

Erhard Busek Grant

The **Erhard Busek Grant** aims to enable highly qualified students from non-European developing countries to complete a full two-year Master's program in Austria. This excellence scholarship supports top-performing students, particularly in STEM fields or English-taught Master's programs. The primary focus is to enhance the career opportunities of the scholars and ultimately contribute to integrating graduates into the Austrian labor market.

Overview of the Erhard Busek Grant | Call 2025/26

Eligible Countries: Afghanistan, Egypt, Algeria, Bangladesh, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, Tunisia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

Destination Country: Austria

Fields of Study: Subjects from groups 5–7 and Health Sciences (0913, 0914, 0915, 0921 according to [ISCED classifications](#); priority is given to STEM and English-taught study programs

Type of Support: Full Master's program funding in Austria

Target Group: Graduates of a Bachelor's program who aim to pursue a two-year Master's degree in Austria. Applicants must have completed their studies at a higher education institution in a non-European developing country. Scholarships are only awarded to students with an unconditional admission offer to an eligible Master's program.

Duration: 24 months

Funding: 1,300 euro monthly scholarship rate + a one-time travel allowance of up to 1,200 euro.

Maximum Age at Application: 35 years

Funding Organization: OeAD-GmbH, on behalf of and funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research (BMBWF).

Language Skills: Excellent proficiency in the language of instruction for the chosen Master's program

Selection Process: Higher education institutions submit a formal expression of interest to OeAD, requesting the allocation of scholarship slots for the Erhard Busek Scholarship. Institutions confirm the academic and organizational support available for the students. A selection committee, comprising members from BMBWF and OeAD, decides on the allocation of scholarship slots.

(Phase I)

Based on the assigned slots, the institutions select the best-qualified candidates from those with unconditional admission to a relevant Master's program. Selected candidates are nominated for the Erhard Busek Scholarship. Students then apply to OeAD for the scholarship. After a final check of formal requirements, scholarships are awarded. **(Phase II)**

Tuition Fees: The scholarship **does not cover tuition fees**.

Public or private universities and universities of applied sciences hosting the scholarship recipients must waive these fees.

Application Period: Starting February 2025, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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