

Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation (DIBT) receives doc.funds of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

We are proud to announce that WU's Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation (DIBT) is one of only four programs chosen this year to receive the coveted doc.funds of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), which will provide additional funding for the program for another four years.

DIBT is a highly successful doctoral program, focusing on one of WU's core research areas, international taxation. It was launched in 2011 with the help of FWF's DK (Doctoral Program) funding and has since been established as a regular doctoral program at WU, providing high-quality interdisciplinary training for graduates in the field of international taxation, including and combining the disciplines of public finance, international tax law and cross border tax management. The three-year full-time program is held entirely in English and therefore attracts a correspondingly international collegiate. DIBT graduates have gone on to start promising careers, many of them securing positions in academia, others at national and international research centers, multinational organizations, or in the private sector.

DIBT students write their doctoral thesis in their own discipline (law, business, public finance, economic psychology), while being exposed to intensive interdisciplinary discussions during their stay in Vienna. During the first year, students are required to attend many comprehensive courses to provide the basic knowledge necessary for interdisciplinary working. The second and the third years are dedicated to seminars offering different perspectives on taxation, a research stay abroad, additional optional workshops, and especially to research on the thesis. Throughout the three years, a research seminar supplements the students' training.

DIBT guarantees the best possible standards in both research and teaching through its faculty of renowned scholars. The core faculty of the program is made up of an interdisciplinary team of WU professors, including Eva Eberhartinger, Michael Lang, Zoltán Novotny-Farkas, Pasquale Pistone, Alexander Rust, Rupert Sausgruber and Martin Zagler. They are supported by guest professors Erich Kirchler, Dominika Langenmayr, Caren Sureth-Sloane und Alfons Weichenrieder. Additionally, many visiting professors, who are internationally recognized leading experts in their fields, contribute to the DIBT with their expertise, and form an integral part of the doctoral program, thereby completing the top-level academic education offered to the students.

Please find the relevant press releases on the <u>WU Website</u>. For more information about the DIBT Program, please see <u>www.wu.ac.at/dibt</u>.

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