### PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

UNIVERSITY OF VAASA 2021-2022









## Where we are matters to us

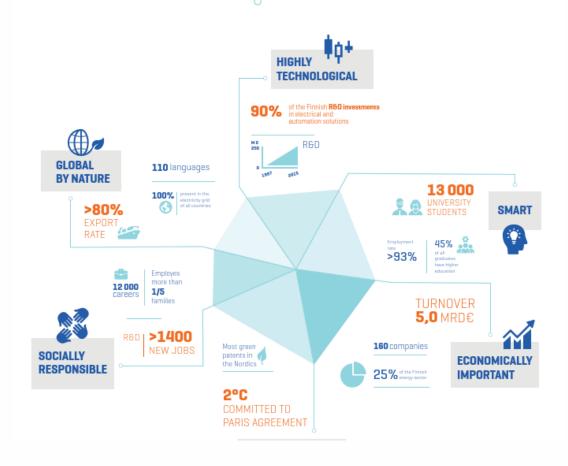
- With our campus located in a UNESCO world heritage site, we are working to transform it to become an even more attractive, inspiring and carbon-neutral community.
- Our university truly integrates business and technology to power innovation for sustainable futures. We are the entrance to a region that acts as one big living lab.
- We operate at the heart of the leading energy and environmental technology competence center in the Nordic countries, EnergyVaasa.
- Our schools and research platforms cooperate closely with public, private and third sectors.







### EnergyVaasa is the leading energy technology competence centre in the Nordic countries



- EnergyVaaasa is an economically significant region with more than 160 companies in the energy industry.
- These companies employ 12,000 people, 25% of all employees in the Finnish energy industry.
- The combined annual turnover of these companies is €5 billion, 80% of which comes from exports.
- The region's export sales account for up to 25% of all Finnish energy technology exports.



### What we are about

Values	Vision	Mission
Courage	The University of Vaasa is regarded internationally as a successful and impactful research university. We innovatively bring together experts in business, leadership and technology. Together, we generate solutions to global challenges. We are an attractive community based on equality and openness, to which people want to belong.	We carry out impactful research and educate experts that address the needs of society today, and in the future. We advance competitiveness, innovation and sustainable development in business, technology and society.
Community		
Responsibility		



### How we are organised

Board				
Rector				
Schools	Research platforms	Affiliated institutions	University services	
Management	VEBIC	Language Centre Linginno		
Marketing & Comms	Digital Economy	Levón Institue		
Accounting & Finance	InnoLab	Tritonia		
Technology & Innovations				
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# What are our big questions for the future?





What happens on a heating planet?

What makes a good city?

What is the future of work?



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Do economies have rules in the future?

Who do we listen to and why?

How do we pull together?



### What happens on a heating planet?

Climate change and global heating is the biggest threat humanity has faced.

Could we use new energy technologies, green investment strategies, sustainable business thinking, as well as deep understanding of human behavior – to do more with less?

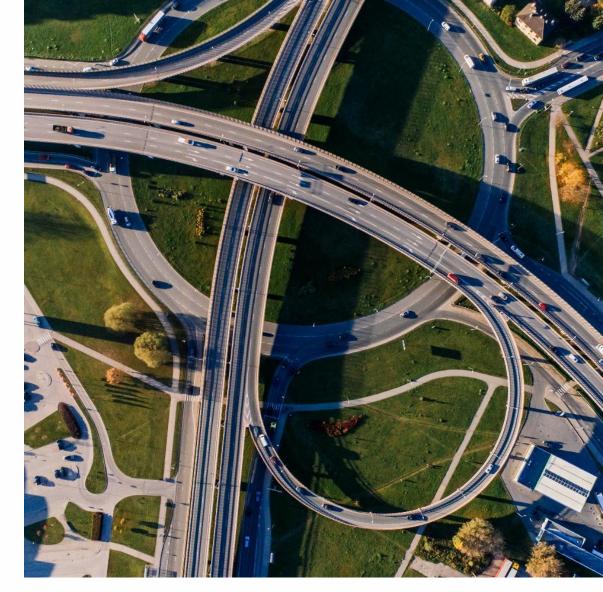




# What makes a good city?

Cities are the most concentrated hubs of change and lead the digital transformation of the world.

As our lives, jobs and communities are constantly reconfigured and new challenges arise, how can we make urban living smarter and greener?

