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


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<b>Country of origin:</b>	Afghanistan; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Congo, The 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; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 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; Palestinian Territory, Occupied; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; 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; United Arab Emirates; United States; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Venezuela; Vietnam; Western Sahara; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
<b>Target country:</b>	Austria
<b>Area of study or research:</b>	Natural Sciences Technical Sciences Medicine Agriculture and Forestry, Veterinary Medicine Social Sciences, Law and Economics Humanities and Theology
<b>Type of grant:</b>	grants
<b>Detailed type of grant:</b>	semester and/or one-year grants
<b>Funding:</b>	national
<b>Target group:</b>	undergraduates graduates
<b>Authority awarding grant:</b>	OeAD-GmbH/ICM on behalf of and financed by the BMWF
<b>Duration:</b>	4 to 10 months
<b>Quota:</b>	The quota depends on the budget.
<b>Grant benefit paid:</b>	1) Monthly grant rate € 940.-- 2) Accident and health insurance, accommodation a) If necessary, the OeAD-GmbH will take out an accident and health insurance on behalf of the grant recipient. b) The OeAD-GmbH will endeavour to provide accommodation (student hall of residence or flat) for recipients of grants who wish to get accommodation arranged by the OeAD. Monthly costs: € 220.-- to € 470.-- . For accommodation arranged by the OeAD-GmbH an administration fee of € 18.-

per month is payable. The costs for insurance and accommodation have to be paid out of the grant by the recipient of the grant.

3) Recipients of grants are exempted from paying tuition fees.

4) Recipients of grants from non-European developing countries will also receive a travel costs subsidy of 730 EUR maximum.

**Closing date for applications:** 01. 03. 2014 for the academic year 2014/15

**Where to submit your application:** online at <http://www.scholarships.at> only.

**Application form:** A hardcopy application is not possible.

#### **Advice on how to apply:**

Eligible for application are students who are studying a master programme at a university in one of the above-mentioned countries or who have successfully completed at least 4 semesters of studies within a bachelor/diploma programme at a university in one of the above-mentioned countries at the time of taking up the grant.

Maximum age: 35 years (born on or after October 1st, 1978).

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.

Proficiency in the language of instruction (German or English), particularly in the respective subject area, is a prerequisite.

The confirmation of admission by the Fachhochschule degree programme of your choice has to be enclosed with the application. (Therefore please contact the Fachhochschule degree programme of your choice in time.)

The study programmes on offer at the Austrian universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen) and Fachhochschule degree programmes can be found at <http://www.fhk.ac.at>. The topics of the study programmes can roughly be summarised 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 at [www.scholarships.at](http://www.scholarships.at):

- 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 be no older than six months at the time of application.
- Confirmation of the home university that the exams passed in Austria will be recognised by the home university.
- Acceptance letter from the university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule).
- Scan of your passport (page with the name and photo)
- Scan of the transcript of your exams passed so far.

#### **I. 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, 2015. If less than 15 ECTS credits are gained, the scholarships automatically ends at the end of March 2015.

#### **II. 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 and Research (BWF).
- Incomplete applications and applications not complying with the application criteria will not be taken into account.

- 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 take into consideration § 1 of the Data Protection Act, Federal Law Gazette of the Republic of Austria No. 165/1999, as amended, that the personal details contained in the application will be passed on to the authority dealing with their application, the contractual partners, the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs and in the exchange as well as to other authorities awarding grants in Austria and will expressly agree with that.

**Selection procedure:**

Selection by an expert commission in Austria.

The selection commission examines and assesses the applications according to the following criteria:

- Why do you want to study in Austria?
- Why have you chosen this Fachhochschule degree programme?
- What exactly do you want to do during your study period in Austria?
- Which courses do you want to attend?
- Are your planned studies related to your planned future career?
- Prior studying history (duration and grades).

**Further information:**

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