

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

for the 2023 calendar year  
(§§ 63–61 Student Support Act [*Studienförderungsgesetz*])

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research provides WU with funding for need-based scholarships each year. They are intended to fund the writing of academic theses being written as part of a regular degree program.

I.e., need-based scholarships provide financial support while you are writing your master's thesis or dissertation.

Recipients of need-based scholarships are awarded at least €750.

Expenses directly related to the writing of the academic thesis are eligible for funding, e.g.:

- Travel expenses for research stays abroad
- Complicated or time-intensive literature research
- Empirical work

Funding is not available, however, for:

- Living expenses
- Costs involved in actually producing the physical work, e.g. writing, printing, or binding costs, copying or telephone expenses
- General supplies, e.g. computer, paper
- Expenses normally covered by the budget of the supervising institute

## APPLICATION PERIODS

**April 17–28, 2023**  
**October 9–20, 2023**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

**EEA member country citizenship or Austrian citizen status** (§ 4 of the Student Support Act)

**You have the same status like an Austrian citizen if:**

- You have a "Daueraufenthalt - EU" residence permit
- You are a Swiss citizen and have lived in Austria for an uninterrupted period of at least 5 years
- You are a stateless person and
  - Together with at least one parent, you have been subject to Austrian income tax for at least 5 continuous years before enrolling in your degree program
  - Your center of vital interests was in Austria throughout this time
- You are a refugee

## **Enrollment in a WU degree program**

### **Entitlement period** (§ 18 of the Student Support Act)

- The entitlement period is made up of the prescribed duration of your degree program plus 1 additional semester.
- If you change to a new curriculum version of your degree program, the total number of semesters you have been enrolled will be added together.

### **Academic performance in a regular degree program**

#### **Master's programs**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 45 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 2.0 or better

#### **Doctoral Program in Social and Economic Sciences**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 24 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

#### **Doctoral Program in Business Law**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 18 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

#### **PhD Program in Finance**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 22 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

#### **PhD Degree Program in International Business Taxation**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 29 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

#### **PhD Program in Economic and Social Sciences**

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 28 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better
- Please note: Electives and the Research Proposal are not included in the calculations.

## **APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

Please submit your application to [studienrecht@wu.ac.at](mailto:studienrecht@wu.ac.at) providing the following documents:

- Application form
- Current enrollment information sheet (*Studienblatt*)
- Transcript
- Proof of Austrian citizen status, if applicable
- Proof of reasonable grounds for an extension of the entitlement period (§ 19 of the Student Support Act), if applicable
- Description of the master's thesis or dissertation in progress
- Statement of costs, approved by the thesis supervisor
- A report from your thesis supervisor stating that they expect you to complete the thesis with above-average success
- Financing plan

The application form is available at <https://www.wu.ac.at/en/students/my-program/masters-student-guide/grants-and-scholarships>.

## **RESULTS**

We will notify you by email if your application for a scholarship has been approved or not. The financial means available to WU for awarding scholarships are unfortunately limited. Please note that students have no legal entitlement to a need-based scholarship (§ 67 [1] of the Student Support Act).

Please note: You are required to submit a report detailing the appropriate use of the need-based scholarship 6 months after receipt of the scholarship.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- [Guidelines](#) on applying for need-based scholarships
- For questions, please contact [studienrecht@wu.ac.at](mailto:studienrecht@wu.ac.at) or call +43-1-313 36-3506
- The Social Affairs Office of the Austrian Students' Union ÖH (Spitalgasse 2, Hof 1, 1090 Vienna)

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