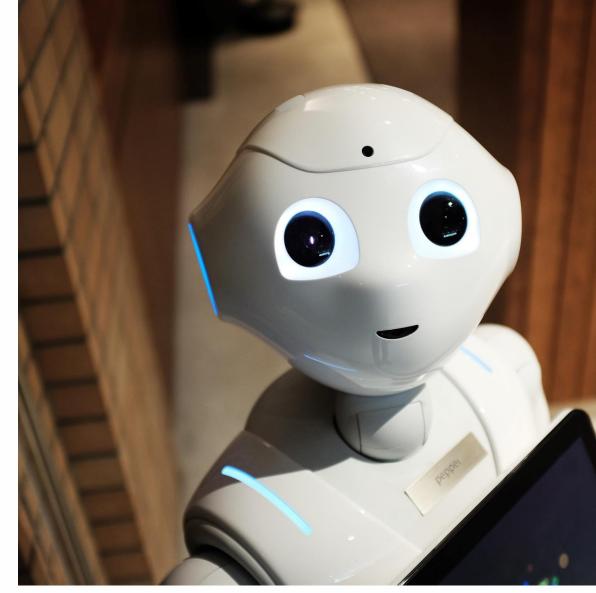




## What is the future of work?

Before you could get a degree and do the same job until you retired or died, but that rigid model is no longer current.

How are digitalisation, the manufacturing industry revolution, gig economy and disruptive business models changing the way the world works, and can we learn to balance it all?





## **Do economies have rules in the future?**

Economic turbulence and global dynamics show that our current economic models are nowhere near exhaustive.

What are the rules and risks of green investments? Are the winners the more flexible ones? Can any business think and operate truly locally anymore?





### Who do we listen to and why?

The skill of persuasion has become more valuable than ever due to the emergence of social media.

How can the power of media be used for good? How can we develop the communication skills of both public and private organizations all while ensuring media literate citizens?





### How do we pull together?

The global pandemic has tested humanity as a whole. The only way to solve any big problem is to collaborate.

How can policies be designed to anticipate and react to change? How do social systems and public management keep citizens safe and societies flourishing?





#### Our response to global challenges – making a sustainable impact



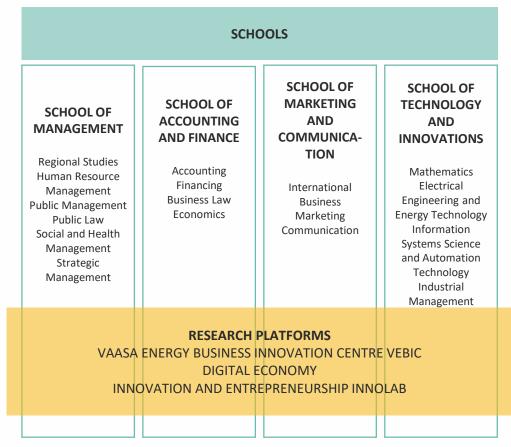
## Our response to global challenges

Our research contributes to solving complex societal challenges through scientific means.

Our strong basic research in specific fields and multidisciplinary research platforms work together to address challenges across disciplines. We promote multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research

### Our key themes are **responsible business**, **communication and ethical administration**

Our research also serves the region's leading energy and environmental technology competence centre



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### OUR TAUGHT PROGRAMME

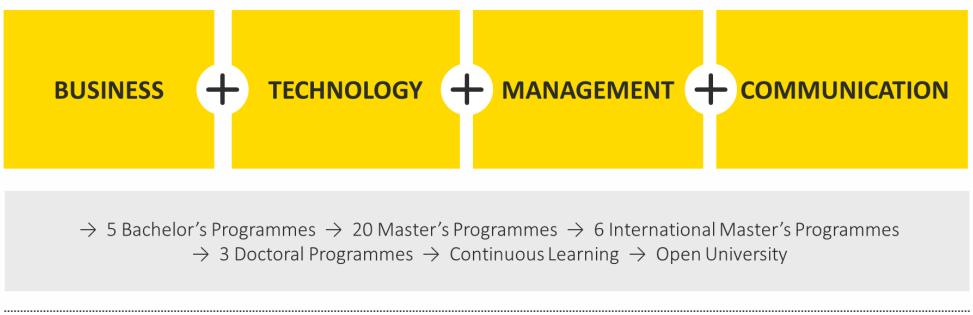
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



## **Diverse educational offerings**

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The University of Vaasa offers high-quality, multidisciplinary education





#### We are a community — on a beautiful & innovative campus

# Our community provides paths to success

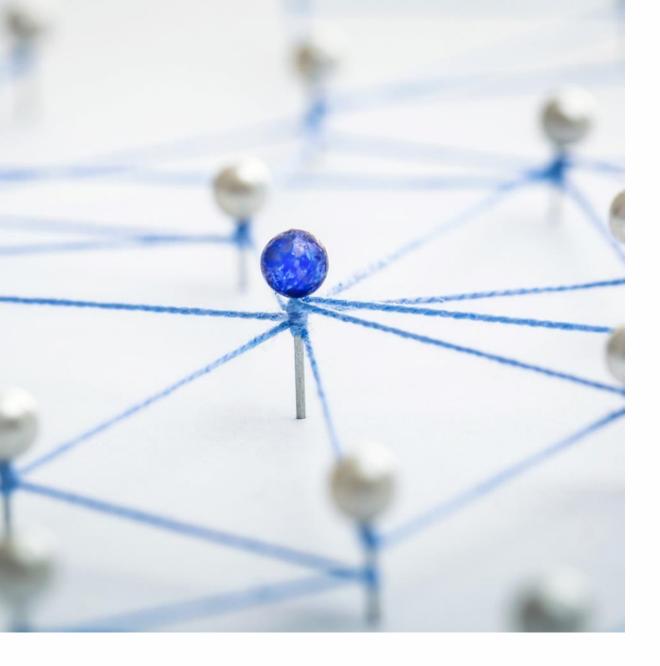
- Our accredited programmes in business and technology attract students from all around the world.
- A friendly atmosphere combined with top-quality education provides you with a unique foundation for your future.
- Our graduates enjoy excellent employment opportunities, and employers hold degrees earned from the University of Vaasa in high regard.
- Our tightly knit international community is one of the main strengths of the University. 9% of the students and 30% of the academic staff are international, ensuring a lively and diverse experience.





