

Tender for Merit-Based Scholarships 2024/25

Pursuant to Sections 57ff Studienförderungsgesetz (Student Support Act, StudFG), merit-based scholarships are an instrument to honour outstanding performances by students.

1. Eligible Persons

Applications can be submitted by studying Austrian citizens, students of other nationalities with equivalent status (EEA nationals, refugees), and stateless persons.

2. Application Period and Submission of Applications

Applications are to be submitted within the following period:

1 October to 30 November 2025

Applicants are to file their applications via “CIS/registration” (type: merit-based scholarships) within the above-mentioned period.

a. Scholarship Amount

The amount of a merit-based scholarship is between € 750 and € 1,500.

b. Prerequisites

- Successful completion of all courses of the academic year 2024/25 by 31 October 2025.
- The weighted grade point average¹ must not be worse than grade 2,0 according to §§ 57ff Studienförderungsgesetz. It is calculated based on the grades in relation to the according ECTS credits.
- Applications for a merit-based scholarship are possible in the case of recognition of up to 5 ECTS per academic year. Exceptions are recognition for semesters abroad. In this case, students can also apply for a merit-based scholarship.
- Fulfilment of the tender conditions (which represent the minimum-level criteria).
- In case of a tie in terms of the average grade, the decision is made based on criteria defined by the Academic Director, e.g. the grade of the final exam.
- Entry of bank details (IBAN and BIC) in the CIS profile.

¹ The weighted grade point average based on the ECTS credits can be accessed in CIS/my grades.

c. Awarding

- Merit-based scholarships are awarded by the responsible Academic Director.
- Merit-based scholarships are awarded within the framework of the private-sector administration based on student applications. There is no legal claim to these scholarships.
- Educational institutions are required to publish a ranking of applications.
- Applicants are to be sent a reasoned decision concerning the acceptance or rejection of their application to their St. Pölten UAS email address.
- If the number of applicants meeting the criteria for a given academic year is insufficient, the scholarships intended for this year group are divided among the other year groups.
- Educational institutions are required to submit an annual report on their strategy for performance promotion, the selection criteria and the number and amount of the awarded merit-based scholarships to the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.