

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR BACHELOR'S THESES

Timeframe

- **July 1, 2024:** Application deadline
- **July 12, 2024, 10:30:** Preliminary meeting of selected candidates
Where: Seminar room at the Institute of Austrian and International Tax Law, Building D3, 2nd floor.
- **August 9, 2024:** Research outline deadline
- **November 30, 2024** (at the latest): Completion of bachelor's thesis

The **five best qualified students** will be chosen on the basis of their applications by Professors Kofler, Lang, Rust, Schuch, Spies, Staringer and Szudoczky, and will be notified accordingly.

General topic

"Climate Protection and Tax Law"

The subtopics are:

1. EU Competences to Enact Tax Measures Against Climate Change
2. Favourable VAT Regimes for Environmental Purposes (EU Directive 2022/542)
3. Air Traffic in EU VAT Law – Is there a Need for Reform?
4. Carbon Taxes in the European Union – an Overview
5. Carbon Emission Trading from a Tax Law Perspective

Application

By July 1, 2024 to Ms Stephanie Roiss (lehretaxlaw@wu.ac.at)

Please submit the following:

- Transcript of academic records
- Letter of motivation
- CV
- A list of three subtopics in the order of your preference

Requirements

- Successful completion of the mandatory course "Law, Economics and Business"
- Completion of Introductory and Orientation Phase
- Completion of the course "Academic Skills"

Furthermore, priority will be given to students who have successfully completed the specialization "European and International Tax Law"

Structure

The first rule is "quality over quantity". In the ideal case, a Bachelor's thesis should be concisely and precisely worded and ready for publication. If a Bachelor's thesis is of outstanding quality and contains original, well-founded thoughts, 25 pages (main text and footnotes only) will be sufficient. The Bachelor's thesis must be written in English.

The introduction of the thesis must contain a declaration of the use of AI. If no form of AI was used, a note to this effect is sufficient. If AI was used, it must be explained accordingly where and in what form.

Assessment Criteria

For the approbation of a Bachelor's thesis, mastery of spelling, grammar and proper citation is required. In the Bachelor's thesis, the candidate has to demonstrate their profound knowledge of the relevant scientific literature on the subject. Furthermore, the candidate must be able to describe, discuss and assess different perceptions on the subject and (if possible) develop their own thoughts on it.

Due to current opportunities provided by AI, increased attention will be paid to:

- Whether the processed legal status is up-to-date
- Correct/existent citations
- Correct use of abbreviations
- Comprehension
- Errors in the outline

Thesis mentorship

During the whole process of writing, students will be offered support by the advisors (always both a professor and a teaching and research associate). However, students are expected to engage fully in their work.

In the course of a preliminary meeting, the subtopics of the current year's general topics will be assigned and discussed. Each student can only be assigned one Bachelor's thesis topic at our Institute.

Award

For the promotion of high-quality bachelor theses, our Institute, together with PwC, have initiated the "PwC Best Bachelor Thesis Award". The bachelor thesis with the

highest quality is awarded with a €1.000;- prize. All bachelor theses submitted by August 31 of the respective academic year are considered for the award. The jury, consisting of Professors Kofler, Lang, Rust, Schuch, Spies, Staringer and Szudoczky, as well as representatives of PwC, choose the best thesis. The award ceremony takes place at PwC during the subsequent winter semester.