#### **Corporate Partners & Graduate Destinations – a small selection**





## International cooperation

- We are active in leading international and domestic research and education networks and partnerships
- Our partners are international science communities and companies
- Our internationally accredited university ensures an excellent education and employment opportunities





### **Our international provision**

#### **INTERNATIONAL MASTERS:**

- **FINANCE** (EFMD ACCREDITED)
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (EFMD ACCREDITED)
- **STRATEGIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** (EFMD ACCREDITED)
- INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT (ASIIN ACCREDITED)
- INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS & ANALYTICS (ASIIN ACCREDITED)
- SMART ENERGY

- MORE THAN 200 EXCHANGE
  PARTNERSHIPS ON RECORD
- UNIVERSITY HAS SEEN 150-200
  INCOMING EXCHANGE AND DOUBLE
  DEGREE STUDENTS EACH YEAR

EFMD

**EPAS** 

ACCREDITED

Accredited Degree

Programme

2019-2021

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## OUR SCHOOLS





#### **Accounting & Finance**

- Auditing and Control in Accounting
- Business Law and Information
- Economics
- Finance and Financial Accounting



MASTER'S STUDENTS

DOCTORAL STUDENTS

18 PROFESSORS



## Marketing & Communications

- International Business and Marketing Strategies
- Marketing and Consumer Research
- Communication Studies

1103 STUDENTS



4'/4 MASTER'S STUDENTS 46 DOCTORAL STUDENTS

14 PROFESSORS



## Management

- Human Resource Management
- Public Policy and Organisations
- Strategic Business Development
- Complexity





### Technology & Innovations

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- Smart Electric Systems
- Renewable Energy
- Networked Value Systems
- SC-Research





477 MASTER'S STUDENTS 85 DOCTORAL STUDENTS

17 PROFESSORS



## OUR RESEARCH PLATFORMS

PHENOMENON-BASED RESEARCH





### **Co-operation with research platforms**

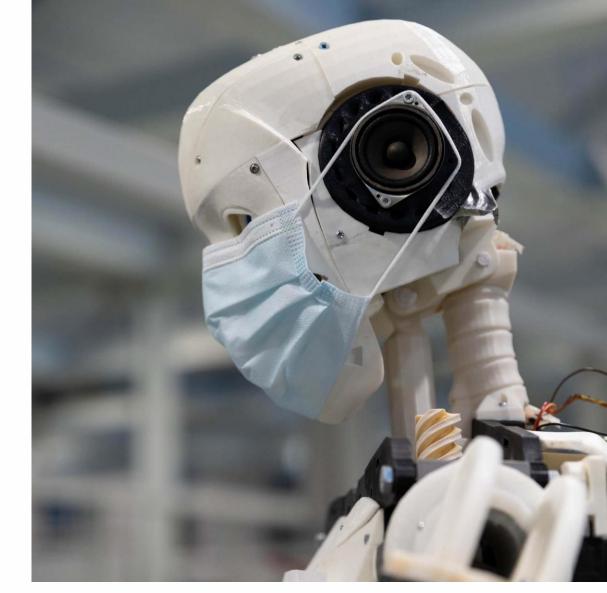
Platforms are **multi-disciplinary** and **open for third parties** 

Platforms provide an effective way to engage in **open research and open innovation activities** 

Platfroms engage with industrial and reasearch partners, assisted with external Advisory board and Scientific board

Platform collaboration will provide

- Access to latest knowledge and expertise
- Opportunities to set up tailored research projects
- Leading edge expertise and though leaders
- Excellent networking and recruitment opportunities





## **Digital Economy**

- Digitalisation as a driver of change in business and society
- Data and innovations
- Digital organisations
- Platforms and demand side economics of scale





**FOUNDED IN** 

2016





Hydrogen and wind for the vessels of the future – significant EU funding for the University of Vaasa for low-carbon shipping research PERSONNEL

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#### **VEBIC** Vaasa Energy Business Innovation Centre

- VEBIC work is organised in two interacting research programmes:
  - Future Resilient Energy Systems
  - Energy Transition Management
- Three research laboratories and one educational laboratory.



#### InnoLab Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Evolving space of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Cross-governmental innovation
- Open and user innovation
- Design thinking, prototyping, hackathons





