



TALENT HUB
EASTERN FINLAND

 **Economic
Development
Centre**



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Become a mentor for international students

The success of Eastern Finland's business life depends on the availability of skilled labour. We can only succeed with diverse expertise and innovations. International students have significant competence potential that we do not yet know how to utilise enough.

Instead of letting international talent leave, we must offer them opportunities for employment and building a life in Eastern Finland. To solve the problem, we need your help, working life professional.

Share your experience with future talents and become a mentor!

Mentoring provides the mentor and employer organisation with

- employer visibility
- an opportunity to get to know the skills of international students
- new perspectives and innovative ideas
- up-to-date information on fields of education and the future workforce
- the opportunity to network and get to know different cultures
- development of coaching and interaction skills

"They are very professional, even though they are students. Many of them have a strong background in their home country, for example, as entrepreneurs."

Development Manager
Kimmo Solehmainen,
Kuopio Health

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Mentoring programme schedule for the 2026–2027 season:

- Online mentor training in Finnish on Monday, 19.10.2026 at 12–14 and in English on Tuesday, 20.10.2026 at 14–16 (Sessions will be recorded)
- On-site programme kick-off event in Kuopio, Tuesday 27.10.2026, and in Joensuu, Thursday 29.10.2026, at 14–16
- Meetings agreed with your own small group (during November 2026–May 2027). You can agree with your mentor group on whether to hold face-to-face or remote meetings (4–6 meetings are recommended).
- Online interim meeting for mentors on Monday, 1.2.2027 at 14–16
- On-site spring meeting on Thursday, 29.4.2027 at 14–16

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