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

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Target country:	Austria
Area of study or research:	Natural Sciences Technical Sciences Human Medicine, Health Sciences Agricultural Sciences Social Sciences
Detailed type of grant:	Semester and/or one-year grants
Funding:	National
Target group:	Undergraduates Graduates
Funding organisation:	OeAD-GmbH/MPC on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)
Duration:	4 to 10 months
Grant benefit paid:	<p>Supplementary grant, own funds are required</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Monthly grant rate EUR 1,050 2) Assistance in arranging accommodation and health insurance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) It is possible for OeAD scholarship holders to book accommodation (dormitory or apartment) with the OeAD Housing of the respective host university. The monthly costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · monthly rent: roughly EUR 250 to 600 (depending on the amenities) · monthly administrative fee: EUR 18 b) OeAD scholarship holders need to have health insurance that is accepted by the Austrian authorities for the duration of their stay in Austria. The OeAD can help with taking out such insurance. The monthly costs can vary, at the moment you should calculate EUR 55 to 200 (depending on your age, scholarship category and state of health). Scholarship holders have to pay the costs for accommodation and insurance themselves. c) Applicants from non-EU/EEA countries who are planning a research stay of more than 6 months: If your monthly costs for accommodation in Austria exceed EUR 300, you may need to provide proof of additional funds to the Austrian residence authority when you apply for your residence permit. This figure may vary depending on your individual costs for health insurance and other liabilities. 3) Grant holders do not have to pay tuition fees in Austria. They might have to hand in a request at the rector's office of their respective host university and demonstrate that they are studying or doing research in the context of transnational EU, national or university mobility programs. 4) Scholarship holders from non-European developing countries will also receive a travel costs subsidy of max. EUR 1,000.
Closing date for applications:	the latest 01.03.2021 for the academic year 2021/22

Goals:

- To promote research cooperation
- To promote young academics in the early stages of their scientific career
- To establish an effective network of researchers with relations to Austria

Eligible for application are students who

- a) are studying a master Programme at a university in one of the above-defined countries of origin or
- b) are studying a Bachelor Programme at a university in one of the above-defined countries of origin and have successfully completed at least 4 semesters of studies by the time of taking up the grant.

Maximum age: 35 years (born on or after October 1st, 1985)

Applicants must not have studied/pursued research/pursued academic work in Austria in the last six months before taking the grant.

A grant can only be consumed once in the frame of this programme.

Language skills: Very good knowledge of English and/or German

FAQs: Please check our list of frequently asked questions regarding the application process and eligibility for this grant.

The scholarship will only be granted for study projects that can be completed within the scholarship period (max. 10 months).

Applicants have to be accepted as **exchange scholars** or **free movers** from an Austrian University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule). The confirmation of acceptance as an exchange student or free mover has to be enclosed with the application. (Therefore please contact the University of Applied Sciences of your choice ahead of time.)

For more information regarding study programmes at the Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen) please access <http://www.fachhochschulen.ac.at/>. The topics of the study programmes can roughly be summarized 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:

- 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 not be older than six months at the time of application.
- Confirmation of the home university that the exams passed in Austria will be recognized by the home university (e.g. a learning agreement).
- Confirmation of acceptance as an exchange student or free mover from the University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule).
- Scan of your passport (page with the name and photo).
- Scan of a current Transcript of Records.

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, 2022. If less than 15 ECTS credits are gained, the scholarship automatically ends at the end of March 2022.

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 Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).
- The selection process for all grants is competitive, i.e. there is no legal claim to a grant even if all application requirements are fulfilled. The number of grants that will be awarded during one call depends on the quota and/or the available budget. Applicants may apply for several grants at the same time.
- Grant holders must be present at their place of study in Austria to study or conduct their research project.
- Once an application has been rejected, it will not be considered any further within that call. However, it is possible to re-apply for this grant with a revised application in the future.
- Applicants must comply with the admission regulations of the respective university.

Data Protection:

Applicants agree that the personal data provided within their application will be processed diligently on the legal basis of
- General Data Protection Regulation (EU)2016/679 and Austrian Data Protection regulations, in particular:
- §2g Research Organisation Act (Forschungsorganisationsgesetz - FOG), Federal Law Gazette No. 341/1981, and
- OeAD Act (OeAD-Gesetz), Federal Law Gazette I No. 99/2008, all in their current version,
for the purpose of handling their application and compiling statistics. The OeAD is responsible for processing the applicant data.

More information is available at <https://oead.at/en/privacy-policy/>

Selection procedure:

Incomplete applications and applications not complying with the application criteria will not be accepted for the further selection process.

The selection process consists of the following stages:

1. Examination of the formal requirements
2. Examination of the application's general plausibility
3. Assessment and evaluation of the application by experts
4. Final decision by the BMBWF

Further information:

Scholarship holders are not allowed to take up paid work in Austria while receiving a grant.

Reporting commitment:

Scholarship holders are obliged to submit a final report at the end of their scholarship stay.

Grant contract/grant award:

Grant recipients will be issued a grant contract (Letter of Award and Letter of Acceptance). It defines the following: start and end date of the grant, grant amount, payment modalities, compulsory attendance at the guest institution, performance report and final report, data protection, repayment obligations and other conditions and requirements.

Details see: <https://oead.at/scholarship-conditions/>

Legal Basis in Austria:

Federal Ministries Act 1986, Federal Law Gazette No. 164/2017

Federal Finance Act (Bundesfinanzgesetz) as in force at the date the scholarship was awarded.

OeAD Act, Federal Law Gazette I No. 99/2008 in its current version.

Research Organisation Act (Forschungsorganisationsgesetz - FOG), Federal Law Gazette No. 341/1981, in its current version
Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Finance on General Framework Agreements for the Granting of Federal Funds (Allgemeine Rahmenrichtlinie – ARR), Federal Law Gazette No. 208/2014, in its current version

Special Guideline for the Granting of Federal Funds according to section § 5 ARR 2014, Federal Law Gazette No. 208/2014

<https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/HS-Uni/Studium/Hochschulmobilitaet-/SRL.html>

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