



Best of South-East Scholarship program

Introducing the program

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- 12 month program period + scholarship
beginning of September – end of August
NO shorter periods possible
- For university students & graduates
in Economics, Business or Law
- Funded by Steiermärkische Sparkasse
scholarship & practical experience
- Offered in collaboration with Uni Graz
academic experience & courses
- Target countries
Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro,
North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia



Scholarship

- Max. EUR 12.000
- German Intensive Course at Uni Graz
- Enrollment at Uni Graz
- Exemption from tuition fee
only student union fee required
- Various events throughout the year

Financing the exchange at Uni Graz
via Best of South-East and at the same time
an additional other exchange program
for the same period of time is **NOT permitted**



Meeting Dr. Bucher
Board Member
Steiermärkische Sparkasse

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Program requirements

- Students OR recent graduates from accredited universities in the target countries OR Degree students of Uni Graz

- Nationality of one of the target countries



- Mother tongue: Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Macedonian, Serbian, Slovenian

- Study areas: Law, Business, Economics

- German Level: Trainee – B1, Interns – A2

- Excellent command of English

- Max. age at time of application = 27



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Meeting Elke Kahr
Mayor of the City of Graz

Program versions



TRAINEE

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Master/PhD students
- Graduates – degree within 12 mo prior to deadline
- Bachelor in last year of 240 ECTS program
- Integrated program from 4th yr onwards
- German Level B1

FOCUS OF PROGRAM

- ✓ Focus on practical experience
- ✓ Full-time trainee at bank
- ✓ July/August in SEE subsidiary
- ✓ Min. requirement → 16 ECTS @ Uni Graz

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Students of all levels
- Graduates – degree within 12 mo prior to deadline
- German Level A2

FOCUS OF PROGRAM

- ✓ Focus on academic experience
- ✓ July/August → internship at bank
- ✓ Min. requirement 30 ECTS @ Uni Graz

Getting started on application



1. Provide information **by 20 January 2026** to incoming.exchange@uni-graz.at
2. Instructions will be emailed when application starts in October 2025
!! check inbox and spam folder !!
3. Create account & activate application
4. Complete data entry & course upload
5. Complete document upload
6. Confirm upload as complete in the system

- First and last name (as in the passport)
- Date of birth (Day.Month.Year)
- Scan of passport/national ID-card
- Name of the home university in the national language and in English
- Information on studying:
 - **Students** :
 - Current level of study (Bachelor / Diploma / Master / Doctorate)
 - The field of study in which you are currently enrolled at your home university including the expected date of graduation;
 - **Graduates**: previous degree
 - Specification of the level of study (Bachelor / Diploma / Master)
 - Field of study
 - Completion date according to diploma
- *If you have already studied at an Austrian university:*
matriculation number (Austrian student number) and Austrian host university

APPLICATION DEADLINE
22 January 2026, 1pm CET

Only applications completed by the deadline will be accepted

Selection process



Prerequisites for being included in the selection process

- ✓ Online application completed **in time**
- ✓ Application is **complete**

Selection process

- **Legal & academic assessment of application**
Applicants who pass the review → invited to regional pre-selection
- **Regional pre-selection in relevant target country**
including assessment of German language skills
- **Final selection**
Commission consists of Uni Graz & Steiermärkische Sparkasse
- Selected candidates sign a mobility agreement and start the preparations for their stay

Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse and University of Graz reserve the right to dismiss students from the program before the end of the program in case they do not adhere to the program guidelines.

Looking forward to your application



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Welcome Events

Exploring the City of Graz