



Universität für Bodenkultur Wien  
University of Natural Resources  
and Life Sciences, Vienna

## **Inge Dirmhirn Scholarship for the Promotion of a Master Degree at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna 2021**

### **Award Guidelines**

- **Scholarship Objective and Amount**

The Equal Opportunities Working Party BOKU awards the Inge Dirmhirn Scholarship amounting to € 2.400,- (two thousand four hundred) for the promotion of a Master thesis at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences.

This scholarship aims at financially supporting the possibility to intensively work on a Master thesis. The scholarship wishes to stimulate a Master thesis in the field of gender and/or diversity studies with BOKU relevant content. Furthermore, with the scholarship mobility should be promoted for junior researchers.

- **Target Group and Requirements**

The scholarship is open for all students registered for a Master degree program at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna. The Master thesis in German or English language must be commenced by February 1, 2022 at the latest and has to be graded positive within one year.

- **Topic of the Master Thesis**

The call for the Inge Dirmhirn Scholarship is open for Master theses in the field of gender and/or diversity topics with BOKU relevant content.

Applications of interdisciplinary Master theses with creative approaches on the average of good research will be particularly welcomed.

- **Submission of Documents**

The following documents have to be submitted:

- Application form  
You can access the application form via this website:  
[http://short.boku.ac.at/en\\_dirmhirn-stipendium](http://short.boku.ac.at/en_dirmhirn-stipendium)  
Printed forms are also available at the office of the Equal Opportunities Working Party, 1180 Vienna, Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 3<sup>st</sup> fl.
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of the „Studienblatt“ (student data protocol) showing the enrollment in a Master study program
- Topic of the planned Master thesis including a short description of the Master thesis project with regards to its working hypothesis and objectives.

- Motivational statement of the applicant why this work fulfills the criteria of this scholarship call
- Letter confirming supervision

## • Applications

Applications for this scholarship can be submitted by email exclusively as electronically/digitally PDF documents by November 15, 2021 to:

Equal opportunities working party BOKU: [akglboku@boku.ac.at](mailto:akglboku@boku.ac.at)

Applicants will receive a confirmation of their application by email.

## • Procedure

The decision to grant the Inge Dirmhirn Scholarship will be made by December 15, 2021 according to the guidelines of the Equal Opportunities Working Party (download available at [http://short.boku.ac.at/en\\_dirmhirn-stipendium](http://short.boku.ac.at/en_dirmhirn-stipendium)). The recipient of the scholarship will be informed in writing. The scholarship will be awarded officially at an academic ceremony in 2022.

When applying, the candidate acknowledges all the conditions associated with the grant. Applicants are not entitled to acceptance. There is no right of appeal.

The decision to grant the scholarship is made by the Equal Opportunities Working Party BOKU. In the course of the decision-making process a jury of three working party members will be nominated by the working party. The working party is sensitive to possible reasons of exclusion of jury members.

All applications received at the Equal Opportunities Working Party are immediately passed on to the jury. The jury first of all evaluates all applications on their completeness and possible formal deficiencies. Applications that do not conform to the application criteria are excluded from the application process. Whether or not a further deadline in order to eliminate these deficiencies is set remains to the discretion of the jury. Applications that underwent this procedure take part in the scholarship procedure.

It is up to the jury to invite shortlisted candidates to a personal presentation or include other measures that might be helpful in the decision-making process. The jury has to discuss the applications and come up with a reasoned proposal of who seems to be the most qualified candidate for the Inge Dirmhirn Scholarship. All jury decisions are made by a majority of votes. On the request of a jury member the voting is anonymously held.

The jury has to present its recommended candidate to the working party. The working party has to reject this candidate and initiate a new nomination in the case that essential aspects of the procedures were neglected.

In its meeting the working party decides on the scholarship holder based on the jury's recommendation. For this decision at least half of all members with voting rights have to be present. The majority of votes for the recommended candidate is required. If the scholarship is to be granted to someone else than the recommended candidate by the jury, a two-thirds majority is required. Abstention or other ineligible voting of a member counts as dissenting vote. The decision of the working party is final. In case of urgency the voting can take place using circulations (Art. 18 working group's rules of procedure).

