

Higher KOS Scholarships

Country of origin: Kosova

Target Country: Austria

Area of study or research: Natural Sciences
Technical Sciences
Medicine
Agriculture and Forestry, Veterinary Medicine
Social Sciences, Law and Economics
Humanities and Theology

Type of grant: grants

Detailed type of grant: short term for PostDoc and PhD grants

Funding: national

Target group: PhD students, PhD holders, post docs

Authority awarding grant: **OeAD-GmbH** on behalf of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), co-financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) of the Republic of Kosova in frame of the **HERAS Project** (Higher Education, Research and Applied Science in Kosovo)

Duration of grant: Grants for Post-doctoral and dissertation research: 1 - 3 months; PhD Sandwich-Programmes up to max. 33 months

Quota: 10 PhD and 5 post-doc scholarships

Grant benefit paid:

1) Monthly grant rate

a) for PhD students: 1,050.-- EUR

b) for post-docs: 1,150.-- EUR

2) Travel Grant: 500.-- EUR (once)

3) Accident and health insurance, accommodation

a) If necessary, the OeAD will take out an accident and health insurance on behalf of the grant recipient.

b) The OeAD-GmbH will provide accommodation (student hall of residence or flat) for recipients of grants. Monthly costs: 220.-- to 470.-- EUR (depending on how much comfort the recipients of grants want). An administration fee of 18 EUR per month is payable to the OeAD for arranging accommodation. The costs for insurance and accommodation have to be paid out of the grant by the recipient of the grant.

Closing date for applications: to be announced soon

Where to submit your application: online www.scholarships.at only

starting date: from October 2017

Application form: Application at www.scholarships.at

A hardcopy application is NOT possible.

Advice on how to apply:

Target Group

Staff members of Kosovan public universities:

- Post-docs (incl. Dr.med.) and
- PhD students

Applications from underrepresented, vulnerable groups are particularly welcome.

Applicants must not yet have started their research in Austria at the time of application.

Age Limit:

PhD studies: not older than 35 or exceptionally max. 40 years in cases of considerable care responsibilities

Post-doc researchers: not older than 40 years or maximum 5 years after the award of the PhD degree, whichever applies

Formal Requirements:

- Online application form (www.scholarships.at) including the description of the study or research proposal

The following documents have to be uploaded with the application:

- Tentative schedule and work plan
- Two letters of recommendation by university lecturers (for these letters of recommendation no specific form is required; they must contain the letterhead, date and signature of the person recommending the applicant and the stamp of the university / department and must be no older than six months at the time of application.)
- Confirmation of a professor at the Austrian or foreign target university to supervise the applicant academically
- Scan of passport (page with the name and photo)
- Scan of university graduation certificate of diploma, master, PhD or doctoral studies
- "Confirmation by the (home) institution": it must be demonstrated that
 - the individual need for academic education serves the specific demands of the institution (e.g. within the development plan of the academic institution) and the development needs of Kosovo and
 - that the applicant will be (re)employed by the (home) institution after having finished the studies.
- Confirmation of the institutional partnership (if applicable)
- Proof of language skills (English and/or German)
- Evidence of previous studies (for PhD studies in Austria)

All required documents have to be submitted via www.scholarships.at.

Incomplete applications and applications not complying with the application criteria will not be taken into account!

Selection procedure:

Check of formal eligibility: OeAD-GmbH

Experts review

Final decision by the Selection Board (based on the results of the score)

Aspects that may be decisive when a choice between equally scored applications needs to be made:

- projects performed as “sandwich programmes”
- gender: to increase the representation of women amongst scholars, women will be selected preferentially in cases of equal qualification of female and male candidates
- applicants from underrepresented, vulnerable groups (such as students with disabilities, minorities, non-traditional students)
- PhD topics dealing with cross cutting themes balanced overall coverage of themes and different scientific disciplines

Further information:

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