also provide you with valuable experience that is relevant in working life as well as help you form important networks.

All steering groups of degree programmes have **two actual and two vice student members**. The steering groups also have a maximum of six teachers from the degree programme, with no vice members. Steering groups are chaired by the director of the degree programme. We are now looking for student representatives for the term 1 January 2025–31 December 2026. Depending on the language of the degree programme, the working language of the steering groups of degree programmes is either Finnish, English or Swedish. However, it is also possible to agree on the language used in the meetings separately.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE?

You will be working for the common good of all students, as you will serve as the students' voice in the steering group. There are only **two** actual requirements: you must be registered for attendance at the University of Helsinki and you must have a **justified connection** to the degree programme whose steering group you are applying for.



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No special skills are required – having the desire and motivation to learn about and commit to the work of the degree programme is the most important thing. Meetings are organised on a monthly basis during office hours, and they last around 1–2 hours. Reading the meeting material in advance will also take a varying amount of time. Above all, the position is an excellent place to learn new things!

You should also remember that you will never be left alone. In the steering group, you will be cooperating with the other student representatives, as there will be four of you in the group: two actual members and two vice members. In addition to this, you will get to join HYY's new Student Representative Network where you can share your experiences with your colleagues over disciplinary boundaries.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE?

Applications should be submitted in the Halloped application system (beta.halloped.fi/en) by **6 September 2026**. In your application, please indicate your current degree programme and study orientation. You will also need to state a **justified connection to the degree programme**, especially if you are not studying in the degree programme connected with the steering group you are applying for at the time of applying.

The Student Union also considers the following as advantages, and we recommend including any related information in your application:

- Motivation towards serving in the position and readiness to commit to the duties
- Understanding of current issues and challenges in the degree programme in question and ideas for developing the programme



- Connections to the students of the degree programme in question and readiness to communicate to them about the work of the steering group
- 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

Selection committees consisting of students of the faculty will prepare the selection proposals on the student representatives to be selected to the steering groups of the degree programmes. HYY's Board will confirm the proposals based on this work, with the dean of each faculty making the official appointment decision on the student representatives based on this.

The selection committees will thus process the applications and may request further information from the applicants at their discretion. The applicants will be informed of what happens next in the application process after the application period has ended.

The Student Union emphasises diversity and equality in its activities. The Student Union hopes to see applications from representatives of different genders and people in different stages of their studies from diverse backgrounds. **We assume that you are available for the positions of both actual member and vice member.** The Student Union will strive to consider different disciplines' representation when making the selections.

For further information on serving on the steering groups of degree programmes and on the application process, please contact:

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