



**UNIVERSITY  
OF TURKU**

## **INTERNATIONAL STAFF EXCHANGE WEEK**

**2–6 June 2025**

**Turku, Finland**



**Success stories in international relations**

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## PROGRAMME OF THE STAFF WEEK



Lecture Hall A270, Arcanum Building (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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* – Sustainability Specialist 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 *Experience the escape room! Services of University Library* – Information Specialist Essi Lempiäinen  
Place: 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

