



Call for applications

The Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä (JYY) announces the following position:

Member of the FORTHEM Student Council (1)

The student representative will be elected for a two-year term starting on 1.1.2027.

The call for applications has been published on Friday 21st of August at 9.00.

The application period began with the publication of the call for applications and ends on Tuesday 8th of September 2026 at 23:59.

Minea Nirhamo, Specialist in Academic Affairs, is responsible for publishing the call for applications and preparing the application and selection process.

Description of the position you are applying for

FORTHEM is a network of European Universities formed by nine European universities. This is a strategic partnership that deepens cooperation between higher education institutions and also invests in stakeholder cooperation. The aim is to make international cooperation an even more integral part of the everyday life of every member of the university community.

In the FORTHEM network, students are represented by the FORTHEM Student Council. Two students from each partner university are selected for this group, i.e. it is an international student network consisting of 18 members. The Student Council participates in the decision-making of the FORTHEM alliance by bringing the views, statements and development proposals of students and student organisations to the higher decision-making bodies. The Student Council elects a representative from among its members to the FORTHEM Steering Committee, which includes the vice rectors of the partner universities. In addition, the Student Council appoints its representatives to the five Mission Boards, which manage the FORTHEM alliance's focus areas and their activities.



The Student Council meets 4–5 times a year, mostly remotely, but there is also physical travel related to the tasks, as the alliance's meetings and events are held alternately at the partner universities.

FORTHEN Student Council representation is suitable for you if you are interested in international cooperation, its development and organisation, and possibly planning a career in international project or administrative tasks. You want to learn to work in a multilingual and multicultural environment, sometimes with challenging issues, but with strong support from the network. You will gain valuable experience and create your own international network for your future working life.

Eligibility requirements

JYY's [regulations on student representatives \(pdf, in Finnish\)](#) rule the following about eligibility (5 §):

The eligibility requirement for a student representative is the right to complete a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, a licentiate degree or a doctoral degree at the University of Jyväskylä. In addition, exchange students who have paid the Student Union's membership fee are eligible.

A prerequisite for eligibility is that the student's enrolment as attending at the University of Jyväskylä has been entered in the register before the end of the application period. If this has not been possible, the prerequisite for eligibility is that the applicant has submitted sufficient proof of attendance to the Student Union before the end of the application period. If the application period is extended, eligibility will be determined by the closing date of the original application.

A student is also eligible in a situation where he or she is not present during the application process but has registered as attending no later than the date on which the term of office of the position applied for begins. Even in this case, the registration for attendance must be recorded in the register or it must be proven before the end of the application period.

Full-time employees of the Student Union are also eligible for the position of student representative, even if they do not have the above-mentioned right to complete a degree. On the basis of an employment relationship, you cannot be eligible to serve on the faculty council or the business management board.



Persons who are in a full-time employment relationship with the University of Jyväskylä in accordance with the Election Regulations of the University of Jyväskylä are not eligible to be student representatives in the University of Jyväskylä.

Applying for the position and the selection process

The position is applied for using an electronic form that shows the position to be applied for, the applicant's full name, student number, email address, phone number, faculty and degree programme, as well as previous skills, experience and motivation, which the applicant hopes will be taken into account when making the selection. The application will be submitted within the application period. If it is not possible to use the form, the application can be submitted in writing to the Specialist in Academic Affairs.

Link to the online application form: <https://link.webropol.com/s/haku-syksy2026>

The following general criteria primarily affect the selection of student representatives:

- the ability to work in and commit to the task
- experience in a position of trust or other position related to the position
- motivation for the task

The selection is prepared by JYY's General Admission Committee, which will **interview the applicants briefly on 21st – 23rd of September in the afternoons**. The interviews will be held on the university campus. Applicants can register for an interview time that suits them after the application period has ended.

Depending on the composition, the general selection committee of about six members, as well as its chairman and secretary, are present in the interview situation. If all actual interview times are impossible due to a weighty reason, such as a refresher training exercise, the interview can be arranged on another date. However, this must be agreed upon in advance with the Specialist in Academic Affairs.

If the application period had to be extended, the interviews would take place at a later date. In this case, the applicants would be informed of the updated schedule and instructions as soon as possible.



The selection criteria will be assessed on the basis of the application and the interview.

The selection will be decided by the Student Union's Board in October on the proposal of the General Admission Committee.

For more information, please contact:

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