6th FAST Sprint Meeting: Event Guide

4-5.11.25 Tampere, location: [Scandic Rosendahl](), Pyynikintie 13, Tampere.

Goal and Target Audience

The goal of the FAST meetings is to present our latest research in Software Engineering and plan the next research sprint. Doctoral researchers and members of the industry are invited to participate in the meetings to exchange ideas and shape the future of Software Engineering research in Finland.

The meetings are open to anybody interested in doctoral research in Software Engineering. We encourage all doctoral researchers and supervisors participating in the Doctoral Pilot in Software Engineering to register and attend the meeting.

This document describes the 6th FAST meeting that takes place in Tampere on November 4 and 5, 2025. This meeting marks the beginning of the 6th sprint for the researchers starting in August 2024 and the beginning of the 4th sprint for the doctoral researchers starting in January 2025. Doctoral researchers can present their plans, drafts and articles during the meeting for discussion, feedback and collaboration.

	August 2024		January 2025	
Meeting	Sprint	Outcome	Sprint	Outcome
#1 Otaniemi	1	Research Poster		
# 2 Lahti	2	Thesis Research Plan		
# 3 Oulu	3	Plan first research article	1	Research Poster
# 4 Helsinki 12-13.5.2025	4	Draft / full article / plan next article	2	Thesis Research Plan
# 5 Jyväskylä 12-13.8.2025	5	Draft / full article / plan next article 1st year retrospective	3	Plan first research article 6m retrospective
# 6 Tampere 4-5.11.2025	6	Draft / full article / plan next article	4	Draft / full article / plan next article

Meeting Overview

The 6th FAST Meeting is intended for all doctoral researchers and supervisors.

Tuesday 4.11

09:00–10:00 Registration

10:00–12:00 Plenary session, location: floor 1, room Henrika 5. Chair: Kari Systä.

10:00–10:20 Goals for this meeting. Ivan Porres.
10:20-10:40   Career story 1: Iftikhar Ahmad
10:40–12:00 What every researcher should know about responsible research with Generative AI, workshop. Muhammad Waseem.

12:00–13:00 Lunch, location: half floor down from floor 1, the main restaurant

13:00–16:00 Mini conference, parallel breakout sessions, part I*, location: floor 1

13:00–13:50
 Security & Identity, location: Emilia
 Regulation & AI, location: Henrika 5
 Processes & Methods 1, location: Henrika 6

14:10–15:00
 Quality, location: Emilia
 Data Engineering, location: Henrika 5
 Processes & Methods 2, location: Henrika 6

15:10–16:00
 Edge AI & Federated Learning, location: Emilia
 Requirements Management, location: Henrika 5
 Formal Approaches & Quantum, location: Henrika 6

16:15–17:00 Community meetings, location: floor -2

16:15–17:45 SG meeting, location: room Ranta Diplomaatti. Chair: Ivan Porres.
16:15–17:00 Supervisor community meeting, location: room Hiekka Diplomaatti. Chair: Ella Peltonen.
16:15–17:00 PhD community meeting, location: room Harju Diplomaatti. Chairs: Tamara Ahmed, Md Mahade Hasan.

There is a homework before these sessions

Need a room for an ad-hoc meeting? Rooms Ranta Diplomaatti, Hiekka Diplomaatti, and Harju Diplomaatti are available until 16:15. Location: floor -2.

Social programme

18:00– Dinner, location: Scandic Rosendahl restaurant hall

Wednesday 5.11

09:00–10:30 Tutorial on how to make a startup business out of your research, location: floor 1, room Henrika 5. Chair: Kari Systä.

> How to make a startup business out of your research. Tutorial and preparation for the 7th FAST Spring Meeting. Kai-Kristian Kemell.

10:30–12:00 Career path presentations, location: floor 1, room Henrika 5. Chair: Kari Systä.

> Career stories: Laura Hokkanen and Marko Leppänen.

12:00–13:00 Lunch, location: half floor down from floor 1, the main restaurant

13:00–15:00 Mini conference, parallel breakout sessions, part II*, location: floor 1

> **13:00–13:50**
> Software Business, location: Henrika 5
> Programming, location: Henrika 6
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> **14:10–15:00**
> Architecture & Cloud, location: Henrika 5
> Safety Critical Domains, location: Henrika 6

15:15–15:30 Closing and the Next Meeting, location: floor 1, room Henrika 5. Chair: Kari Systä.

> About the 7th FAST meeting, 3-4.2.2026, Joensuu

*There is a homework before these sessions

Homework

Phd researchers

Prepare an abstract of your paper or research plan (max 1 page). It can be the actual abstract of an existing paper or an abstract of the research plan. Submit it by Friday 24.10. During the 6th FAST Sprint Meeting (see Mini conference sessions), you will give a presentation of the submitted work. Prepare presentation slides before the meeting.

