

Sibelius Academy

Student Exchange: Information for incoming applicants

The application round for 2018-2019 opens in mid-February. The deadline for exchange applications is March 31, regarding both semesters of the academic year 2018-2019.

Schedule of the academic year 2018-2019

Autumn semester: August 29 – December 21, 2018

Spring semester: January 7 – May 31, 2019

NB! Exchange students apply to the Sibelius Academy according to the above mentioned semester dates and not the semester dates of the sending institution.

Exchange students can apply to the Sibelius Academy for either autumn semester, spring semester or the whole academic year. The maximum length of exchange studies at the Sibelius Academy is two semesters.

Instructions for applying

Sibelius Academy has only one application round per year for exchange students: The application round for the intake of 2018 – 2019 is open **from mid-February until end of March 2018**.

NB!

- Student exchange applications for orchestral conducting are usually not handled, as there are no exchange study places available at the conducting class.

- The Department of Music Education only accepts exchange students for the whole academic year.

All applications have to be submitted through the *EASY Dreamapply* online application system.

Before starting your online application, please prepare the following documents you need to add to your application:

1. **Curriculum Vitae**
2. **Letter of Motivation**
3. **Transcript of Records and/or a certificate of previous studies**
4. **Learning Agreement**

You are asked to fill in the courses you wish to take at the Sibelius Academy to the online application system that will produce a learning agreement based on your choices. Make sure you enter a **complete list** of courses with course codes and study points to the application and not only for example "electives". Courses are selected from the *List of courses offered in English at the Sibelius Academy*. Please find the pdf-document here:

- o Courses offered in English: [pdf-version](#)

The updated version for 2018-2019 will be available later in March.

5. **Video recording**

A video recording of your playing or singing is required. The video needs to be uploaded to the application system. You may choose the works freely, a good number is 1-3 pieces in contrasting styles. Total length of the recording should not be longer than 20 minutes.

You can upload videos in most file formats. The size of the uploaded files should not exceed 100MiB. Videos can also be attached as a link to Vimeo, SoundCloud, YouTube or DropBox.

6. Students applying to composition: Scores

- o Composition applicants must submit the score of one or two work(s) showing both technical and compositional skills.

7. Students applying to Music Technology: Portfolio

- o Music technology applicants should include a portfolio of previous works to the application.

Online Application (opens in mid-February, closes on March 31)

Apply online: <https://aec.dreamapply.com/>

NB! If the applicant cannot find the possibility to apply to Sibelius Academy after choosing the home institution in the EASY online application system, it means that the institution may not have an Erasmus+ Inter Institutional Agreement with Sibelius Academy. In this case, please send a message to siba.incoming@uniarts.fi in order to inquire about the possibility to apply via the system.

Questions about the application process are to be addressed to email address:

siba.incoming@uniarts.fi.

Complete applications submitted through the online application system by the deadline will be examined and sent for evaluation to the department in question. The final decision on offering an exchange study place depends on the quality of the application and the availability of study places and suitable teachers. The evaluation of applications will take place in April – May. We will notify both the applicant and the coordinator of the sending institution about the result of the selection procedure in May-June. Accepted students will receive the decision through the online system and the Letter of Acceptance by email. The students who are not selected will be notified through the online system.

The international exchange office has published a [Practical guide for international students](#). The guide is designed to help international students to plan their stay and studies at the Sibelius Academy.

Useful links

[Study in Finland](#) is a database of English-language degree and non-degree programmes, information about Finland as a study destination, our higher education institutions and practicalities concerning scholarships, admissions systems and living in Finland. Also see [Study in Finland on Facebook](#).

[Helsinki City Tourist Information](#) offers free information about the city and its sights, events and services. Also [visit them on Facebook](#).

[VisitFinland](#) is the official travel site of Finland, and they can also be found on [Facebook](#).