Aalto University is a community of bold thinkers where science and art meet technology and business. We are committed to identifying and solving grand societal challenges and building an innovative future. Aalto University has six schools with nearly 20,000 students and more than 400 professors. Our campuses are located in Espoo and Helsinki, Finland.

Aalto University School of Science invites applications for the position of:

Professor of Practice in Aalto Ventures Program

The fixed-term position for five years is filled as soon as a suitable candidate has been found.

The Aalto University Professor of Practice positions provide respected professionals with an opportunity to develop further existing practices and open new areas of teaching, professional and industrial collaboration and research at Aalto University. This particular position, at the Aalto University School of Science, is located at the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management and it contributes to the Aalto University-wide Ventures Program.

Job description:

The purpose of the Professor of Practice of the Aalto Ventures Program (AVP) is to elevate and develop the program to provide entrepreneurship education for students across the departments of Aalto University in collaboration with entrepreneurs. This position provides an opportunity for a dynamic development of Aalto University’s activities with the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and to take part in societal interaction and international collaboration in the area.

The holder of a Professor of Practice position at Aalto University is expected to develop and provide education based on expertise in professional practice and scientific research the area. The Professor of Practice system of Aalto University provides respected professionals the possibility to develop education and professional work, and open up new areas of research.

Initially developed in collaboration with Stanford Technology Ventures Program, the AVP provides the students of Aalto University with inspiration, capabilities, and networks necessary to build up new businesses, and an opportunity to combine entrepreneurial mindset, innovations and management skills to experiment with entrepreneurial activities. The program enables students to learn about entrepreneurship by conducting business development projects in practice. The program provides future experts, managers and entrepreneurs with tools to frame real-life problems and design new business models for innovative new business ventures.

The holder of the professorship should develop entrepreneurship education in the program to enable Aalto University’s students to learn entrepreneurial mindset and skills by conducting professional and entrepreneurial activities in practice. The professor is expected to contribute to the further development of the program to improve our students’ learning experience and the international standing of Aalto University’s entrepreneurship education. This includes facilitating a fruitful combination of practice-based experience and research-based insights for the development of teaching of entrepreneurship in the program, and establishing and maintaining proactive collaboration with the community of entrepreneurs. In addition, we expect a capability and willingness to teach one or more courses in the program. Other important tasks of the position include ambitious collaboration with domestic and international partners to instill entrepreneurial spirit to Aalto University’s teaching, research and practice.

Requirements:
Significant international expertise in teaching and professional practice is required for the Professor of Practice position. Experience in research is considered an additional merit. Furthermore, the position requires a deep commitment to develop the field through teaching, research and societal interaction.

For this professorship the applicant is expected to have:

- In-depth competence and hands-on experience in interdisciplinary collaboration, entrepreneurship, practices and theory of university pedagogy
- Seniority of entrepreneurship experience and relevant broad professional knowledge and experience
- Strong leadership skills, linked to an ability to teach teamwork and leadership
- Good/excellent communication and marketing skills
- Well-developed ability to teach and engage students
- International networks within the field of professorship
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- A doctoral degree in a relevant field is considered a merit (applicants holding a master’s degree can be considered for the position. If an applicant holding a master’s degree is chosen, the title of the position will be Executive in Residence)
- The applicants will be reviewed on the basis of the following areas: teaching, professional practice merits, interdisciplinary skills and experience, leadership in academic community and research.

**Salary**

Aalto University follows the salary system of Finnish universities, but applicants may also provide salary requests.

**How to apply**

Please submit your application through Aalto University’s electronic recruitment system SAIMA [http://www.aalto.fi/en/about/careers/jobs/view/1932](http://www.aalto.fi/en/about/careers/jobs/view/1932) no later than on September 10, 2018 accompanying it with the following attachments:

- Motivation letter including an account of practical expertise and societal knowledge relevant to the field of the professorship
- Curriculum Vitae (with contact information)
- List of publications
- Teaching portfolio including teaching merits and approach to teaching
- Statement of how education and the entrepreneurial activity is linked with research in the field.

All application materials are to be submitted in English.


Aalto University reserves the right for justified reasons to leave the position open, to extend the application period, reopen the application process, and to consider candidates who have not submitted applications during the application period. Application materials will not be returned.
**Additional information**

The following persons will reply to inquiries about additional information:

For additional information, please contact the Head of the Department, Associate Professor Risto Rajala, tel. +358 40 353 8140, email risto.rajala@aalto.fi

In recruitment process–related questions, please contact HR Coordinator Laura Pyysalo, tel. +358 50 301 5747, email laura.pyysalo@aalto.fi

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**Living up to our values**

As a community of high ethics we want to assure the highest international standard in research, education and teaching. We expect all our community members to respect Aalto values and follow the ethical principles of fair play and integrity in all our activities and the behaviour that we expect from each other. The Aalto University Code of Conduct is applicable to all Aalto community members and it clarifies the values that guide us.

**About Finland**

Finland has a high standard of living, a world leading education system, and a vibrant commercial and cultural life. It enjoys a robust economy and political stability. It has excellent transport links to the major cities of Europe and beyond. Helsinki is one of Europe’s leading capital cities and a vivid center of scholarship. As a living and working environment, Finland is consistently ranked highly in quality-of-life and competitiveness studies. It is the best country in the world to live according to a Newsweek 2010 study. More information is available at: [http://www.aalto.fi/en/about/careers/international_staff/](http://www.aalto.fi/en/about/careers/international_staff/)