

Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria

Based on the decision of the Austrian *Reconciliation Fund* regarding the further utilization of unused funds, *the Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria* was established by an Act of Parliament (Federal Law, BGBl. I Nr. 146/2005).

The capital of the foundation with its own legal personality (about 25 Mio €) has to be fully maintained. The foundation can only use the interests accumulated on the assets to fulfil its tasks.

In accordance with the above cited law *the Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria* will – in a first step – award **in the academic year 2007/2008** a maximum of **100 scholarships for the duration of 4 months each for doctoral students or post docs**, who are descendants of forced labour workers or come from those countries which have exceptionally suffered from the NS-regime, especially from the recruitment of forced labour workers.

Doctoral students or post docs, who are descendants of forced labour workers or come from those countries which have exceptionally suffered from the NS-regime, especially from the recruitment of forced labour workers, that is students enrolled in doctoral programmes/doctoral studies outside of Austria or holders of a doctoral degree (or equivalent) working at a university /equivalent scientific research institution outside of Austria are eligible to apply.

Descendants from forced labour workers either have to submit the processing number of the Austrian Reconciliation Fund or a copy of the letter of information from the Austrian Reconciliation Fund regarding the payment or respective documents.

Applications can **only** be submitted **on-line from January 15, 2007 on:**
<http://www.grants.at>. Applications or documents which are submitted in any other form, which are incomplete or submitted after the deadline are not taken into consideration. The deadline for the on-line application for the academic year 2007/2008 is **April 1, 2007, 23.59.59 Central European Time**.

The Council of *the Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria* decides based on the recommendation of a committee of experts.

The applicants have to cover all costs for insurance and accommodation from the monthly scholarship rate of € 1040.--. Applicants for a scholarship coming from countries which are neither a member of the EU, nor a member of EFTA, EEA or OECD can be granted a travel allowance up to max. € 500.--.

If a scholarship is awarded due to incorrect data or if there is a case of double financing, the complete scholarship will have to be returned.

Requirements for the application for a scholarship of the Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria:

- The principle of competition prevails; there is no legal claim to obtain a scholarship.
- Maximum age: 35 years (born on or after October 1, 1972)
- Scholarships for study periods at universities are only awarded upon a waiver of tuition fees. Scholarships are also awarded for research periods at scientific research institutions in Austria
- Applicants wishing to apply for admission at an Austrian university need to contact directly the university they would like to attend. All applicants have to prove the knowledge of German or English depending on the language in which they would like to carry out their project in Austria.

Application documents:

- Fully completed on-line application form "Application for a Scholarship of the Scholarship Foundation of the Republic of Austria" including a CV and a project plan for the study or research stay in Austria, which describes what is planned to be done in Austria and which preparatory work has already been completed.
- Two letters of recommendation from teaching staff from the home university, which confirms the necessity of the stay in Austria and provides information on the scientific qualification of the applicant as well as on his/her qualification for the stay in Austria. The letters of recommendation have to be scanned as PDF-file and attached to the application.
- Good knowledge of German or English has to be proven. The respective certificate of the test in German or English has to be scanned as PDF-file and attached to the application.
- The applicant is requested to forward his/her study or research project/plan, the two letters of recommendation as well as the form "confirmation of supervisor" to the person they would like to become his/her supervisor. The written confirmation of the supervisor in Austria (fully completed and signed on-line form "confirmation of supervisor") has to be scanned as PDF-file and attached to the application. Without a letter of confirmation of a supervisor in Austria a scholarship will not be awarded.
- For descendants of forced labour workers: processing number or copy of the letter of information (to be scanned as PDF-file and attached to the application).