

Our energetic community consists of both student-led and university-run entrepreneurial activities. For example, both Slush, one of the world's leading startup events, and Junction, Europe's leading tech hackathon, were born from Aalto's student community

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## Aalto Startup Center

alumni data\*

**€630m**

The current annual turnover of businesses, which has increased sixfold over 20 years

**2/3**

The proportion of alumni businesses still operating today

**8%**

The additional profitability margin of Aalto Startup Center alumni companies compared to their Finnish peers

### Aalto Startup Ecosystem Yearly Highlights:

- 200+ commissioned projects from companies
- 100+ companies founded
- 150+ invention disclosures submitted
- 50+ patent applications filed
- 25+ technology transfers completed

**33%**

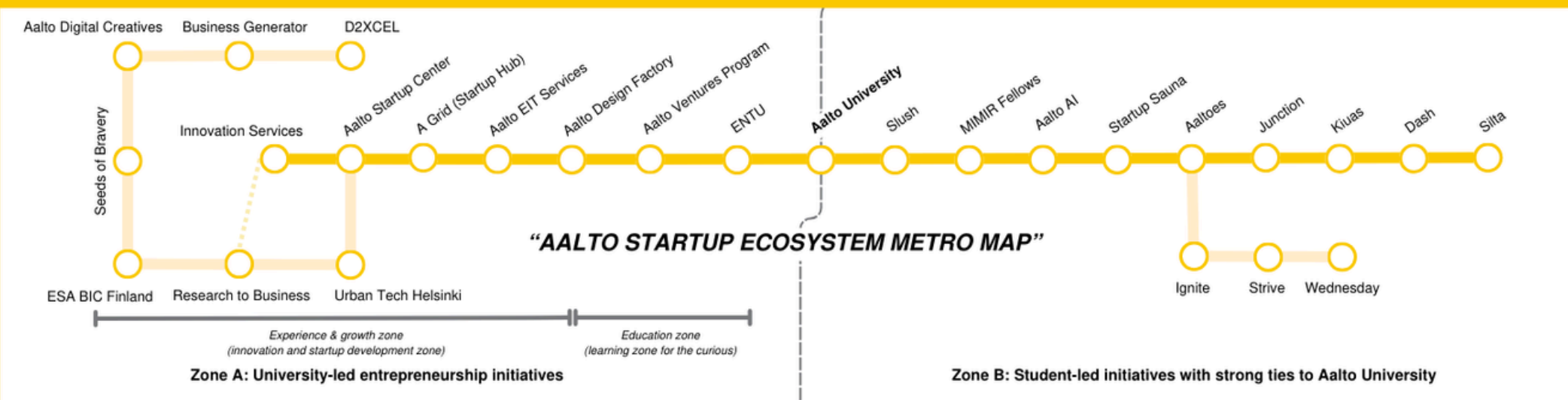
of Finnish unicorns are alumni-founded from Aalto University

**Ranked 3rd**

most active organization in patent applications in Finland in 2023, Aalto University continues to lead in innovation and research



# the inspiring ecosystem.



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## Aalto Startup Center

A top-tier hybrid accelerator in Finland, Aalto Startup Center has over 27 years of experience nurturing thriving startups. It combines innovative programs with strategic partnerships to support sustainable deep-tech startups driven by pioneering research. Programs under Aalto Startup Center include ESA BIC Finland, Research-to-Business (R2B), Business Generator, Urban Tech Helsinki, Aalto Digital Creatives, Seeds of Bravery, and D2XCEL.

## ENTU (Entrepreneurship Unit at Aalto School of Business)

A unit from Aalto University explores entrepreneurship as a multifaceted socio-economic phenomenon through education and research.

## Aalto Ventures Program (AVP)

AVP is the entrepreneurship education program at Aalto University. It provides daring individuals with tools to solve real, meaningful problems either with their own company or from inside an existing organization. Through courses, events and other inspiring activities, AVP offers students hands-on practice and opportunities for trying out their wings as entrepreneurs.

## Aalto Design Factory (ADF)

An interdisciplinary product design and learning hub that unites students, teachers, researchers, and industry to foster a passion-based learning culture at Aalto University.

## Aalto EIT Services

Aalto EIT Services is a dedicated team that provides support and resources to enhance collaboration and innovation within the EIT ecosystem at Aalto University.

## A Grid

A Grid, located at the core of Aalto University Campus, stands as one of Europe's biggest startup hubs, linking startups and founders with university resources, talented students, cutting-edge research, and infrastructure to foster future unicorns. There are currently over 150 startups based at A Grid.

## Aalto University Innovation Services

A unit that supports researchers and the Aalto community in developing inventions and commercialization activities. Aalto Innovation Services manages intellectual property (IP) protection and executes technology transfers with industrial companies, from startups to corporations.

**“We renew our society with research-based knowledge, creativity and entrepreneurial mindset. We generate innovative solutions to tackle global grand challenges.” — Aalto University's impact-related joint strategic plans for 2025-2028**

## Slush

A leading global startup summit connecting European startups, world-class investors, and tech journalists with actionable insights and practical advice for building startups.

## MIMIR Fellows

MIMIR is a movement aimed at making the Nordics leaders in research commercialization, driven by students. It seeks to address complex challenges with science-based solutions, harnessing the enthusiasm of a younger generation eager to create impactful change and build a robust commercialization infrastructure.

## AaltoAI

A student-led society at Aalto University, cultivates a vibrant AI community through workshops, talks, and networking events for students, researchers, and industry professionals.

## Startup Sauna

A co-working space and entrepreneurial hub, Startup Sauna hosts key organizations like Junction, DASH, Aaltoes, SILTA, fostering innovation and collaboration among startups.

## Aalto Entrepreneurship Society (Aaltoes)

Aaltoes is the largest and most active student-run community. Aaltoes raises the next generation of founders through exceptional projects and programs like Ignite, Strive, and Wednesday.

## Junction

A recognized global tech hackathon, Junction hosts hackathons in multiple countries, with a final event in Finland gathering over 1500 participants to foster creativity and rapid prototyping.

## Kiuas

A top startup accelerator in Finland, Kiuas aims to empower early-stage founders to create impactful companies by providing world-class support and resources for their growth.

## Dash

A premier hackathon in Europe, the DASH Hackathon applies design thinking to solve real-world business problems through multidisciplinary teamwork.

## SILTA

A pioneering program, SILTA sends top founders from Finland to the SF Bay Area for three months to develop their companies in Silicon Valley's dynamic environment.

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