

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

for the 2024/25 academic year  
(§§ 57–61 Student Support Act [*Studienförderungsgesetz*])

Merit-based scholarships are intended to reward students for outstanding academic performance in a regular degree program.

Recipients of merit-based scholarships are awarded a one-off payment of at least €750.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

**Monday, October 6, 2025** (9:00am) to **Friday, October 17, 2025** (12:00 noon) at the Online Student Services (OSS).

**Please note:** Your application only counts as properly submitted once you have received a confirmation of receipt by email to your WU student email address.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

### Enrollment in a WU degree program

### Outstanding academic performance:

- In a regular WU degree program
- Exams taken between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025
- Grades must appear on your WU transcript on or before October 31, 2025

**Please note:** ECTS credits earned for courses that are not graded with a numerical grade but only on a pass/fail basis ("successfully completed") cannot be included in the calculation for the eligibility requirement for merit-based scholarships. Only ECTS credits for exams taken as part of your degree program for which a numerical grade (1, 2, 3, 4) is shown on your transcript can be taken into account.

### What are the minimum academic requirements?

#### Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences

- 52 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.5 for the 2024/25 academic year

#### Bachelor's Degree Program in Business Law

- 52 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.7 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **Bachelor's Program in Business and Economics**

- 52 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.3 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **Master's program in Strategy, Innovation, and Management Control**

- 60 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **All other Master's programs**

- 52 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **Doctoral Program in Business Law**

- 18 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **Doctoral Program in Social and Economic Sciences**

- 24 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year
- The Research Proposal is not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average

### **PhD Program in Finance**

- 24 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year
- The courses Finance Paper Reading A and B, Paper Writing, and the Research Seminars A and B are not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average.

### **PhD Program in International Business Taxation**

- 24 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year

### **PhD Program in Economic and Social Sciences**

- 24 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.0 for the 2024/25 academic year
- Electives and the Research Proposal are not included in the calculation of minimum academic performance and grade point average

### **Individual study programs with WU focus**

- 52 ECTS credits worth of exams required for the degree program, earned in the 2024/25 academic year (between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025)
- Grade point average: 1.5 for the 2024/25 academic year
- For applications for an individual study program, transcripts for all exams taken for the individual study program and, if credit was transferred for other exams, any official credit transfer notifications must be submitted within the application period (to [studienrecht@wu.ac.at](mailto:studienrecht@wu.ac.at)).

## **Compliance with the entitlement period:**

The entitlement period is made up of the prescribed duration of your degree program plus 1 additional semester. If you change to a new curriculum version of your degree program, the total number of semesters you have been enrolled will be added together.

**Please note:** Extensions are possible for reasonable cause (§§ 18, 19 of the Student Support Act)

- **Bachelor's programs**  
6 semesters + 1 semester
- **Master's Program in Business Education:**  
5 semesters + 1 semester
- **All other master's programs:**  
4 semesters + 1 semester
- **Doctoral and PhD programs:**  
6 semesters + 1 semester

**EEA member country citizenship (incl. Swiss citizens) or Austrian citizen status** (§ 4 of the Student Support Act)

## **APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP**

Please apply [online](#) at the Online Student Services (OSS).

If you are not an Austrian citizen, please submit your supporting documents confirming your Austrian citizen status (§ 4 of the Student Support Act) to [studienrecht@wu.ac.at](mailto:studienrecht@wu.ac.at) during the application period.

Please also submit any documents that prove that you have reasonable cause for an extension of the entitlement period (§ 19 of the Student Support Act) during the application period.

**Please note:** Only students in individual study programs are required to submit a transcript.

## **RESULTS**

We will notify you by email if your application for a scholarship has been approved or not. The financial means available to WU for awarding scholarships are unfortunately limited. Please note that students have no legal entitlement to a merit-based scholarship (§ 61 [2] of the Student Support Act).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- [Guidelines](#) on applying for merit-based scholarships
- For questions, please contact [studienrecht@wu.ac.at](mailto:studienrecht@wu.ac.at) or call +43-1-313 36-3506
- The Social Affairs Office of the Austrian Students' Union ÖH (Spitalgasse 2, Hof 1, 1090 Vienna)

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