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alumni.indecs.fi/palaute

Alumni website
alumni.indecs.fi/

Alumni register
indecs.fi/alumnirekisteri/

Alumni LinkedIn-group
www.linkedin.com/groups/1575

Alumni Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/indecsalumni

Alumni Telegram-group
https://t.me/+DSg2zmsqu6xlYmJk

Greetings from the Alumni Board

Hello Alumni,

Autumn is here, and that means our “Semma & Sauna” event is just around the corner. We have been planning this event for quite some time, with the aim of bringing together students, alumni, and members of the unit. The event offers a chance to hear about the diverse career stories of our alumni and hopefully get inspired by the wide range of opportunities available for graduates from our field. There really isn't a single "typical" IEM career path.

I can use myself as an example. Becoming a doctoral researcher wasn't something I had planned years in advance. It just turned out to be an interesting opportunity at the right time. Along the way, I've had the chance to work on many interesting projects, travel to different countries, and share my research with both academic and practitioner audiences. Career paths often develop in unexpected ways and it's normal not to know where you'll be in a few years.

This year on the Alumni board has been productive so far. We have organized events, afterworks and weekly running activities. In addition, we have taken a more proactive approach to organizing events and have already started planning for next spring, trying to make the handover to the next board as seamless as possible.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved in alumni activities, now is the perfect time. The application period for the 2027 Alumni Board is open until the end of November, and I warmly encourage everyone who's even a little curious about organizing or developing our alumni activities to join us. We'd love to have new faces and fresh ideas on board next year!
I wish you a great rest of the year!

Elviira Saarelma
Chair of the Alummi Board 2026



News from the Guild

Hi everybody,

Career paths are a topic that gets talked about a lot among students. This discussion usually picks up when applying for summer jobs and right after, when everyone reflects on whether their summer job was anywhere close to what they could see themselves doing after graduation, or if they even landed a job at all this year. There are a lot of emotions tied to it: excitement, frustration, hope, and despair. Meeting alumni who have already made their way into working life can bring perspective, but also the comfort of knowing that there are many different paths.

Otto asked me to write about what kind of impact early roles and internships seem to have when thinking about a future career as a student. To me, it feels more comforting for students to remember that these early jobs do not dictate what you will do when you grow up or define your whole career. The best part about student summer jobs and internships is really getting to try out different directions, roles, and companies without having to make a long-term commitment.

During your studies, figuring out what you do not like is just as valuable as finding your thing right away. At the same time, you cannot deny that relevant summer jobs, internships, or working as a teaching assistant at the university open doors. In internships you get to apply what you learned in class, build professional confidence, and make valuable contacts. When you do not say no to opportunities that open up, those doors might lead a bit closer to where you eventually find your career. Equally, everything you do in your free time, at university, and in student organizations can open doors too. The more you do, the more you have to share, for example in a job interview. There really are many paths.



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Emilia Uusi-Heikkilä

News from the Guild

I feel that an illusion of an optimal career track easily forms among students, fueled by LinkedIn hype posts and comparing yourself to peers. It can be hard for a student to realize just how diverse real career paths actually are. From our perspective, it is great that alumni take part in the mentoring project, companies organize events for us, and both attend the events we host. Every encounter brings a student closer to figuring out what they might want to try or where to kick off their career. We also have the joint student and alumni career seminar coming up, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

I believe and hope that a combination of student initiative and curiosity, support from companies and the community, and the occasional bit of wisdom from alumni will guarantee that every young IEM student finds their place in working life.

Thanks again,

Chair of the Board
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Lue tutkimuksesta lisää nettisivuillamme:

Semma & Sauna - 13.11. Hervanta Campus & Teekkarisauna

This November, we are organizing Semma & Sauna for the first time, bringing together alumni, students, and university staff of IEM and IKM!

Join us for networking, insightful presentations, and discussions with students and other alumni, followed by a relaxing evening at Teekkarisauna! The theme of the event will be centered around insights and career development stories of the alumni of our guilds from different points in their careers!

