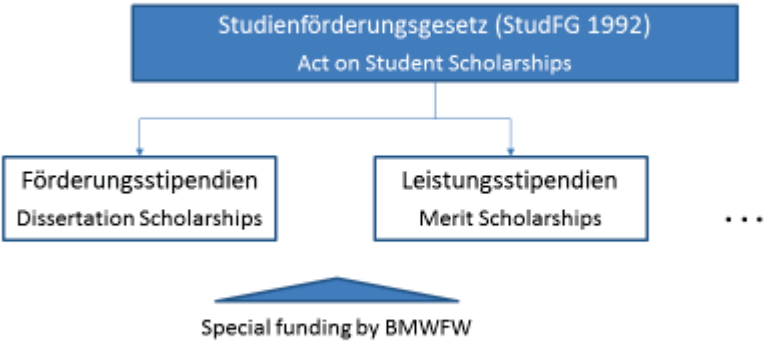




# A brief glimpse on dissertation scholarships and merit scholarships

Slides	Remarks
<p><b>Overview</b></p>  <pre> graph TD     A[Studienförderungsgesetz (StudFG 1992) Act on Student Scholarships] --&gt; B[Förderungsstipendien Dissertation Scholarships]     A --&gt; C[Leistungsstipendien Merit Scholarships]     B --- D[Special funding by BMWFW]     C --- D     C --- E[...]     </pre> <hr/> 	<p>Both scholarships are based on a legal basis in the form of the so-called Studienförderungsgesetz, the Act on Student Scholarships. They are subject to special funding provided by the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV), which must be used exclusively for granting the aforementioned scholarships. The following order of priorities applies: First, the funding of the dissertation scholarships takes place. The rest is then available for merit scholarships.</p>
<p><b>Dissertation Scholarships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissertation projects in progress</li> <li>• Funding of extra costs             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Research activities abroad</li> <li>→ Attendance of conferences, workshops, summer schools etc.</li> <li>→ Procurement of data, conducting of surveys, performing of experiments etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minimum grant: € 750/year ; maximum grant: € 3 600/year</li> <li>• Application <i>ex ante</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Each term during application period announced</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> 	<p>Dissertation scholarships aim at giving some financial support for dissertation projects still in progress. After having finished your dissertation, you are no longer eligible for this scholarship.</p> <p>The intention is to provide funding for extra costs that arise when pursuing a dissertation project. Nobody should feel compelled to refrain from conducting particular activities that are conducive to his or her dissertation project just because these activities go along with some cost. Nobody should be worse off, but, evenly, nobody should be made better off by this grant. That means, costs you would have to incur anyway, for instance regular costs of living, are not worthy of support.</p> <p>It is stipulated by law that the scholarship must amount to at least € 750 and not more than € 3600. Within this range, the actual amount depends on the cost statement to be submitted with the application.</p> <p>Comprehensive and thorough information can be looked up on the website of the school of business, economics and social sciences. Please note that information is available in German only.</p>

## Merit Scholarships

- Reward for excellent study performance/academic year
  - Year 1 or 2: Minimum requirement 36 ECTS
  - Year 3: Dissertation
  - Grade point average  $\leq 2,0$
- Minimum grant: € 750 ; maximum grant: € 1 500
- Application *ex post*
  - Application period begins right after closing of the preceding academic year
  - Link "Leistungstipendium" in UNIGRAZonline

This grant rewards excellent study performance in an academic year. Requirements for doctoral students are in the first or second year 36 ECTS at the least. In the third year, the relevant piece of study performance is the dissertation. In any case, the grade point average must not exceed 2.0.

Minimum and maximum amount are stipulated by law. In this case, the range reaches from 750 € up to 1500 €. The actual amount depends on the grade point average. That means, if you can boast of a grade point average of 1.0 then you will receive the maximum amount possible, that is 1500 €. With increasing grade point average, the amount granted gradually decreases to 750 €; until the budget constraint is reached.

Application is made via UNIGRAZonline. You will find a button "Leistungstipendium" there on your personal site.

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