



ÅBO AKADEMIS STUDENTKÅR

THE STUDENT UNION OF ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY

Ph.D Membership

Postgraduate students studying for a licentiate or PhD can also become members of the Student Union of Åbo Akademi University (ÅAS). As a postgraduate student, you can choose whether you want to pay the Student Union fee and become a member or not.

The Student Union of Åbo Akademi University is a public corporation completely independent of Åbo Akademi University. The role of ÅAS is to represent its members, to advance the position of students in society and provide them with services ranging from consultations with lawyers and experts to student traditions. All student unions in Finland form the National Union of Finnish University Students (FSF). **The membership fee at the Student Union of Åbo Akademi University is 64.00 euros for the academic year 2026–2027** (32,00 euros for per semester) and should be paid prior to registration at the University.

Membership benefits

FSF issues a national student card (FRANK: www.frank.fi) which all members of the Student Union can apply for after having paid the membership fee, note that the card for Ph.D students is a different colour. By showing your validated student card (plastic or app), you will also receive discounts on lunches at the student restaurants, rates at youth hostels and many other student discounts. From 1 January 2024, those pursuing an advanced degree are entitled to a student discount with VR (trains). The plastic student card does not have the VR logo and therefore the conductor doesn't need to accept the student card. The digital student card has VR's logo and is recommended to use at least when travelling with VR.

In addition, you will of course be able to use the services of the Student Union of Åbo Akademi University. Note that the plastic student card needs a validation sticker, which can be collected at one of the ÅAS service points. For more information on the membership benefits, please visit the Student Union website www.studentkaren.fi. Unfortunately, as of 1 August 2009, researchers are not able to use the Student Health Services.

Becoming a member

In order to obtain the membership and a student card please use the invoice below and pay the fee. If you pay the membership fee at a foreign bank, please make sure **that all the bank and service fees have been paid by you in full and have not been deducted from the membership fee! The archive code must be stated in the receipt!** Please also make sure to **save the receipt and e-mail a copy to graduateschool@abo.fi**. After paying the fee you can register at the International Office at Åbo Akademi University. After registration, you should order your student card at www.frank.fi/en or download the digital student card through the FrankApp.

For more information, please visit the Student Union website www.studentkaren.fi or contact the Student Union tel. +358 2 215 4650, e-mail: kansli@studentkaren.fi or visit the Student Union office in Åbo or Vasa.

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