

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

### announced by the Rector of Studies

### with respect to the academic year 2023/2024

The merit-based scholarship in accordance with the Student Support Act (§ 57 to 61 Studienförderungsgesetz/StudFG as amended) recognizes and rewards outstanding academic achievements and is announced once a year for students at the University of Klagenfurt. All achievements performed during the academic year 2023/2024 are considered (**period covered: 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024**). The valid date is the assessment date as stated in the course certificate. A merit-based scholarship must not be lower than 750 Euro and may not exceed 1500 Euro.

#### MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

##### Compliance with good academic practice

##### Bachelor's , Master's and Diploma programmes

- Academic achievements amounting to at least 60 ECTS credits<sup>1</sup> during the stipulated period; among these, no more than 8 ECTS credits may be graded as “participated with success/MET”
- an overall grade point average of all ECTS credits earned in the academic year 2023/2024 that is lower than 2.0
- if applicable, the assessment “excellent (sehr gut)” for the Diploma or Master’s thesis
- if applicable, a comprehensive examination by committee (Diploma or Master’s examination) equates to 5 ECTS credits per examination subject.

##### Doctoral programmes

The doctoral thesis completed during the performance period must have received the grade “excellent (sehr gut)”.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Status (§ 3 StudFG): regular degree student** at the University of Klagenfurt.

- Students pursuing the teacher training programme within the scope of the Development Association South-East (Entwicklungsverbund Süd-Ost) must have their primary registration at the University of Klagenfurt.
- No co-registered students.

**Austrian citizenship, or  
citizenship of an EEA member state (incl. Switzerland) or  
foreign nationals treated as equal and stateless persons (§ 2 to 4 StudFG):**

Third-country nationals are persons who hold the citizenship of a country that does not belong to the European Area (EEA). They are treated as equal, provided they

- are entitled to permanent residence in Austria (i.e. have already resided in the country legally and without interruption for at least five years) (Evidence: EU Permanent Residence Card) or
- are family members of Union citizens who are migrant workers or who are self-employed in Austria (Evidence: Birth certificate or marriage certificate, passport of the family member and insurance

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<sup>1</sup> European Credit Transfer System - credits

- data extract of the social insurance provider) or
- are family members of Austrian citizens. (Evidence: Birth certificate or marriage certificate and proof of citizenship of the family member)

Stateless persons shall enjoy equal status with Austrian citizens subject to the same conditions as those applicable to third-country nationals. (Evidence: Refugee status (passport, notification))

Refugees within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, Federal Law Gazette No. 55/1955, shall enjoy equal status with Austrian citizens. (Evidence: Refugee status (passport, notification))

**An equivalency recorded in the Admissions and Examinations Office is considered as proof.**

**Compliance with the prescribed study period** (eligibility period according to § 18 StudFG):

- In principle, the eligibility period comprises the prescribed study period which is required for the completion of Bachelor's examinations, Master's examinations, Diploma examinations, teacher qualification examinations, doctoral examinations or oral defences, or other examinations concluding a degree or a stage of studies plus one additional semester (tolerance semester).
- In the event that a student transfers to a new curriculum, the duration of studies in the old curriculum is not considered when calculating the eligibility period.
- For the calculation of the eligibility period, the summer semester 2020 is not taken into account (§ 3 para. 1 COVID-19 Regulation on Student Support/ COVID-19-Studienförderungsverordnung – C-StudFV).

**Extension of the eligibility period** due to good reasons (§ 19 StudFG):

- The eligibility period shall be extended, if the student can prove that exceeding the prescribed study period was due to good reasons. Professional activity is not a valid criterion for extension.

**What are good reasons?** (§ 19 StudFG)

- Illness of the student, certified by a specialist medical practitioner,
- pregnancy of the student (extension by one semester),
- care and raising of a child under the age of six (extension by a maximum of two semesters per child),
- officially determined degree of disability of at least 50 % (extension by two semesters),
- any unforeseen or unavoidable event which is not or only to a minor degree the fault of the student,
- completion of a military service, a community service, a voluntary social year, a memorial service, a peace and social service abroad, or similar (extension by one semester for every six months of service),
- maintenance proceedings against a parent liable to pay maintenance (extension by one semester).

**Further stipulations:**

- Students enrolled in two or more degree programmes at a time may apply for one degree programme only. In order to calculate the average grade (minimum specification), all academic achievements performed during the academic year are taken into consideration.
- Students must provide a certificate of recognition (Anerkennungsbescheid) issued by the responsible degree programme director for any examinations, which were taken at a different domestic or foreign university during the stipulated period. The relevant date is the date of the examination. You can apply for recognition in the student portal.
- The application for the merit-based scholarship is also permissible in the event that the degree was successfully concluded before the end of the academic year, or if studies are temporarily suspended due to leave.

## RANKING AND AWARD

The award of a merit-based scholarship rests on two pillars: the minimum requirement and the determination of the overall grade point average.

- The minimum requirement for the merit-based scholarship to qualify for consideration are **academic achievements worth 60 ECTS credits**, with **at least 52 ECTS credits representing the grades 1-4**. A **maximum of 8 ECTS credits graded as MET** (participated with success) can be used to reach the minimum limit of 60 ECTS credits. An overall grade point average of all ECTS credits (grades 1-5) acquired in the academic year 2023/2024 and not below 2.0 applies.
- The weighted grade point average for ranking is determined, firstly, by taking the best 52 ECTS credits with grades 1-4 and, secondly, by considering all grades 1-5 achieved in the reporting period for the overall weighted grade point average.

Furthermore, the funds allocated by the Federal Ministry serve as budgetary framework for the awarding of scholarships.

All scholarship applicants will receive an e-mail notifying them of award or rejection by mid-January 2025. We kindly ask you to refrain from making telephone and e-mail enquiries about the decision or the amount to be awarded before then.

According to § 61 StudFG, there is no legal claim to the granting of a scholarship, even if the application conditions are met.

The final decision regarding the applications will be published anonymously on the university's website under the following link:

<https://www.aau.at/studium/studierendenleben/stipendien-und-zuschuesse/leistungsstipendium/>

For detailed information, please visit:

<https://www.aau.at/en/study/student-life/scholarships-grants/scholarship-for-academic-excellence/>

Due to time constraints, enquiries that are addressed in the FAQ section cannot be dealt with individually – we therefore strongly recommend that you read through the FAQ section.

If you experience technical problems, please contact the Central IT Services (ZID) hotline.

[hotline@aau.at](mailto:hotline@aau.at)

## HOW TO APPLY

**Type of application:** Applications must be submitted online via the student portal without exception.

**Application period:** 01 October up to and including 31 October 2024.

**E-mail:** [leistungsstipendium@aau.at](mailto:leistungsstipendium@aau.at)

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