

## Scholarship applications – linked to APPEAR projects

The objective of component 2 is that APPEAR partner institutions increase their number of qualified staff that is able to contribute to the improvement of teaching, research and management at their institutions. The scholarships for a Master of PhD degree at an Austrian higher education institution are financed within component 2 of the programme. The number of nominations for scholarships depends on the time of project selection (to be confirmed with APPEAR Office). In case 2 scholarships are possible at least one female candidate has to be nominated.

### Requirements

The APPEAR project coordinator confirms that the master's and PhD studies take place within the APPEAR project and describes how the study project will contribute to the implementation of the partnership.

The APPEAR partner institution confirms that the individual need for academic education serves the specific demands of the institution and the development needs of the home country.

In exceptional cases PhD applicants who are not working in one of the partnership institutions can be nominated if the proposed PhD research is of major importance for the project success. In this case the decision will be taken by the Selection Board.

Applicants with a citizenship different from the eligible countries (see section 2.3 of the guidelines) but belonging to an associate partner institution of an Academic Partnership or Advanced Academic Partnership are eligible for a scholarship as well.

APPEAR partner institutions that are nominating master's and PhD applicants have to take a gender balance into account. If based on the scientific discipline (such as technical studies, natural sciences studies, etc.) a nomination of women is not possible, a confirmation by a competent department, such as the gender office of the respective institutions has to be submitted.

### Submission

Complete scholarship applications linked to an APPEAR project (Academic Partnerships and Advanced Academic Partnerships) can be submitted to the APPEAR office via e-mail at any time but not later than within the first project year (three years project) and one and a half years (four years project). Detailed requirements for a complete application can be found on the following pages.

### Selection procedure

The thematic relevance of the scholarship application to the APPEAR programme is approved by the Selection Board's decision to accept the APPEAR project. The APPEAR office checks and approves the formal requirements of the scholarship application and the connection to the APPEAR project. The Selection Board will be informed about the results of the scholarship selection.

## Financed costs

Master's studies: EUR 960 per month (average 24 months)

PhD studies: EUR 1,050 per month (average 36 months)

Additionally: Travel costs (including field research in the home country) and further grants (e.g. for German courses, participation in conferences)

For more information about the APPEAR scholarship see our [website](#).

## Requirements – Master students

- Age limit: not older than 30 years (women not older than 35)
- Master's Application form  
The applicant has to demonstrate the relation to the thematic focus of APPEAR.
- Confirmation by the applicant  
The applicant confirms his / her intention to return to the home country after the completion of the studies and to pursue an appropriate, development-related assignment.
- Form "Nomination by the home institution"  
Confirming that the individual need for academic education serves the specific demands of the institution and the development needs of the country of origin (e.g. within the management plan of the higher education institution) and that the applicant is employed and will be reemployed by the institution.
- Confirmation by the master's programme management  
Confirming that the applicant fulfils the study requirements
- Confirmation of the APPEAR project coordinator  
Confirming that the master's studies take place within an existing APPEAR project and describing how the study project will contribute to the implementation of the project.
- Curriculum vitae
- Evidence of previous studies  
Bachelor and master degree plus listing of subjects and grades (copies)  
The documents can be submitted in German or English.  
*Only after a scholarship is awarded legalised documents (full legalisation) have to be submitted for the admission at the Austrian university (check the specific requirements of the respective university).*
- Proof of language skills (English and / or German)
- Photocopy of the passport / ID

## Requirements – PhD students

- Age limit: not older than 35 years (women not older than 40)
- PhD Application form
- Including the PhD proposal – short description, contents, objectives, methodology, time schedule (stating the tentative time for field studies in the home country), and the relation to the thematic focus of APPEAR.
- Confirmation of the applicant  
The applicant confirms his / her intention to return to the home country after the completion of the studies and to pursue an appropriate, development-related assignment.
- Confirmation of the APPEAR partnership coordinator  
Confirming that the PhD takes place within the APPEAR project and describing how the study project will contribute to the implementation of the partnership
- Form “Nomination by the home institution”  
Confirming that the individual need for academic education serves the specific demands of the institution and the development needs of the home country (e.g. within the development plan of the higher education institution), that the applicant is employed and will be reemployed by the institution and that the institution will support the applicant (by cash or in-kind contribution).
- Confirmation of the Austrian scientific supervisor
- Evidence of previous studies  
Bachelor and master degree plus listing of subjects and grades (copies)  
Abstract of the Master’s thesis  
The documents can be submitted in German or English.  
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- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of language skills (English and / or German)
- Photocopy of the passport / ID