

7. Housing

There are several alternatives for arranging your accommodation in Åbo and/or Vasa. Please note that most visiting scholars stay in the guest house or guest apartments of the host university. These apartments need to be booked by the host department well in advance. However, the Student Village Foundation also houses visiting staff and their families regularly, if there is room in the foundation's apartments.

7.1 Housing in Åbo

Student Village Foundation (TYS)

The Student Village Foundation of Turku, *Turun Ylioppilaskyläsäätiö (TYS)/Studentbystiftelsen i Åbo*, is an independent foundation that provides housing for students in Åbo and Rauma.

Student Village Foundation of Turku

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Open Mon-Thu 9.00-15.45, Fri 9.00-14.45

(Note that the office has different opening hours during June, July and August)

The rent for TYS flats and rooms varies from 222 to 600€/month depending on the type of flat. The rent includes electricity, water, heating and internet. When living in a TYS flat you will have saunas, laundries and common rooms at your disposal.

An online application for housing must be submitted to the housing office no less than six weeks before the beginning of the studies in Finland. For all fixed-term leases with a duration under 12 months, the Student Village Foundation charges an admission fee of 60€.

Before signing the lease, a refundable deposit of 300€ (450€ for family housing) is to be paid. Please note that the sum is a deposit and cannot be used as payment for rent. The deposit is

refunded to the tenant when he/she gives up the room or apartment, provided that it is in good condition.

Note that researchers or PhD students are offered rentable flats with basic furniture, which does not include mattresses or lamps. Also note that TYS has income limits for researcher and PhD students. These are 1605€/month for single persons and 2130€/month for people with families. Please note that priority is given to basic degree students.

For more information, please read the *Tenant's guide* - a guide on living in TYS flats. The guide is available in Finnish, Swedish and English. You should also read the *Service Guide*. All the guides can be found on the TYS home page www.tys.fi. Please note that housing payments might vary from year to year so be sure to check the latest information from TYS.

Retrodorm

The city of Turku rents apartments for exchange students in Retrodorm, situated in Luolavuori. The rooms are furnished single rooms. Most rooms have their own toilet, but share showers and a kitchen with others. The rent is 280 €/month (including water, electricity and internet).

Retrodorm

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TVT Asunnot

The City of Turku offers some furnished shared apartments for students. The rent is 400€/month and includes electricity, water, furniture and internet access.

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