

Grant of the Province of Styria in Cooperation with the University of Graz for Students from South-Eastern Europe – GO STYRIA



Winter semester 2013/14

General Information

In cooperation with the University of Graz, the Province of Styria has been offering a new grant for outstanding students from South-Eastern European countries – “Go Styria!”. In the winter semester 2013/2014 a total of 50 scholarship months can be awarded.

More information on fields of study offered at the University of Graz available at <http://www.uni-graz.at/en/studying/for-prospective-students/study-opportunities/> and <https://online.uni-graz.at>.

The Department for Scientific Affairs of the Province of Styria takes a very strong interest in the process of South-Eastern European integration and sets a course in those countries who are not – or not yet – members of the European Union. Styria, as a link between the EU and Eastern/South-Eastern Europe, adopts an active role in the scientific and cultural exchange between the countries and has the necessary preconditions to integrate the research competences and to utilize the available synergetic opportunities.

Against the background of a long standing, varied and intensive cooperation with the regions of South-Eastern Europe, the University of Graz was the first university in the German-speaking world to set a university-wide focus on “South-Eastern Europe” as the profile-setting core of its university development concept. Thanks to its expertise and acquaintance with both the needs as well as the potentials for cooperation of the South-Eastern European region, the University of Graz has been an important forerunner within the EU for the realization of the vision of European-wide integration for a long time. As part of an extensive circle of partnerships, the university takes these historically developed and in many areas important connections into consideration.

Application Requirements

The scholarship program aims at students who

- are currently registered at universities in South-Eastern Europe (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” (F.Y.R.O.M.), Albania, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova) and also still registered during the winter semester 2013/14
- are currently at least in their 7th semester of a diploma program, 4th semester of a bachelor program, 2nd semester of a master program or 4th semester of a doctoral/PhD program and/or already working on their thesis.
- Want to come to the University of Graz as **exchange** students in order to do research or take classes relevant to their studies and then finish their degree at their home universities.

The selection of the grant holders takes place in a joint process of the Province of Styria and the University of Graz. The academic quality of the applicant is decisive for the success of the application. Depending upon the intended aim of the studies or research, proof of the command of German and/or English is to be provided. Selected candidates will be enrolled as exchange students at the University of Graz.

The maximum length of time of financial aid for “Go Styria” is four months. Grant awards for shorter research stays are occasionally possible.

Making use of „Go Styria“ and other scholarship programs for the same duration of study at the University of Graz is not admissible!

Application Process

Applying for the program is a **two-step process**:

- Online application ([step 1](#))
- Sending the documents via surface mail ([step 2](#)).
Information concerning the documents necessary for a complete application can be found in the „online help“ (accessible in the system once students start their application process).

To receive the **Code for the Online application** please contact christa.grassauer@uni-graz.at and in your email provide the following information:

- First and last name (according to your passport)
- Home university (official name in national language as well as English or German)
- Level and area of study you are currently enrolled in
- In case you have already studied at an Austrian university in the past, mention when and at which university and also provide your student ID number (Matrikelnummer)
- Also confirm that you are currently enrolled at a university in the target region and will be in winter semester 2013/14

Application Deadline

Application deadline – **29 March 2013 (receiving deadline of application via surface mail)**.

Only those applications that are complete and reach the Office of International Relations on time (on 29 March 2013 the latest) will be considered! Faxed, emailed or incomplete applications will not be accepted!

Amount of Grant

„Go Styria“ includes the following benefits:

- Grant in the amount of EUR 600 per month
- Waiver of tuition fees at the University of Graz

At the end of their stay students can request a transcript of the courses at the University of Graz in order to have them recognised at their home university.

After the Stay Abroad

Before the end of the scholarship period grant holders have to submit a report to the Office of International Relations. The report should give an overall impression of the stay abroad, concentrating on

- The academic output of their stay
- the general experience of the stay.

The reports will be made public on the homepage and thus made available to new applicants.

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<http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/s-in-mprog/go-styria/>