

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

for the 2026 calendar year
(§§ 63–61 Student Support Act - *Studienförderungsgesetz*)

Need-based scholarships 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 a one-off payment of 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 13–April 24, 2026
October 5–16, 2026

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

Enrollment in a WU degree program

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 Business Law

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

Doctoral Program in Social and Economic Sciences

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 30 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

PhD Program in Finance

- Positive completion of courses worth a least of 30 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 30 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 30 ECTS credits
- A grade point average of 1.5 or better

Please note: Electives and the Research Proposal are not included in the calculations

Entitlement period

The entitlement period is made up of the prescribed duration of your degree program plus 1 additional semester.

Please note: 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. Extensions are possible for reasonable cause (§ 18 of the Student Support Act).

- **Master's Program in Business Education:**

5 semesters + 1 semester

- **All other master's programs:**

4 semesters + 1 semester

- **Doctoral and PhD programs:**

6 semesters + 1 semester

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

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Please submit your application to 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>.

Please note: You can find video instructions and a template for the correct preparation of the expert opinion, the statement of costs and the financing plan 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.

In the fact sheet for the final report at <https://www.wu.ac.at/en/students/my-program/masters-student-guide/grants-and-scholarships> you will find important, detailed information.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- [Guidelines](#) on applying for need-based scholarships
- For questions, please contact 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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