

# Ernst Mach Grant - Eurasia-Pacific Uninet

01.10.2021

Country of origin: China; Mongolia

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: PhD students, PhD holders, post docs

Funding organisation:

OeAD-GmbH/MPC on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), organized in cooperation with Eurasia-Pacific Uninet

Duration: 1 to 9 months

Postgraduates: 1-9 months

Postdocs: 1-6 months

Grant benefit paid:

Supplementary grant, own funds are required!

1) Monthly grant rate

a) for postgraduates: EUR 1,050

b) for postdocs: 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 Housing office. The monthly costs are:

- monthly rent: EUR 250 to 600 EUR (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.

**Closing date for applications: 01.10.2021**

Application at [www.scholarships.at](http://www.scholarships.at)

Advice on how to apply:

**Eligible for application are**

**a)** Postgraduates pursuing a doctoral/PhD programme at one of EPU's member institutions in China or Mongolia;

**b)** Postdocs pursuing academic work at one of EPU's member institutions in China or Mongolia;

**applicants under a)** have to prove that they pursue doctoral/PhD studies, **applicants under b)** have to prove that they are employed by the partner institution; the grants should serve the promotion of young academic talents, therefore, post docs should not have graduated longer than five years ago at the time of application; applicants must not have studied/pursued research or academic work in Austria in the last six months before taking up the grant; information about member institutions is available here:

<https://www.eurasiapacific.info/members>

**Maximum age:** 35 years (**born on or after Oct. 1st, 1985**)

**Language proficiency:** depending on their study/research project, applicants have to prove good knowledge of English and/or German

If the study/research project in Austria is to be pursued in English (the written consent of the supervisor is needed), the TOEIC® (Test of English for International Communication) has to be completed successfully. In the areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing candidates must at least achieve level B2. For more detailed Information, please follow <https://www.ets.org/toeic> Alternatively, the IELTS (level 5) may be used to prove sufficient language skills (<https://www.ielts.org>)

If the study/research project is pursued in German, one of the following certificates have to be presented: Austrian Language Diploma - ÖSD Zertifikat C1 or comparable tests like TestDaF (Level TDN4/5) or Goethezertifikat (level C1).

**FAQs:** Please check our list of frequently asked questions regarding the application process and eligibility for this grant.

**The grants will only be awarded for projects that can be completed within the approved 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 lecturers of the home university (EPU member institution in China or Mongolia). The recommendation letters do not require a specific form, but must bear the letterhead, date and signature of the person recommending the applicant as well as 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 host institution (EPU member institution) to academically supervise the applicant.
- Scanned copy of your passport (page with name and photo)
- Scanned copy of your university graduation certificates (Master, PhD or doctoral studies) as well as a German or English translation (appropriate confirmation from the home university (Foreign Office) in English)
- Written consent from the home university (Foreign Office) to the application (in English)
- Complete description of the research project (2-4 pages)

**General Information:**

- Applicants who seek admission to a university in Austria have to contact the Institution of their choice directly.
- Applicants who come to Austria to conduct research and, therefore, do not need to seek admission to university, have to prove sufficient knowledge of the language

they wish to conduct their research in. The consent of an academic supervisor in Austria is needed.

- Short-term grants (1 to 3 months) have priority in the period from January to June. Otherwise 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.
- A shifting of the duration of your stay in Austria is generally not possible.
- Once an application has been rejected, it will not be considered any further within the call. However, it is possible to re-apply for this grant with a revised application in the future.
- Scholarships are granted for study/research at Austrian Eurasia-Pacific Uninet partner institutions only.
- 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 as to formal requirements
- 2) Assessment of the application's overall plausibility
- 3) Interview by a board of examiners of the EPU or assessment and evaluation of the application by outside experts
- 4) Final decision by the BMBWF

Further information:

Scholarship holders are not allowed to take up paid work in Austria while receiving an OeAD scholarship.

**Reporting commitment:**

Scholarship holders are obliged to submit a final report at the end of their scholarship stay, and must consent for it to be published in the Eurasia-Pacific Uninet annual report.

**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:**

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

[in https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/HS-Uni/Studium/Hochschulmobilität-/SRL.html](https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/HS-Uni/Studium/Hochschulmobilität-/SRL.html)

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