

# SAFA membership & benefits



# How to become a SAFA full member?

You can apply for full SAFA membership if...

- You have completed a five-year university-level Master's degree in architecture in Finland.
- Or you have completed a five-year university-level architect's degree abroad.
  - A five-year academic degree fulfilling the requirements of the EU directive recognizing professional qualifications of architects, or an equivalent degree as an architect.

- Regarding degrees done in EU member states, all the additional studies required by the automatic qualification have to be completed as well.
- The equivalency of the degree is evaluated by the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI).
  - Those who have graduated as architects abroad are required to attach a certificate of equivalency by EDUFI to their membership application form.



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# What if I am already a SAFA student member?

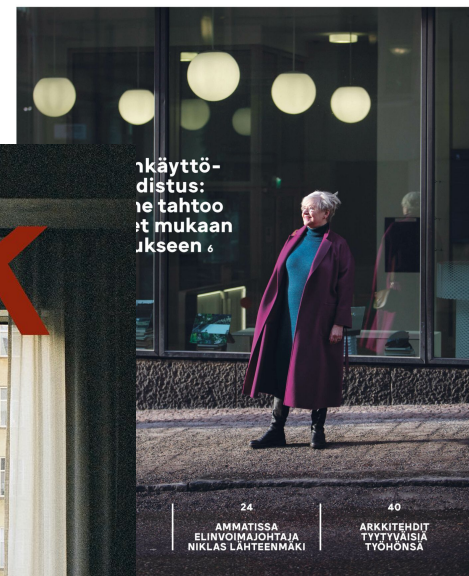
- If you are a SAFA student member and you have graduated, apply for the full membership by filling in the membership application form at [liity.safa.fi](https://liity.safa.fi)

What are the benefits of a full SAFA membership?

- Publications *Finnish Architectural Review* and *Arkkitehtiutiset* delivered to your home.



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**Arkkitehtiutiset**



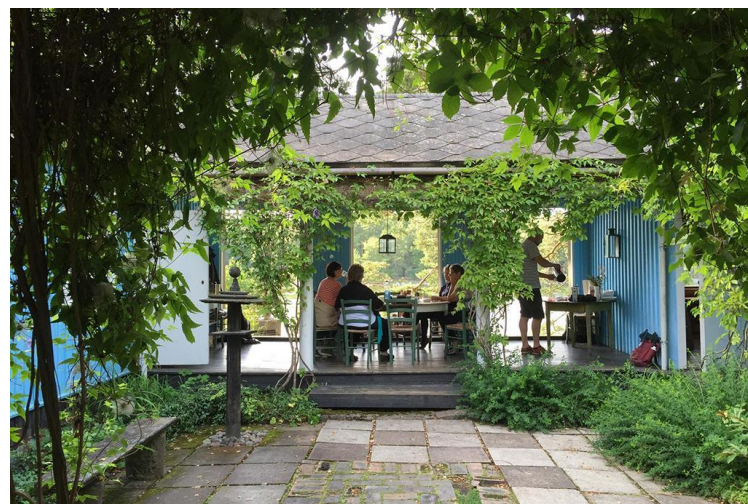
- Inexpensive participation fees to SAFA events and trainings.
  - See all the upcoming events at [safa.fi/tapahtumat](https://safa.fi/tapahtumat)
- Arkkitehtipäivät is the biggest annual event.
  - This year Arkkitehtipäivät is held in Seinäjoki in May.



Keynote speakers: Momoyo Kajima (Atelier Bow-wow) & Benedikt Hartl (Opposite Office)



- Access to [SAFA rental estates](#):
  - **Vähä-Kiljava** in Hyvinkää (50 km from Helsinki)
  - **Villa Oivala** on the Villinki island near Helsinki.



- Membership discounts
- AKAVA Member+ offers
- You can apply for SAFA grants and the SAFA mentoring program.
- And more!

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## How much SAFA membership costs?

- Full members membership fee is 499 € / year.
- Student membership is free for undergraduate students → After three years of studying, the membership fee is 25 € / year.

If you have just graduated, the payment increases in steps annually:

- After graduation 12 months 124,75 € (discount 75 %)
- After graduation 13-24 months 249,50 € (discount 50 %)
- After graduation 25-36 months 374,25 € (discount 25 %)

Employed architects can become **SAFA-TEK joint members** and enjoy the benefits from both organizations without any extra cost.



You can also join the  
**KOKO unemployment  
fund** via SAFA.

Membership fee for  
KOKO in 2024 is  
63 euros and it's paid  
directly to the fund.



How can I take part  
in SAFA activities?

## SAFA local sections

- As a member of SAFA, you automatically belong to one of our 13 local sections which function as collegial collectives in their own regions.
- The local sections are Hesa-SAFA, Häme-SAFA, Itä-SAFA, Kaakko-SAFA, Keski-Suomen SAFA, Lapin SAFA, Pohjanmaan SAFA, Pohjois-Karjalan SAFA, Pohjois-Suomen SAFA, Satakunnan SAFA, Savon SAFA, TamSAFA and Turku-SAFA.

## SAFA subsections

- You can also join one or more of [the five subsections](#) focusing on certain themes.
  - SAFA subsections are EKO-SAFA (ecological architecture), VATA-SAFA (public office architects), Yrittäjä-SAFA (“Entrepreneur-SAFA”), Opiskelija-SAFA (“Student-SAFA”) and Rakennusperintö-SAFA (“Building Heritage-SAFA”).
- Join a subsection by sending an email to [jasenasiat@safa.fi](mailto:jasenasiat@safa.fi)



Catch up with the local sections and subsections on social media:

- [Eko-SAFA on Instagram](#)
- [Rakennusperintö-SAFA on Instagram](#)
- [Opiskelija-SAFA on Instagram](#)
- [Hesa-SAFA on Facebook](#)
- [Yrittäjä-SAFA on Facebook](#)



Apply for membership at  
[liity.safa.fi](https://liity.safa.fi)

You can find your membership information on

## the mobile app

<https://mobiili.safa.fi/>

(coming soon in English!)

Remember to keep your contact details up to date so you don't miss anything!

