

Ernst Mach Grant for studying at an Austrian university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule)

Country of origin:

Afghanistan; Algeria; American Samoa; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Congo - Democratic Republic of the; Costa Rica; Cote D'Ivoire; Cuba; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Fiji; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; India; Indonesia; Iran - Islamic Republic of; Iraq; Israel; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Korea - Democratic People's Republic of; Korea - Republic of; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia - Federated States of; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru; Nepal; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Syrian Arab Republic; Taiwan; Tajikistan; Tanzania - United Republic of; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United States; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Venezuela; Viet Nam; West Bank and Gaza Strip; Western Sahara; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe

Target country:

Austria

Area of study or research:

Natural Sciences

Technical Sciences

Human Medicine, Health Sciences

Agricultural Sciences

Social Sciences

Detailed type of grant:

Semester and/or one-year grants

Funding:

National

Target group:

Undergraduates

Graduates

Funding organisation:

OeAD-GmbH/ICM on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV)

Duration:

4 to 10 months

Grant benefit paid:

Supplementary grant, own funds are required

1) Monthly grant rate 1.050 EUR**2) Accommodation, insurance**

a) It is possible for OeAD scholarship holders to book accommodation (dormitory or apartment) with the OeAD Housing office. The monthly costs are:

i. monthly rent: 220 to 480 EUR (depending on the amenities)

ii. monthly administrative fee: 18 EUR

b) OeAD scholarship holders need to have health insurance that is accepted by the Austrian authorities for the duration of their stay in Austria. The OeAD can help with taking out such insurance. The monthly costs can vary, at the moment you should calculate 55 to 200 EUR (depending on your age, scholarship category and state of health).

Scholarship holders have to pay the costs for accommodation and insurance themselves.

3) Scholarship holders are exempted from paying tuition fees.

4) Scholarship holders from non-European developing countries will also receive a travel costs subsidy of max. 1.000 EUR. This subsidy can cover (parts of) travel expenses to Austria as well as to Austrian representative authorities outside the home country.

Closing date for applications:

01. 03. 2018

for the academic year 2018/19

[apply online](#)

Advice on how to apply:

Eligible for application are students who

- a. are studying a master Programme at a university in one of the above-defined countries of origin or
- b. are studying a Bachelor Programme at a university in one of the above-defined countries of origin and have successfully completed at least 4 semesters of studies by the time of taking up the grant.

Maximum age: 35 years (born on or after October 1st, 1982).

Applicants must not have studied/pursued research/pursued academic work in Austria in the last six months before taking up the grant.

A grant can only be consumed once in the frame of this programme.

Language skills: Very good knowledge of English and/or German

FAQs: Please check our list of frequently asked questions regarding the application process and eligibility for this grant.

The scholarship will only be granted for study projects that can be completed within the scholarship period (max. 10 months).

Applicants have to be accepted as **exchange scholars** or **free movers** from an Austrian University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule). The confirmation of acceptance as an exchange student or free mover has to be enclosed with the application. (Therefore please contact the University of Applied Sciences of your choice in time.)

For more information regarding study programmes at the Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen) please access <http://www.fachhochschulen.ac.at/>. The topics of the study programmes can roughly be summarized as follows: "Economics/Business", "Tourism", "Economics and Technology", "Technology/Biotechnology", "Media and Design" as well as "Health and Social Matters".

The following documents have to be uploaded with the online application:

- Two letters of recommendation by university lecturers. For these letters of recommendation no specific form is required; they must contain the letterhead, date and signature of the person recommending the applicant and the stamp of the university / department and must not be older than six months at the time of application.
- Confirmation of the home university that the exams passed in Austria will be recognized by the home university (e.g. a learning agreement).
- Confirmation of acceptance as an exchange student or free mover from the University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule).
- Scan of your passport (page with the name and photo).
- Scan of a current Transcript of Records.

Proof of the successful course of your studies in Austria

Scholarship holders have to pass exams corresponding to at least 15 ECTS credits per semester. If the scholarship has been awarded for a period that is longer than one semester, the scholarship will only continue if at least 15 ECTS credits have been gained in the first semester. Proof of this has to be provided by March 15th, 2018. If less than 15 ECTS credits are gained, the scholarships automatically ends at the end of March 2018.

General Information

- Grants are only awarded for studies at universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen) where the majority of the costs for the study place is borne by the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW).
- The selection process for all grants for Austria is competitive, i.e. there is no legal claim to a grant even if all application requirements are fulfilled.
- Applicants should consider and explicitly agree that the personal details in the application will be shared with the authority dealing with their application and the contractual exchange partners as well as with other authorities awarding grants in Austria (§ 1 of the Data Protection Act, Federal Law Gazette of the Republic of Austria No. 165/1999, as amended).

Selection procedure:

Incomplete applications and applications not complying with the application criteria will not be accepted for the further selection process.

The selection process consists of the following stages:

1. Examination of the formal requirements
2. Examination of the application's general plausibility
3. Assessment and evaluation of the application by experts
4. Final decision by the BMWFW

Further information:

Scholarship holders are not allowed to take up paid work in Austria while receiving an OeAD grant.

Reporting commitment:

Scholarship holders are obliged to submit a final report at the OeAD GmbH at the end of their scholarship stay.

Grant contract:

The recipients of grants will get the grant contract (Letter of Award and Letter of Acceptance) from the OeAD-GmbH/ICM. The contract covers the following aspects: Start and end dates of the grant; monthly grant rate; grant payment modalities (including a possible travel cost subsidy); compulsory presence at the place of study; performance record; data protection; repayment requirements.

Details see: <https://oead.at/scholarship-conditions/>

Legal Basis:

Federal Ministries Act 1986 (Federal Law Gazette No. 76/1986) as amended on 1 July 2016.

Federal Finance Act (Bundesfinanzgesetz) as in force at the date the scholarship was awarded.

OeAD Law (Federal Law Gazette I No. 99/2008) in its current version.

Individual funding according to Sect. 1 para. 2 Z.1 ARR 2014 (Federal Law Gazette II No. 208/2014).

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