

Work possibilities during and after your studies

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Work possibilities in Finland

- Finding employment in your own field right after graduation is not always easy
- First steps during your studies:
 - 1) Internships, 2) thesis projects, and 3) summer jobs
- Open vacancies:
 - JobMarket Finland /Työmarkkinatori – <https://tyomarkkinatori.fi/en/personal-customers>
 - Work in Finland - <https://www.workinfinland.com/en/open-jobs/>
 - Duunitori - <https://duunitori.fi>
- Check social media and companies' own websites



Current Job market situation in Ostrobothnia

Greatest shortage

Occupations

- Generalist medical practitioners
- Psychologists
- Nurse
- Special needs teachers
- Accounting associate professionals
- Mechanical machinery assemblers
- Welders and flamecutters
- Metal working machine tool setters and operators
- Building and related electricians
- Cooks



<https://tyovoimabarometri.fi>



Recognition of foreign qualifications in Finland:

<https://www.oph.fi/en/services/recognition-and-international-comparability-qualifications/recognition-foreign>

Ranking of open jobs (April 2026)



- Service and Sales Workers
- Experts, Senior Specialists
- Construction, Manufacturing and Related Workers
- Process and Machine Operators, Assemblers
- Other Workers (Elementary Occupations)
- Technicians and Associate Professionals
- Clerical Support and Customer Service Workers
- Managers
- Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers

<https://www.tyollisyyskatsaus.fi>

Open jobs in Vaasa for English-speaking professionals

Categories:

- Technology
- Engineering
- Interns and Summer Jobs
- Software Development
- Manufacturing
- Deep Tech
- Academics
- Project Management
- Administration



There are 23 open jobs right now

Mechanical Design Engineer for ABB Oy, Vaasa ABB Oy Vaasa Go to job site	Supplier Development Engineer Wärtsilä Vaasa Go to job site	Senior Software Operations Engineer Wärtsilä Vaasa Go to job site
(Senior) Agentic Automation Developer Wärtsilä Vaasa Go to job site	Project Manager Danfoss Vaasa Go to job site	Test Engineer Wärtsilä Corporation Vaasa Go to job site
Solution Engineer / System Developer, Product Configuration... Academic Work Vaasa Go to job site	Solution Engineer / System Developer, Product Configuration... Academic Work Finland Oy Vaasa Go to job site	Project Researcher (PhD. Student) or Postdoctoral Researcher, combustio... Vaasan yliopisto Vaasa Go to job site
Electromechanical Expert Wärtsilä Vaasa Go to job site	Electromechanical Expert Wärtsilä Corporation Vaasa Go to job site	Data Platform Engineer, Mirka Academic Work Vaasa Go to job site

<https://www.workinfinland.com>
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Work possibilities for spouses

- **Ostrobothnia Employment Services:**
Offers services to registered job seekers and employers
- Services for job seekers cover:
 - open vacancies (tyomarkkinatori.fi)
 - guidance on how to seek work
 - information on training opportunities
 - help and support on professional development
 - <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/employment-services/>
 - <https://tyomarkkinatori.fi/en/regional-pages/ostrobothnia-employment-area/frontpage>
- **Vaasa for You –event for spouses**
 - <https://www.vaasa.fi/en/employment-services/vaasa-for-you-services-for-new-international-spouses/>



Part-time jobs opportunities

- **As an international student you are allowed to work part-time (up to 30 hours per week on average during the academic year and full-time during holidays).**
- **Finding employment during your studies is challenging, especially without Finnish/Swedish skills.**
- **Possible part-time job salaries would not be sufficient to cover both tuition and living costs.**
- **You should not base your financial plans on the uncertain prospect of finding part-time employment during your studies.**
- **Your primary goal in Finland is to focus on your studies.**

Typical part-time jobs:

- **Restaurant / café worker**
- **Cleaning and maintenance**
- **Warehouse / logistics**
- **Retail assistant**
- **Customer service (if language skills allow)**

Source: <https://www.studyinfinland.fi/funding-your-studies/fees-and-cost-living>



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Learning Finnish and Swedish

We warmly encourage you to start learning Finnish or Swedish early on in your studies.

Self-study:

- <https://www.kielibuusti.fi>
- <https://finnishcourses.fi>
- <https://infofinland.fi/en/finnish-and-swedish>
- Listen to Finnish/Swedish podcasts, news, etc. <https://yle.fi/selkouutiset>

Local Courses:

- Adult education center Alma
<https://www.vaasa.fi/en/living/freetime/alma-adult-education-centre/>
- Third sector voluntary activities offer language learning and practicing possibilities
<https://luetaanyhdessa.fi>





Tips for job searching

- Identify your skills and strengths
- Examine career opportunities
- Compare your skills and strengths with task needs
- Tailor your application specifically to each employer you apply to
- Explore job search channels and networks
- Be patient

THANK YOU!

Good luck with your studies and job search!

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