Preliminary agenda:

- **16:00 Welcome & greetings from units**
  - **Ai & Worklife - Tijo Unit**
  - **IEM Career Paths - Tuta Unit**
- **17:00 - 19:00 Guest speakers that include:**
  - **Aleksi Roima**, Founder & CEO, Supergreen
  - **Jenni Heinisuo**, CIO, ISS Palvelut, IT & Digital leader of the year (Tivi)
  - **Juha Autio**, Director, Business Control, Fazer
  - **Teija Kuustonen**, Director, CX, Lindström
- **19:00 - to the night - Evening at Teekkarisauna** (w/ pizza, small activities and sauna)

The event is free of charge and open to all students, alumni, and staff from TUTA and TIJO. Register here by October 31. Please note that registration is binding due to catering arrangements.



News from the IEM unit

Dear Alumni and Friends of IEM,

Autumn has once again arrived in Tampere, and the campus is full of activity as a new academic year gets underway. Looking back at the past months, I can say that several, predoninantly positive, developments have taken place within the Industrial Engineering and Management unit.

One of the most significant milestones for us this year has been the arrival of two new tenure track professors. In August, Pia Hautamäki joined the unit as Associate Professor of Industrial Sales and Maria Lindholm as Assistant Professor of Safety Management. These recruitments strengthen our expertise in two strategically important areas and will contribute significantly to both our teaching and research activities in the years ahead. We are delighted to have Pia and Maria as part of our community and are already seeing the positive impact of their contributions.

Another major topic currently occupying much of our attention is curriculum development. A new curriculum planning cycle is underway, and numerous discussions are taking place regarding the future structure of our programmes and courses. One particularly exciting development is the launch of a new major in industrial sales and marketing. Building on the strong momentum created by recent investments and recruitments in industrial sales, the new major will offer students a unique opportunity to deepen their expertise in an area that is critically important for Finnish industry and international competitiveness. We are confident that this new educational offering will further strengthen the attractiveness and distinctiveness of IEM studies at Tampere University.

At the same time, higher education must continuously adapt to changing circumstances. As part of broader programme portfolio decisions, the international B&T master's programme has been discontinued. While it is sad to say goodbye to a programme that has served many students over the years, the decision allows us to focus our resources on areas where we see the strongest future demand and strategic opportunities.

News from the IEM unit

During the summer, an especially interesting project was carried out by IEM students on behalf of the unit and the alumni community. The project examined the career paths of IEM alumni and aimed to improve our understanding of how graduates build their professional careers after university. The results are extremely positive and provide valuable insights for students, alumni, and the unit alike, helping us better understand both the diversity and the long-term impact of an IEM education. We look forward to presenting and discussing the findings at an alumni Seminar and Sauna evening on 13 November. I warmly encourage all alumni to participate in the event and join the discussion.

More generally, one of our key goals remains strengthening the connection between the unit and its alumni. Your experiences, expertise, and willingness to engage with current students are invaluable. Whether through guest lectures, mentoring, collaborative projects, recruitment opportunities, or simply sharing career experiences, there are many ways in which alumni contribute to the continued success of our community.

On behalf of the entire IEM unit, I would like to thank all alumni for your continued support and engagement. We hope to see many of you in November and wish you a successful and enjoyable remainder of the year.

Best regards,
Tuomas



Ready to leave your mark on the IEM Alumni community?

We are looking for the board of IEM Alumni for the calendar year 2027!

On the Board, you will be able to create social and professional events for the community's alumni! If you have ambitious ideas that need execution, or you just want to help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the community, this is the right place for you!

The application period is now open and will close at 30.11.2026 so **leave your application here** and join us to create everlasting year of 2027!



End of the Year 2026 for Alumni

November	**Semma & Sauna - 13.11.** **Applications for Alumni board 2027**

Here are all the events of this year. Let us know what you would like to see in the future. What was successful and where could we have done better? You can find the feedback form here: https://alumni.indecs.fi/palaute

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