

Rules of Impactus ry

1 § Name and Location of the Organization

The official name of the organization is Impactus. The organization resides in Helsinki.

2 § Languages used in the organization

The official language of the organization is Finnish. A member of the organization has the right to use Finnish, Swedish or English when making a case. The uses of these languages in different situations are specified in different sections of the rules.

3 § Purpose and Responsibilities of the Organization

The organization acts as the student association for students enrolled in the Translational Medicine degree program at the University of Helsinki. The organization supports and oversees the common interests of current and graduated students.

The organization aims to promote and enhance solidarity among Translational medicine master's students and between students of other disciplines. To achieve these aims, The organization:

- supports and looks out for the academic and professional interests of Translational medicine master's students
- builds and maintains connections to other student associations at University of Helsinki
- cultivates solidarity and team spirit among students

To support these aims the organization can:

- ask the members to pay a membership fee amount of which is determined by the board of the organization
- after receiving required permits, organize fundraising events and other occasions that can require participants to pay a participation fee
- can accept donations
- can own any other type of property or asset that is required for the activity of the organization

4 § Members

Any person who fulfills the criteria for becoming an actual member is eligible to apply for an actual membership. Actual members are

required to have study rights in the Translational Medicine degree program at the University of Helsinki.

Any person who fulfills the criteria for becoming an external member is eligible to apply for an external membership. External members are required to have study rights at the University of Helsinki. The right to apply for external membership also applies to exchange and post-graduate students.

Alumni members can be accepted into the organization in the case they are former members of the organization. For justified reasons, people who are external to the organization and have sufficient connections to the organization can also become alumni members.

Someone who has made a significant contribution to the field of translational medicine or has shown significant support for the goals and activities of the organization can become an honorary member of the organization. Honorary memberships can be given by the board.

The membership is confirmed by the board of the organization according to applications addressed to it.

5 § Membership fee

Actual, external and alumni members can be asked to pay a membership fee, which can be separately decided by the board. The membership fee is paid once for three (3) years. Membership fees do not apply to honorary members.

6 § Resignation and Deposition

Members can resign from the organization by informing the board or the chairperson either in writing or in person at any official organization meeting where the decision will be entered into the minutes.

The board can expel a member with a unanimous vote if a member does not pay the membership fee or if the member:

- causes significant harm or damage to the property of the organization
- does not follow the rules of the organization
- acts in a way that negatively affects the organization
- acts in a way that violates the aims of the organization or publicly acts as a representative of the organization without authorization from the board and by doing so harms the organization in any way

The board can also expel a member that no longer fulfills membership requirements.

7 § Board of the organization

The organization is run by the board of the organization, which consists of the chairperson, 2-8 board members and 0-8 deputy board members. The board, auditor, and vice auditor are chosen by the caucus for one year at a time. The board decides on selecting the vice chairperson and chooses amongst it a secretary, treasurer, and other necessary officials.

Board meetings are called by the chairperson but can also be called by the vice chairperson in the case that the chairperson is unable to. Board meetings can be called in the case that the aforementioned board members see the need for a board meeting. A board meeting can also be called by other members of the board in the case that over half of the board members require one. The quorum for the meeting of the board is no less than half of its membership, including the chairperson or vice chairperson. Motions are decided on according to a majority vote. If there is a split vote, the vote of the chairperson will determine the result. In elections, split votes are decided on by a drawing of lots.

A board member must be a registered student in the Translational Medicine master's program at the University of Helsinki at the time of the election meeting. Board members can be relieved from their duties with a two thirds majority vote in an official meeting of the organisation. The release from duties should relate to the fulfillment of the role only and all mitigating circumstances must be considered. The person being released should receive at least a week's notice before the vote.

8 § Signing the Name of the Organization

The name of the organization can be signed by the chairperson, or any other two board members together.

9 § Financial Period

The financial period of the organization is one calendar year.

10 § General Meetings of the Organization

The organization holds two general meetings annually. The spring meeting is to be organized between January and May and the autumn

meeting is to be organized between September and December. Specific dates are decided on by the board.

A general meeting can be attended, if decided so by the caucus or the board, through mail, telecommunication or through other technical means during the meeting, or prior to it.

The general meeting is lead in English. Members may use Finnish, Swedish or English to present a case. The chairperson is to give a report in English on the motions presented prior to voting. All documents used in a general meeting are to be written in Finnish and English.

The previous year's financial report, annual report, and the discharge of the previous board and other liable members are approved in a general meeting organized in the spring. The financial report and annual report are to be presented in Finnish and English.

The board, the operations inspector and its deputy are chosen for a one year term in the election meeting. An auditor is also chosen in the election meeting, if required.

All members have the right to be present, to speak, and to vote at general meetings of the organization. The meetings have full decision-making power when the meeting has been called for according to the rules and at least one fifth of the membership is present.

In general meetings each member has one vote. A majority vote is required among the participants for motions that are being voted on to be approved, if not otherwise stated by the rules of the organization. In case of a split vote, the vote of the chairperson determines the result. In case of a split vote in elections split votes are decided on by a drawing of lots.

The board of the organization, the auditor, and vice auditor are elected in the election meeting.

11 § Calling for a general meeting

General meetings must be called by the board no less than three days before the meeting. A general meeting must be called either by a letter posted through mail or by email. The invitation to the meeting is to be written in Finnish and English.

12 § Changing the Rules & Disbandment of the Organization

The rules of the organization can be changed, and the organization can be disbanded in a general meeting with at least two thirds

majority required in the votes. The call for the general meeting to change the rules must include a note mentioning the intention to change rules or disband the organization. In case the organization is disbanded, all financial assets must be donated to a cause aligning with the aims of the organization. This cause is decided by the members of the organization at the general meeting where the decision to disband has been made. In the case that the organization must be shut down, the same distribution of financial assets applies.

13 § Otherwise, the organization complies with existing Finnish legislation regarding organizations.