



# International Staff Training Week Turku Student Village Foundation - Introduction

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# Turku Student Village Foundation

- Founded 1966 by the Student Union of University of Turku
- Today TYS is part of the Turku city business group and thus constitutes a public procurement unit
- The foundation provides rented apartments in the Turku region for students studying in schools following the completion of their primary education. In addition to this, the foundation offers rented apartments to graduates and other young people, as well as to foreign students and researchers
- The foundation acquires and builds reasonably priced and optimally located properties with the required housing and extra facilities



# Apartments and tenants

- About 5000 apartments, apartment places for about 7000 students
- About one half lives in studios and about 10 % in shared apartments
- Of the residencies, single occupants comprised 58 per cent and families 42 per cent.
- About 6600 applications/year
- Utilization rate 97,2 % in 2018





## Exchange Students and Housing Locations

- In 2018 TYS had approximately 1595 (1472 in 2017) international exam and exchange students from about 100 different countries
- International exchange students have their own yearly quota, which was 360 residencies in in two housing locations: Iltakajo (Varissuo area) and the Student Village (campus area).
- Degree students don't have a yearly quota and can apply to all of TYS' 19 housing locations.



# TYS' Housing Locations



**Pink:** Exchange Student Housing Location  
**Green:** TYS Student Housing Location

# Housing Option 1: Shared apartment in Iltakajo

- In total 156 rooms in shared apartments in the A, B and C buildings of Iltakajo (Varissuo area). The location was renovated in 2016-2018 and is fully an exchange student housing location.
- In a shared apartment live 2-3 persons, usually of same sex. If wished, it's also possible to apply for a mixed shared apartment, for example together with a student friend of opposite sex. There is also one 37m2 apartment suitable for a couple.
- Every tenant has a own lockable bedroom in the apartment. The kitchen, bathroom and hallway are shared. The total sizes of shared apartments are 46,5-62,5 m2, depending if it is meant for 2 or 3 persons. The bedrooms have basic furniture; standard size single bed (80\*200 cm) with mattress, desk, chair, lamp, bookshelves and wardrobe. The kitchens is equipped with a fridge, oven and stove.
- Rents in Iltakajo:
  - 2 pers. shared apartment 322,13 €/month/person (including furniture fee)
  - 3 pers. shared apartment 299,75 €/month/person (including furniture fee)
  - 1 apartment 37 m2 (bedroom+kitchen, suitable for a couple) 494,45 €/month (including furniture fee)





# Housing Option 2:

## Small studio apartment with shared kitchen in the Student Village West

- In total 204 small studio apartments of 18m<sup>2</sup> with a private bathroom in the western side of the Student Village buildings 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 10A and 12A. In each building there are 3 floors. In the building 12A the first floor is reserved for office use and the 2nd of 3rd floors for exchange students.
- The kitchen is located in the end of each corridor and shared by other tenants in the same floor, usually 12 tenants/floor.
- The studio apartment is equipped with a standard size single bed (80\*200 cm) with mattress, desk, chair, lamp, bookshelves, wardrobe and a small fridge in the room.
- Rent: 373,55 €/month (including furniture fee)





## Services

- Rent also includes water, electricity, four sauna turns per month and internet connection
- All exchange students housing complexes have saunas, laundries and common rooms for tenants' use
- TYS also offers free maintenance services



# Applying

- Student can apply for an apartment via TYS' website.
- Application time for exchange students starts three months before arrival. Application time for autumn semester (August-December) starts on 1st May. Application time for spring semester (January-May) starts on 1st of October.
- The housing agreements are made only for full semester and rent must be paid for full semester.
- It is possible to apply housing for one or two semesters. It is also possible to apply housing for summer months.







## Starting Package

- The student unions of the universities in Turku (TYY, ÅAS), the student union of the Novia University of Applied Sciences (Novium), and the Turku University of Applied Science (TUAS) run a starting package storage where exchange students can borrow a package with household items which they then return before they leave Turku.



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