UNIVERSITY OF KLAGENFURT TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

for the start of studies in the winter semester 2024/25

General information	The **positive development of the regional labour market in the ICT sector** has resulted in an **increasing demand** for skilled professionals. With its **degree programmes in the field of technical sciences**, the University of Klagenfurt makes a significant contribution to the training of highly qualified graduates in the ICT sector. The **University of Klagenfurt Technology Scholarships** were established to attract more highly qualified students to these study programmes. Scholarship holders shall be enabled to finance the second year of their Master's degree programme with a paid internship, which is also part of the curriculum. The University of Klagenfurt supports scholarship holders to find a paid internship in the first year of their Master's degree programme. Based on an agreement with the University of Klagenfurt, the **Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation - OeAD** has published the call for applications and will accompany the selection process, award the scholarships and offer its services to the selected scholarship holders before and during their stay in Austria.

Target group	Students who:
	- want to pursue one of the following Master's degree programmes at the University of Klagenfurt:
	  • Master in Mathematics
	  • Master in Game Studies and Engineering
	  • Master in Informatics
	  • Master in Information Management
	  • Master in Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity
	  • Master in Information and Communications Engineering (ICE):
	     - Branch of Study Autonomous Systems and Robotics
	     - Branch of Study Networks and Communications
	     - Branch of Study Business Engineering
	- have **completed a Bachelor's degree** relevant for one of the Master's degree programmes listed above in one of the listed countries/regions of origin,
	- can prove **very good English language skills** (depending on the desired study programme B2 or C1, Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR) and
	- are **not resident in Austria** at the time of application
	Given a sufficient number of applications, **50% of available scholarships will be awarded to women applicants**.

Countries/regions of origin*	Albania; Algeria; Argentina; Belarus; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Egypt; Estonia; Greece; Israel; Jordan; Kosovo; Latvia; Lebanon; Libya; Lithuania; Montenegro; Morocco; North Macedonia; Palestinian territories; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia; Slovenia; Syria; Tunisia; Türkiye; Ukraine; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vietnam; *countries/regions where the applicants completed a Bachelor's degree relevant for one of the Master's degree programmes listed above
Target country	Austria
Scholarship information	• Monthly scholarship for the duration of **max. 12 months: EUR 800*** • One-time lump sum for travel costs between **EUR 25 and EUR 660** *The scholarship is meant to support students during their stay in Austria in their first year of studies. Additional own funds are required. Applicants from third countries (non-EU/EEA countries or Switzerland) may need to provide proof of additional funds to the Austrian residence authority when applying for a "residence permit – student". The required amount may vary depending on the applicant's age, individual costs for rent, health insurance and other liabilities. The scholarship is awarded **only in combination with the admission** to one of the above listed degree programmes at the University of Klagenfurt. Scholarship holders will be provided assistance when booking accommodation and applying for student health insurance in Austria and upon proven academic success exempted from paying tuition fees for the Master's degree programme at the University of Klagenfurt for up to five semesters.

Awarding authority	OeAD-GmbH with financial support provided by University of Klagenfurt and other programme supporters.
Quota	The total number of University of Klagenfurt Technology Scholarships awarded depends on the quota and/or available funds.
Closing date for applications	**February 4, 2024** for scholarship holders starting their studies in the winter semester 2024/25* *winter semester starts in October 2024
Application procedure	Exclusively online at https://grants.at/ The following documents* have to be uploaded in the online application: • Completed **application form** for admission to one of the Master's degree programmes listed above • **Bachelor Certificate*** and **Transcript of Records** of Bachelor's degree programme • **Complete Bachelor Thesis** (copy of original) • **Abstract of Bachelor Thesis** in German or English • **Proof of English skills**: <u>Level B2 or C1</u>. For Master's degree programme in Game Studies and Engineering C1 level is required. (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR) • Scan of **a valid passport** (data page with name and photo) • **Two letters of recommendation** by university lecturers from the university at which the Bachelor's degree is being pursued/was earned. *Documents for the scholarship application do not have to be legalized when applying for the scholarship. In certain cases, proof of accreditation of the higher educational institution where the Bachelor's degree was earned/is being pursued might be required in addition. **In the case that applicants haven't completed their Bachelor's degree at the time of application, the graduation confirmation/Bachelor's Certificate must be provided at the latest by March 6, 2024. For EU and EEA citizens the graduation confirmation/Bachelor's Certificate must be provided at the latest by mid-June 2024. **Please note:** Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration.
Selection procedure	The selection procedure consists of the following stages: (1) Examination of the formal requirements (2) Assessment and evaluation of the application by experts (including an online interview) (3) Final decision by the University of Klagenfurt **Please note:** The principle of competition applies to all scholarships, i.e. there is no legal entitlement to a scholarship even if all formal application requirements are fulfilled.
Further information	OeAD scholarship holders will be able to book **accommodation** in a dormitory with the OeAD student housing. The monthly costs for accommodation booked via OeAD student housing in Klagenfurt are: - monthly rent: approx. EUR 275 to 410* - monthly administrative fee: EUR 21* * as of November 2023, subject to change without notice OeAD scholarship holders need to have **health insurance** that is accepted by the Austrian authorities for the duration of their stay in Austria. **Please note:** Scholarship holders are not allowed to take up paid work in Austria while receiving an OeAD scholarship. Paid internships are permitted, as long as they are part of the curriculum and approved by AAU and OeAD.
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Find out more	Visit "**University of Klagenfurt Technology Scholarships**" webpage for more information and read first-hand impressions from the current and former scholarship holders as well as internship providers! Join our **online info sessions** for prospective scholarship holders on **December 12, 2023 at 3 p.m. (CET)** or **January 16, 2024 at 2 p.m. (CET)** Access link: **https://classroom.aau.at/b/tos-2ze-84h-ghk** (no preregistration required)

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