

Tuition fee and Refund Policy in LUT University 2026-2027

TUITION FEE

Citizens of non-EU/EEA countries (excluding Switzerland) are required to pay the LUT tuition fee for each academic year. Students can be exempted from payment only with certain types of Residence Permit card.

The amount of the tuition fee payment is stated in your admission letter. The yearly fee for the upcoming academic years will be based on your intake year's Tuition fee. Possible scholarships (granted later) may affect your yearly payment.

The tuition fee payment is a Tax-free service, **VAT 0 %**.

PAYMENT DEADLINES & SCHOLARSHIPS

First year tuition fee must be paid during LUT application process, and the payment details are defined in your **admission decision**. Please note that if you must apply for a Residence Permit, your permit application process will be on hold until you have paid the tuition fee or are able to show the funding for it.

For future study years the yearly fee is due in **May**. The possibility of a scholarship depends on the year of your intake.

NOTE! NEW UPDATES!

*The possible tuition fee scholarship is only available when making the payment **on time**. If the tuition fee is not paid by the start of the semester, you will automatically lose the right to avail the scholarship (discount price).*

Also, you need to ensure that your Finnish identity number as well as address in Finland are updated in the student register Sisu before any scholarships can be officially registered.

PAYMENT METHODS

Please make your payment **via Flywire** * following the deadlines on your admission letter. The payment is to be made **in one installment** only. When paying via Flywire, you can download the confirmation of the payment yourself in the Flywire portal. We do not send any additional confirmation of Flywire payments.

** Please be informed that due to the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC)'s comprehensive region-wide sanctions, Flywire is unable to process payments from some countries. Please see the full list of sanctions [here](#). For them we recommend direct bank transfer to LUT's account.*

Please avoid using third parties for payments to avoid potential problems in the event of refunds or cancellations. The refunds are only possible to the original payer of the fee.

If it is not possible to use Flywire, you can make your payment via bank transfer. You'll find the latest account details from eLUT: <https://elut.lut.fi/en/completing-studies/tuition-fee>, under the title "Tuition fee payment methods".

IDENTIFYING AND TRACING THE PAYMENT

It is crucial to provide the student's name in the message. LUT University needs this information to identify the payment and connect it to the right student. If possible, please also provide *a student number* or *a student's national ID number (oid)*.

Kindly note that we only have access to our own account in the OP bank. Therefore, **we cannot see or trace any international transactions** before the money appears in LUT's account. We also do not have a direct hotline for OP bank or the resources to trace individual payments. If the payment is interrupted along the way, the **applicant/student is always responsible for contacting the bank and figuring out the status of the payment**. Once OP bank has received the payment from the sending bank, they transfer the payments to LUT's account with a short delay.

REFUND TERMS

1. **Refunds can only be paid to the original payer.** If someone else has made the payment on the student's behalf, possible refund will be paid to the same party.
2. **Refunds are only possible until 30.9.** After this deadline, tuition fee is **not refundable**.
3. Refunds from **previous** academic years are not possible. If your payment has previously been postponed, it is only refundable with a negative residence permit decision.
4. **The first-year tuition fee** is processed as a whole, and semester-based refunds are not possible.
5. You are **NOT entitled to a refund, if you have completed any credits** (even online) in that payment period.
6. If you cancel your study place for ANY other reason than a negative residence permit decision, LUT University will charge you **250 EUR** for the administrative costs.
7. If you cancel your study place **after arriving in Finland**, the tuition fee is not refundable. If already residing in Finland during the application period, the refund is possible until the starting date of the study right.
8. If not being able to fulfil the requirements for the **conditionally admitted students**, you will lose your right to study and will receive a refund for the tuition fee that you have paid. However, LUT will charge you 250 EUR for the administrative costs.

	Refund deadline	Amount of refund
Negative RP decision	until 30.9. After 1.10.	100% No refund
Other reasons	until 30.9. After 1.10.	100% -250€ (administrative costs) No refund
Cancelling after arriving in Finland	No DL	No refund
Conditionally admitted	No DL	100% -250€ (administrative costs)

MISSING THE ARRIVAL DEADLINE

LUT University has set an arrival deadline for each study programme. If your arrival is delayed due to the residence permit delay, you cannot start your studies during the ongoing semester and you must contact the LUT student services (opinto@lut.fi) and LUT scholarship team (LUT.scholarships@lut.fi).

A student who is absent for a statutory reason or who misses the arrival deadline due to **your own residence permit delay***, may ask to postpone the start to the next possible intake group and apply to transfer the tuition fee to the next intake year by 30.9.

Note! New degree students must enroll for their study right to accept the study place. As a new student you must also enroll for courses on time, even if there is no certainty of a residence permit. Enrolling for courses has no effect on a refund.

