



**UNIVERSITY
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INTERNATIONAL STAFF EXCHANGE WEEK

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Turku, Finland



Success stories in international relations

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PROGRAMME OF THE STAFF WEEK



Lecture Hall A270, Arcanum Building (2nd floor), University of Turku (address: Arcanuminkuja 1)

MONDAY, 2 JUNE

- 9.00–9.30 Enrolment desk is open in the lobby of the Arcanum Building
- 9.30–10.00 *Welcome and opening of the staff week* – Head of International Office Janne Loikkanen
- 10.00–11.30 *How to have a successful week in Turku part I: Intercultural communication through Finnish lenses*
University Teacher Bridget Palmer
- 11.30–13.00 Lunch at a campus restaurant
- 13.00–14.30 *Introducing the organisers and attendants* – No prior preparations needed!
- 14.45–15.15 Coffee & tea served with a salty snack at the University Main Building
- 15.30–17.00 *Stepping into the history and present of the academic Turku* – A walking tour by Magni Mundi
Place of departure: in front of the Turku Cathedral. Wear comfortable shoes!
- Evening free

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE

- 9.00–10.00 *How to have a successful week in Turku part II: Finnish language crash course*
University Teacher Emilia Hongisto
- 10.15–11.15 *Inside the International Office at UTU: A behind-the-scenes look*
- 11.30–12.30 *Peer-to-peer promotion: Success stories of outgoing team*
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch at a campus restaurant
- 14.00–15.00 *Providing smooth guidance through digital processes: Success stories of incoming team*
- 15.00–15.30 *Enabling intercultural friendships: International friendship programme*
- Free time
- 18.00–20.00 City of Turku reception, Restaurant Tiirikkala (address: Linnankatu 3)
Let's raise a toast accompanied by delicious cocktail bites!
- 20.00– A drink (or two?) in a local pub (optional, at your own expense)



WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE

A day trip to the University Consortium of Pori ([UCPori](#))



- 9.00–11.15 Bus transfer from Turku to Pori
Place of departure: in front of the Turku Cathedral
- 11.15–11.30 Arrival in UCPori (2nd floor, Lecture Hall 240 A)
Coffee & tea served with a sandwich
- 11.30–12.15 Presentations, discussion & networking
Welcome to the University Consortium
Director of UCPori Katariina Yrjönkoski
Presentation of UTU Turku School of Economics, Pori Unit
Director of Unit Kirsi Liikamaa
Examples of research and teaching cooperation at the UCPori – Networking and discussion
- 12.30–13.00 Campus tour at the UCPori premises and Kirjurinluoto Park
- 13.00–13.30 Bus transfer to Yyteri Beach
- 13.30–14.15 Lunch at [Yyteri Spa Hotel](#)
- 14.15–15.15 *A distinctive success story in the collaboration between two universities: UCPori interdisciplinary exchange programme in technology, business and culture*
Project Manager Kimmo Ahonen
- 15.15–16.00 Free time at Yyteri Beach
- 16.00–18.15 Bus transfer from Yyteri to Turku
- 18.15 Arrival in Turku



THURSDAY, 5 JUNE

- 9.15–10.15 *Successful collaboration within European University Alliance: Experiences from EC2U*
Project Coordinators Liisa Järvinen & Lassi Yli-Muilu
- 10.30–11.30 *Sustainable development in international framework*
Specialist in Sustainable Development Jutta Mäkinen
- 11.30–13.00 *Lunch at a campus restaurant*
- 13.00–14.30 *Sharing the success stories: Experiences of the attendants of Staff Week*
Pick up your swimsuit, towel and warm clothes for the evening
- 16.00–22.00 *Sauna & sea: Traditional summer cottage “mökki” night at seaside on Ruissalo Island*
Place of departure: Turku Cathedral (bus transfer)
The boldest can try Finnish sauna and swim in the Baltic Sea! Dinner and drinks included.
Possibility for a short walk or run. Remember to wear your sneakers!

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE

- 9.00–10.30 *Enhancing international student success: Engagement and wellbeing at the University Library*
Information Specialists Leena Tonttila, Leeni Lehtiö & Nea Pälä
Place: Lecture Hall Sammio, Teutori Building (address: Lemminkäisenkatu 3)
- 10.45–11.45 *Revealing the best spots – A campus tour by Lassi Yli-Muilu*
Place of departure: Teutori Building
- 11.45–12.30 *Evaluation and closing of the Staff Week*
Presentation of confirmation of stay certificates