## • **Payment Conditions**

The scholarship is paid in two installments:

The first installment of € 1.900,- is transferred to the scholarship holder's account as soon as the Equal Opportunities Working Party BOKU gets the confirmation of the supervisor that the scholarship holder has commenced with their Master thesis. This letter of confirmation has to be submitted by the scholarship holder.

The second (and last) installment of € 500, - is used exclusively to refund entry fees, travel and accommodation expenses in the framework of an active participation of the scholarship holder at an international conference, a symposium, a seminar or a workshop.

The paying out of the second installment requires that the scholarship holder itself holds a lecture at the event or itself presents a poster. The mere participation in the event without active contribution is not sufficient for the payment of the second installment.

The participation in the event can take place before completion of the master's thesis or within six months after completion of the master's thesis.

The second installment of € 500,- is paid after the completion of the Master thesis as soon as the scholarship holder presents their approbation of the Master thesis and a report presenting the research results in such a way that allows for it being used for public relations (press release, of a maximum of 5,000 characters including spaces).

Furthermore, the scholarship holder sends a full settlement of travel expenses (in EURO) of participation in the international conference, symposium, seminar or workshop, enclosing original documents as proof of the appropriate use of funds and a report of the scholarship holder of their contribution at the event (maximum 5,000 characters incl. spaces).

At the latest upon completion of the Master thesis or in any case at least six weeks prior to travel to the event the scholarship holder announces the Equal Opportunities Working Party in which event she/he will participate. The following documents have to be submitted electronically via email to the Equal Opportunities Working Party:

- Travel Expenses (in EURO)
- Information on the contribution as a presenting author at the event
- For the event submitted original abstract of the article in German and English
- Preliminary program of the event with topics and speakers
- Justification by the scholarship holder for the journey (maximum 5,000 characters incl. spaces)
- Letter of support / approval letter by the supervisor of the Master thesis

After examining the submitted documents the Equal Opportunities Working Party delivers the scholarship holder within 14 days a confirmation, whether the for participation submitted event meets the criteria for paying out of the second installment of the scholarship.

There is no second installment if the Master thesis is not completed within one year. In justified exceptional cases, an extension of the scholarship may be granted by the Equal Opportunities Working Party.

The receipt of a scholarship excludes the scholarship holder from any further applications for the Inge Dirmhirn prize for gender-specific Master / diploma thesis.

- **Grant Contract**

When awarding this scholarship, a grant contract between the scholarship holder and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences is established. This contract in detail establishes relevant modalities such as payment conditions, evidence to verify the use of grant funds for their intended purpose, specific duration and reporting.

The grant contract does not establish any employment relationship at the university, this also holds true for a contract of services or freelance activities. It is within the scholarship holder's own responsibility to have health and casualty insurance as well as pension insurance if desired. All taxes resulting from the scholarship must be paid by the scholarship holder themselves.

Please note that in case of an existing work contract with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna the scholarship holder probably has to pay taxes for the scholarship.

By accepting the grant, the scholarship holder commits themselves to intensively work on the Master thesis and put their main focus on this project.

The general rules for good scientific practice found at <http://www.boku.ac.at/fos/themen/ombudsstelle/> must be met.

By signing the grant contract, the scholarship holder certifies the correctness of their data and is aware that they are fully and solely liable for any false information and improper use of the scholarship. In the case of a self-inflicted violation of the scholarship conditions, the scholarship holder has to pay back the complete grant.

Within one month after the completion of the Master thesis, the scholarship holder has to present a report presenting the research results in such a way that allows for it being used for public relations (press release, of a maximum of 5,000 characters including spaces) and a short description of the Master's thesis work process. Furthermore, the proper use of the first installment has to be explicitly confirmed.

Further the scholarship holder gets the chance to report on the Master's thesis in a meeting of the Equal Opportunities Working Party and to present it at a public event.

- **Contact and Information**

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