



## Principles of the University of Oulu Kummi Family Programme

### Kummi Family Programme aims at:

- Offering an international student a chance to learn about Finnish culture and lifestyle outside the university campus and adding positive value to the study experience
- Offering a positive cultural experience for both the student and the family
- Promoting cultural exchange and enabling friendships between local families and international students
- Promoting internationalization in the City of Oulu and Oulu region

The Kummi Family and the student are expected to be genuinely interested in cultural exchange and committed to the programme. The family should be able to communicate in some other language than Finnish. Participants should make sure to have enough free time to meet each other.

The programme runs September-May each academic year. The application period for students will be announced in the beginning of the autumn semester. Families can sign up for the programme year-round. Families and students will be matched based on common interests such as hobbies. Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs cannot guarantee a Kummi Family for all students who apply or a student to all aspiring Kummi Families.

Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs organize a first get-together meeting in the beginning of each autumn semester. The family and student then plan and decide together how often they meet and how they wish to spend their time together between September-May.

The basic idea of the programme is to promote understanding and friendship across cultures. The students and families are expected to act respectfully towards each other. The student's as well as the family's welfare, safety and cultural differences must be taken into consideration in

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every situation. The student or the Kummi Family must not cause any harm to each other.

The student has no obligation to work for the Kummi Family, for example as a babysitter. The Kummi Family is not responsible for the student's everyday life arrangements, such as housing and banking. The Kummi Family does not have any financial responsibilities for the student. The Kummi Family is not expected to provide the student with a special and costly free-time activity, such as trips.

Taking part in the Kummi Family Programme is voluntary for both the student and the family. If you have any problems with your family/student that you cannot talk through, please let the contact person at the Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs know at your earliest convenience. Both parties have a right to withdraw from the programme.

Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs have a right to choose the families and the students for the programme on the basis of applications. Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs have a right to remove a student or a family from the programme if necessary.

For the student: The Kummi Family programme, as well as the meetings organised by Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs, are regarded as a free time activity. Please note that an insurance is needed for everything that you do in your free time, also within the Kummi Family Programme. The University does not provide an insurance for students.

