



ERNST MACH GRANT - EURASIA-PACIFIC UNINET

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	China; Mongolia
TARGET COUNTRY	Austria
AREA OF STUDY OR RESEARCH	Natural Sciences Technical Sciences Human Medicine, Health Sciences Agricultural Sciences Humanities Arts
DETAILED TYPE OF GRANT	Semester and/or one-year grants, Research grants
FUNDING	National
TARGET GROUP	PhD students PhD holders, post docs
FUNDING ORGANISATION	OeAD-GmbH/ICM on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), organized in cooperation with Eurasia-Pacific Uninet
DURATION	1 to 9 months Postgraduates: 1-9 months Postdocs: 1-6 months
GRANT BENEFIT PAID	Supplementary grant, own funds are required! 1. Monthly grant rate A. for postgraduates: €1.050,- B. for postdocs: €1.150,- 2. Accommodation, health insurance A. It is possible for OeAD scholarship holders to book accommodation (dormitory or apartment) with the OeAD Housing office. The monthly costs are: - monthly rent: €250,- to €600,- (depending on the amenities) - monthly administrative fee: €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 €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.

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- GRANT BENEFIT PAID**
- 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 €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 travel costs subsidy of max. €1.000,-

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

October 1st 2019
March 15th 2020
October 1st 2020

APPLICATION FORM

Application at
<https://www.scholarships.at/>

ADVICE

Eligible for application are

- A. Postgraduates pursuing a doctoral/PhD programme at one of EPU's member institutions in China or Mongolia;
- B. Postdocs pursuing academic work at one of EPU's member institutions in China or Mongolia;

Applicants under A. Have to prove that they pursue doctoral/PhD studies, applicants under B. Have to prove that they are employed by the partner institution; the grants should serve the promotion of young academic talents, therefore, post docs should not have graduated longer than five years ago at the time of application; applicants must not have studied/pursued research or academic work in Austria in the last six months before taking up the grant; information about member institutions is available on the website of the Eurasia-Pacific Uninet

Maximum age: 35 years (born on or after October 1st 1984)

Language proficiency: depending on their study/research project, applicants have to prove good knowledge of English and/or German. If the study/research project in Austria is to be pursued in English (the written consent of the supervisor is needed), the TOEIC® (Test of English for International Communication) has to be completed successfully. In the areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing, candidates must at least achieve level B2. For more detailed information, please follow <https://www.ets.org/toeic>. Alternatively, the IELTS (level 7) may be used to prove sufficient language skills (<https://www.ielts.org/>).

If the study/research project is pursued in German, one of the following certificates have to be presented: Austrian Language Diploma - ÖSD Zertifikat C1 or comparable tests like TestDaF (Level TDN4/5) or Goethezertifikat (level C1).

The grants will only be awarded for projects that can be completed within the approved period (max. 9 months).

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The following documents have to be uploaded during the online application at <https://www.scholarships.at/>:

- Two letters of recommendation by lecturers of the home university (EPU member institution in China or Mongolia). The recommendation letters do not require a specific form, but must bear the letterhead, date and signature of the person recommending the applicant as well as the stamp of the university/department and must not be older than six months at the time of application.
- Consent of a lecturer at the Austrian host institution (EPU member institution) to academically supervise the applicant.
- Scanned copy of your passport (page with name and photo)
- Scanned copy of your university graduation certificates (Master, PhD or doctoral studies) as well as a German or English translation (appropriate confirmation from the home university (Foreign Office) in English)
- Written consent from the home university (Foreign Office) to the application (in English)
- Complete description of the research project (2-4 pages)

General Information:

- Applicants who seek admission to a university in Austria have to contact the Institution of their choice directly.
- Applicants who come to Austria to conduct research and, therefore, do not need to seek admission to university, have to prove sufficient knowledge of the language they wish to conduct their research in. The consent of the supervisor in Austria is needed.
- Short-term grants (1 to 3 months) have a priority in the period from January to June. In other cases Problems can arise as regards accommodation. When applying for a short-term grant therefore consideration should be given to applying primarily for the period of January to June.
- The selection process for all grants for Austria 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.
- A shifting of the duration of your stay in Austria is generally not possible.
- Once an application has been rejected, it will not be considered any further within the call. However, it is possible to re-apply for this grant with a revised application in the future.
- Scholarships are granted for study/research at Austrian Eurasia-Pacific Uninet partner institutions only.

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's 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 follows a multistage process:

1. Examination as to formal requirements
2. Assessment of the application's plausibility
3. Interview by a board of examiners of the EPU or 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 an OeAD scholarship.

Reporting commitment:

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

Grant contract/grant award:

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:

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 Law, 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/studium/sonderrichtlinien-zur-vergabe-von-foerderungen/>

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