During the meeting, you will present your work in the group you will be assigned to and should participate in a discussion with other participants in your group.
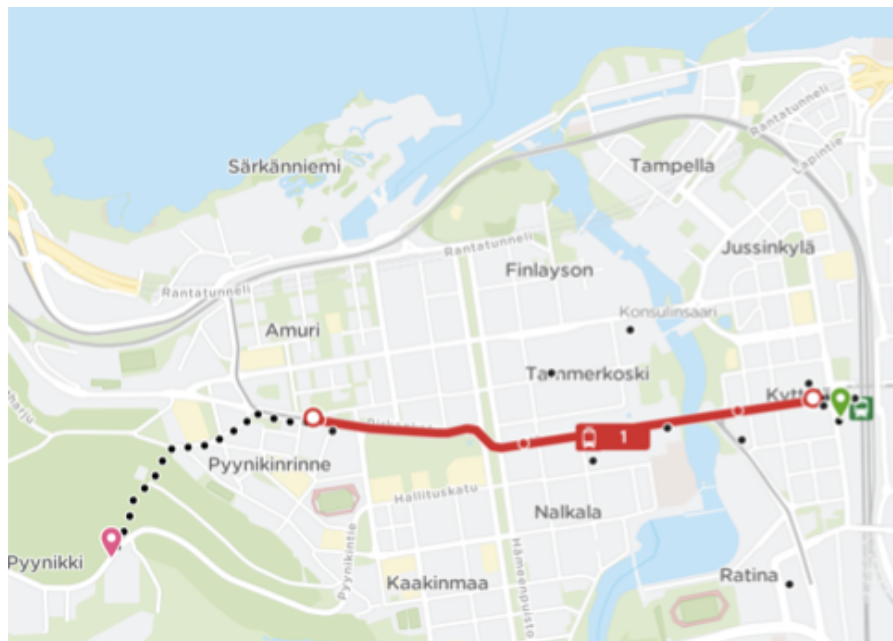
Supervisors

Before the 6th FAST Sprint Meeting you will receive instructions about the assigned group. We would like you to read the submissions in your group and provide constructive feedback during the presentation sessions.
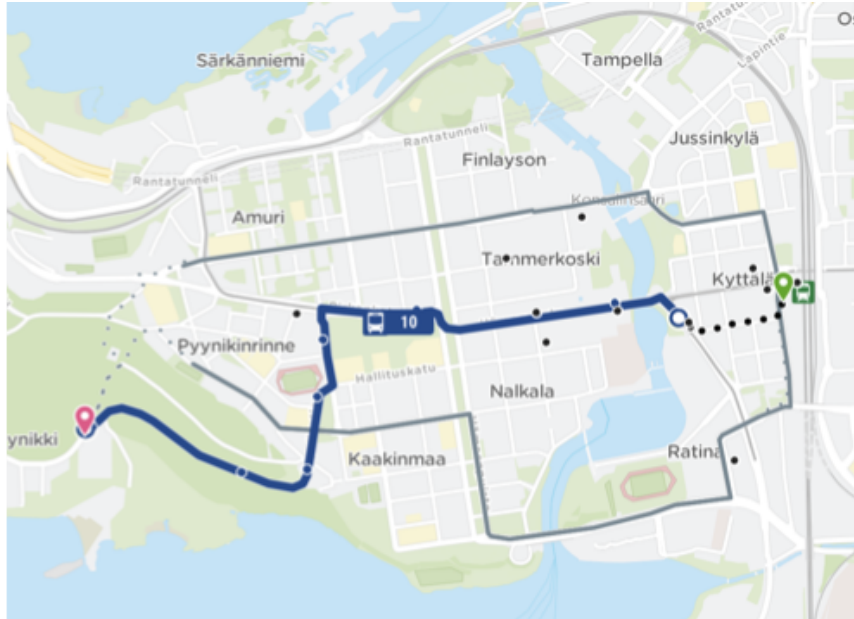
Practical Information

Transportation

Public transport from train station to Rosendahl

In good weather tram #1 and walk is good option:

Use of bus #10 requires less walk:

For schedules, details and more options see reittiopas.tampere.fi

Hotels recommendations

Scandic Rosendahl has some room capacity, but since there are other events, too, we all do not necessarily fit in.

Tampere have many hotels, but here are some options from the same side of the city:

- Scandic Hämeenpuisto
- Unity Tampere
- Hotel H28
- Sokos Hotel Ilves
- Scandic Koskipuisto