1. If you have postponed the start to the next possible intake, we will save your tuition fee for the next intake period. You can postpone the payment and the start of your studies **only once**.
2. Refunds are only possible until 30.9. After this deadline, tuition fee is not refundable. Please contact LUT.scholarships@lut.fi in case of refund request.
3. A postponed payment can only be refunded based on a negative residence permit decision. **Please make sure that you are actively working on getting the permit. In case you cancel the permit application yourself, the right for refund expires.**
4. When postponing the start, the enrolment will be cancelled but the normative study time is still running, starting from the original study right starting date.
5. During the postponing period, the student may not complete any studies, even online.
6. **If you have arrived in Finland with a student visa**, you must enroll as attending and start your studies as advised in your letter of admission. As an attending student the tuition fee is always running, even if you have not completed any courses. Cancelling the enrolment or saving the payment is NOT possible if the student has already arrived.
7. **If you arrive in Finland during your postponing period**, please note that your studies will be considered to have started and the tuition fee will start to run, even if not completed any studies.

***Family member's permit delays are NOT an acceptable reason for postponing the start.**

EXEMPTIONS

From 1.12.2024, we will follow the terms of the **new law** regarding the tuition fee exemptions. A student can be exempted from the tuition fees, if having one of the following permits:

- An EU/EEA citizenship
- EU blue card in Finland
- A permanent residence permit card in Finland, (type P)

- EU residence permit for third-country citizens with long-term residence permit card in Finland (type P-EU)
- Family members of all the above
- Residence permit based on temporary protection in Finland, as referred to in the Aliens Act. The permit must be valid at the beginning of the study right, and the permit cannot have later been revoked.
- Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders and those who are studying in the Erasmus Mundus programme funded by the European Union.
- Students in on-demand studies.

NOTE!

- Students who have been granted an exemption from tuition fees by LUT based on their residence permit before 1.12.2024, **will retain their previously granted right to exemption** as long as the permit and study right remain unchanged and uninterrupted. Any changes to the permit's grounds or interruption of the study right will automatically lead to reviewing of the exemption based on the new law.
- Possible exemptions are reviewed based on the **student's own** and the possible **sponsor's** permit history.
- If the student's first residence permit in Finland was granted **for the purpose of studying** or **they arrived as a student's family member**, the student must pay tuition fees, even if later obtained a continuous residence permit (type A) on other grounds. Also, if the student is **currently residing with a student's permit** or **as a family member of a student**, they are liable to pay the fees.
- If the student has originally arrived and is still residing with a continuous residence permit (type A) based on **working**, the student is exempt from the fee. This exemption also applies if residing as a family member and the **sponsor's** original and current residence permits are **employment-based**.
- The obligation to pay the tuition fee ends when the person receives a permanent residence permit (P permit).

CHANGES IN THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

If there are any changes to your residence permit after being accepted, please prepare to inform LUT.scholarships@lut.fi about any changes prior to the start of the next semester. If you have a permit card that exempts you from the fees, but it expires before the semester starts, you are liable to pay the tuition fees. Any changes on the payment status, are always counted to start from the beginning of next semester. For any exemptions:

- The card needs to be valid on the first day of the semester (1.8. or 1.1.)
- The card needs to be presented before the semester starts (by 31.7. or 31.12.).

TUITION FEE AND GRADUATION

If you have paid the tuition fee for the whole academic year but manage to graduate during the first semester, your additional semester payment is refundable by 30.9 (Autumn semester fee) and 31.1. (Spring semester fee).

Note! You need to apply for graduation before the end of the semester if you wish to avoid the next semester tuition fee. If your official graduation exceeds the deadline of July 31 or December 31, you will have to pay the tuition fee for the next semester, with no exceptions. Please make sure all your courses are finished and thesis evaluated before the semester ends.

MISCONDUCTS

First academic year

If you have accepted your study place but **do not pay your tuition fee** by the deadline defined in your admissions letter, you are not able to start your studies. **Your study right will be closed.** You may apply for restoration later by paying the tuition fee and an additional 50 EUR administrative fee. Possible discounts or scholarships are not applicable in the case of restoration.

Note! If the study place is not accepted by the deadline defined in the admission letter, **your study place will be permanently lost.** In this case the study right cannot be restored.

Further studies

The tuition fee deadline for the future study years is May 31st. If you have not paid your tuition fee by the deadline, you will receive a reminder. If you neglect the tuition fee payment, **your study right will be deactivated**, and you are not able to continue your studies. You may apply for restoration later by paying the tuition fee and an additional 50 EUR administrative fee. Possible discounts or scholarships are not applicable in the case of restoration.

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