

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

for the academic year 2016/17, pursuant to §§ 57 - 61 of the Student Support Act
(*Studienförderungsgesetz, StudFG*) 1992

Merit-based scholarship grants are intended to reward students for outstanding academic achievement in a regular degree program.

Merit-based scholarship grants may not be below € 750 or exceed € 1,500.

Please note that the financial means available for merit-based scholarships are limited and depend on the number of students to graduate from WU. The application requirements are therefore only guidelines and subject to change depending on the number of applications.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- **EEA member country citizenship or Austrian citizen status (§ 4 of the Student Support Act)**
Citizens of third countries are considered to have equal status if included under the EEA Agreement or the Treaty of Rome; also stateless persons, if before commencing their studies at WU, they, together with at least one parent, have been subject without restriction to Austrian income tax for at least five continuous years, and their center of vital interests was in Austria throughout this period; and refugees as defined in Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, Federal Law Gazette (*Bundesgesetzblatt, BGBl*) No. 55/1955.
- **Enrollment in a regular degree program at WU**
- **Compliance with the entitlement period (§ 18 of the Student Support Act), accounting for any extensions due to reasonable cause (§ 19 of the Student Support Act).** If a student has changed to a new curriculum version of his or her degree program, the duration of studies under the old curriculum will be taken into account accordingly.
- **Outstanding academic performance in a regular WU degree program in the academic year 2016/17 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017).** Merit scholarship grants are based only on grades with an examination date within the period named above which appear on the transcript provided by WU Vienna University of Economics and Business on or before October 31, 2017.
 - **Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **52** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.5** in the academic year 2016/17

- **Bachelor's Program in Business Law**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **52** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.7** in the academic year 2016/17

- **Master's programs**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **52** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17

- **Doctoral Program in Social and Economic Sciences**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **19** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17
 - Research Seminars I-IV in the main subject and the Research Proposal are not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average.

- **Doctoral Program in Business Law**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **18** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17

- **PhD Program in Finance**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **22** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17
 - The courses Finance Paper Reading A and B, Paper Writing, and the Research Seminars A and B are not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average.

- **PhD Program in International Business Taxation**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **29** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17

- **PhD Program in Economics and Social Sciences**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **28** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17
 - A grade point average of **1.0** in the academic year 2016/17
 - Electives and the Research Proposal are not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average.

- **Individual study programs with WU focus**
 - Minimum academic performance requirements: completion of program-relevant courses worth at least **52** ECTS credits in the academic year 2016/17. For applications for an individual study program, transcripts for all exams taken for the individual study program and any official credit transfer notifications (for recognized exams) must be submitted within the application period.
 - A grade point average of **1.5** in the academic year 2016/17

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT:

Applications can be submitted using the **online application tool** (<https://bach.wu.ac.at/z/stud/leistungsstipendium>). If you are not an Austrian citizen, please submit your supporting documents with regard to equal status (§ 4 of the Student Support

Act) to the Study Regulations office **during the application period**. If you have reasonable grounds for an extension of the entitlement period pursuant to § 19 of the Student Support Act, these documents must also be submitted to the Study Regulations office **during the application period**.

Only students in individual study programs are required to submit a WU transcript.

APPLICATION PERIOD:

Monday, October 9, 2017, 9:00am to Friday, October 20, 2017, 12:00 noon

AWARDING THE GRANTS:

Grants are awarded by the Vice-Rector, Academic Programs and Student Affairs, in her authority as representative for study regulations and academic legislation at WU, based on the financial resources provided by the Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy, as part of the administration of WU funds. To be awarded a scholarship grant, applicants must fulfill the legal requirements and the conditions specified in the call for applications.

If the number of positive applications exceeds the financial means available, the requirements can be adjusted subsequently. Pursuant to § 61 (4) of the Student Support Act, WU is obligated to publish the ranking of the applications. The ranking will be published on the info screens in or in front of the Study Service Center.

All applicants will be informed via their WU email address whether their application has been approved or rejected. Please note that students have no legal entitlement to a merit-based scholarship (§ 61 (2) of the Student Support Act).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

- <https://www.wu.ac.at/en/students/bachelors-student-guide/grants-and-scholarships/>
- Study Regulations & Credit Transfer, Study Service Center, building LC, level 2, Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna (Ms. Forstner or Ms. Lichtblau, Study Regulations desk); if you have any further questions, please contact studienrecht@wu.ac.at
- The Social Affairs Office of the Austrian Students' Union ÖH (Spitalgasse 2, Hof 1, 1090 Vienna)

On behalf of the representative for study regulations and academic legislation at WU
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