

## WELCOME TO THE UNION OF PROFESSIONALS IN NATURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY SCIENCES!

Congratulations on your study place! We welcome you to join the Union of Professionals in Natural, Environmental and Forestry Sciences Loimu as a student member. We are a community of the most skilled experts in natural, environmental and forestry sciences. Every day, we work to ensure that your current and future working life offers you rewarding opportunities. We will advocate for you both in the context of labour market negotiations for large groups of employees and in the workplace in individual situations that you encounter. We provide you with high-quality services and researched information for the development of your own competencies, career and employment opportunities. We contribute to the vitality of all sectors under Loimu. We offer you membership benefits for useful products and services. We support and help you throughout your studies and working life.

## Make bold choices, find your own thing and crew

During your studies, you have the opportunity to find your own interests. Feel free to try different courses and minor subjects, organisational activities, company visits, conferences and events. Get fully involved in everything related to your studies. Enjoy, experience and learn from successes as well as mistakes. Your growth as a highly educated expert and professional has just begun and will continue throughout your life.

Your current peers are your future colleagues, clients and partners. You will be employed as experts in key areas concerning the well-being of humanity and the future of our planet. Loimu's student activities offer you an excellent opportunity to get to know new, like-minded people, with whom you can accomplish big things both during your studies and in your future working life.

## Loimu is for you - in Loimu you can make a difference

Loimu has approximately 16,500 members, of whom nearly 5,000 are student members. We are part of Akava, a trade union for professionals with high-levels of education, and together with other affiliates under Akava, we have reached collective labour and service agreements for highly qualified employees in Finland and achieved social reforms to the annual leave system, the family leave system and more that have improved the professional life of experts.

So join us and get to know our community. Perhaps you will play an active role in Loimu's operations. We offer membership for free to first year students in higher education! More information about Loimu and its services is available at <u>loimu.fi</u>.

## Yours sincerely, on behalf of experts in the field,

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The Union of Professinals in Natural, Environmental and Forestry Sciences Loimu is a 16,500-member interest and service organisation that functions under Akava. Members are trained biologists, life scientists, chemists, geologists, limnologists, foresters, environmental scientists, meteorologists, geographers, statisticians, physicists, mathematicians – and many other professionals in the natural and environmental sciences and forestry.