General Information

Type: Study/Research Visit for Master- or Doctoral Theses in USA

Selection Process: TU- Advisory Board and Marshall Plan Foundation

Duration of Stay: At least 3 Month at the Host University (exclusive travel time)

Scholarship Calculation:

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<th>Duration Description</th>
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<td>90 –119 days (minimum 3 month less than 4 month)</td>
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<td>120-149 days (4 month less than 5 month)</td>
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<td>150-194 days (stay longer than 5 month)</td>
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<td>stays of 195 days and longer</td>
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Application Deadlines


Application Documents prior to the stay

English (all documents), upload in TISS Mobility Services as pdf-files

- Application Form online- only via TISS- Mobility Services
- CV (in tabular format) + List of Publications (optional) + List of Lectures (optional)
- Transcript of Records/ Diploma Certificate
- Begründung (TISS) = Project Description = 1 Document part a) and b):
  - Letter of Motivation (2 pages max.)
  - Project description (1,500 words min.; 2,500 words max.)
- obligatory structure and order:
  - Title of Research Project/ Supervisor at home university and Supervisor at host university/ Short Description of Research Agenda/ General Goals/
Detailed Description of Research Problem/Methodological Considerations/Workflow/Relevance and expected Results

If you expect/plan a retention period (Sperre) of your research paper after your return it is obligatory to mention the intended date/period of time (Sperre max. 2 years allowed)

- Letter of Invitation of the Host University which confirms a place at University including the exact duration of stay at the Host University (begin and end of stay not possible on Sundays or holidays)
- 2 Letters of Recommendations of TU-Professors with venia

Required Documents after the stay
To be sent to the International Office not later than 3 month after your return.

- Acknowledgment of Host University: Confirms your stay with the exact duration of stay at the Host University (exclusive travel times)
- Supervisors Approval of your Final Report
- Retention period requested: Statement of your TU-Supervisor and of the Student
- Final Report: 7,500 words minimum, excluding title page, table of contents and references
- Field Report (2 pages maximum) obligatory structure
  
  General impression of your research stay abroad
  
  Quality of the host institution
  
  Contacts within the host institution, inclusion in the organisation
  
  Recommendations for future Marshall Plan students and fellows
  
  Contact E-mail after completion of research stay

Further Informationen

- Be aware of a 3 month handling time for administrative and visa procedures
- US-Embassy in Vienna: https://at.usembassy.gov/de/
  
  J-1 Visa: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/exchange.html;

  - DS-2019: The Form DS-2019 or "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status" is the basic document used in the administration of the exchange visitor program. This form permits a prospective exchange visitor to seek an interview at a U.S. embassy or consulate in order to obtain a J visa to enter the United States. https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/about-ds-2019/

  - Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation: http://www.marshallplan.at/grants

- Habitation und assurance: ask at the Host-University for recommendations or possible offers

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