

## **Ernst Mach Grant - worldwide**

**Country of origin:** All except Austria

**Target country:** Austria

**Area of study or research:**

Natural Sciences  
Technical Sciences  
Human Medicine, Health Sciences  
Agricultural Sciences  
Social Sciences  
Humanities  
Arts

**Detailed type of grant:** Semester and/or one-year grants, Research grants

**Funding:** National

**Target group:**

Postgraduates  
PhD students  
PhD holders, post docs

**Funding organisation:**

Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF);  
Awarding organisation: OeAD-GmbH – Austria's Agency for Education and  
Internationalisation; Mobility Programmes, Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation (MPC)

**Duration:** 1 to 9 months

**Grant benefit paid:** Supplementary grant, own funds are required

**1) Monthly grant rate**

- a) for graduates: EUR 1,050
- b) for graduates with a PhD degree: EUR 1,150

**2) Assistance in arranging accommodation and health insurance**

a) It is possible for OeAD scholarship holders to book accommodation (dormitory or apartment) with the OeAD student housing. The monthly costs are:

- 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 upon submission of original travel invoices.

**Closing date for applications:** 01.02.2022

<https://www.scholarships.at/login/login.aspx?DataFormID=1890>

**Advice on how to apply:**

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**

- a) postgraduates pursuing a doctoral/PhD programme outside Austria;
- b) postgraduates and post-docs wishing to pursue research in Austria with a view to an academic career and who completed their studies (at a university outside Austria) after September 30th, 2020;
- c) post-docs who are working as lecturers at a university outside Austria.

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

**Maximum age:** 35 years (born on or after Oct. 1st, 1986).

**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 projects that can be completed within the scholarship period (max. 9 months).**

**The following documents have to be uploaded with the online application at [www.scholarships.at](http://www.scholarships.at):**

- 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.)
- Consent of a lecturer at the Austrian target university to supervise the applicant academically

- Scanned copy of your passport (page with the name and photo)
- Scanned copy of your university graduation certificate of your diploma, master, PhD or doctoral studies
- only for **PHD-students**: confirmation, that proves your participation in a PHD-program at your home university
- only for **postdoc-lecturers**: confirmation that proves your employment at your home university

### **General Information:**

- Applicants who seek admission to an university in Austria have to contact the institution of their choice directly.
- 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 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'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 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:

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the OeAD do not guarantee that a stay at the destination in Austria or at the host institution is possible and harmless to health when a scholarship is granted. The scholarship holders decide themselves whether or not they want to embark on their study or research period in Austria. The BMBWF and the OeAD do not assume any liability for any complications or any resulting additional costs or damages that may arise during the stay in Austria. The conclusion of sufficient health insurance valid in Austria is a prerequisite for receiving a scholarship. The OeAD can assist in taking out adequate insurance. Sufficient vaccination against Covid-19 is strongly recommended to minimise the risk of contracting the disease. The respective current conditions of the host institution for attendance/participation in person and for entry to Austria– also with regard to the Covid-19 situation – must be observed.

Scholarship holders are not allowed to take up paid work in Austria while receiving an OeAD 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/HSMob/SRL.html>

BMBWF Decree GZ 2021-0.429.891

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