



Tender for Merit-Based Scholarships 2025/26

In accordance with Sections 57ff Student Support Act (StudFG), merit-based scholarships are intended to recognise excellent academic performance.

1. Eligible Persons

Students who are either Austrian citizens, foreigners with equivalent status (EEA nationals, refugees), or stateless persons can apply for a merit-based scholarship.

2. Scholarship Amount

Pursuant to Section 61 (1), the amount of a merit-based scholarship may **range from EUR 750 to EUR 1,500**.

3. Application

a. Requirements

1. Positive completion of all courses of the academic year of 2025/26.
2. The weighted grade average¹ may not fall below 2.0 (pursuant to Sections 57 ff StudFG). It is calculated based on a student's grades, with consideration to the ECTS credits allocated to them.
3. Recognitions pursuant to Section 12 FHG are made in the amount of up to 5 ECTS credits per academic year. Exceptions are made for recognitions within the framework of exchange semesters; in this case, an application is permitted.
4. Fulfilment of tender conditions represents the necessary minimum.

¹ To access your weighted grade average in CIS, go to "My CIS / My Grades"

5. In case of a tie in terms of the average grade, the decision is made based on criteria to be determined by the Academic Director, for example the grade of the final exam.

b. Submission Deadline

Applications are to be submitted **from 01/10/2026 to 30/11/2026 via CIS** (Registrations / Type: Merit-based scholarship).

4. Awarding of the Scholarship

- Merit-based scholarships are awarded by the responsible Academic Director.
- The scholarship is awarded within the framework of the private-sector administration on the basis of student applications. There is no legal claim to the awarding of the scholarship.
- Educational institutions are to publish a ranking of applicants. All applicants are to be sent a well-founded decision concerning the acceptance or rejection of their application.
- If the number of applicants fulfilling the criteria in a class of a certain academic year is insufficient, the available scholarships are distributed among the other classes.
- Educational institutions are to submit an annual report on their selection criteria, and the number and amount of awarded merit-based scholarships to the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.

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