

## **Grant of the Province of Styria in Cooperation with the University of Graz for Students from South-Eastern Europe – GO STYRIA**

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### **Winter Semester 2007/08**

#### **General Information**

The Province of Styria is providing dynamic momentum to the science and research location Styria. It is not merely about providing financial aid, but also about elaborating sustainable strategies in science, research and development. Besides diverse financial aid schemes, which are continuously evaluated, modified and modernised, assistance is offered on basic questions of financing research. The Province of Styria stands for a new form of research culture and sets great store in active knowledge transfer and science communication.

Styria, as a link between the EU and Eastern/South-Eastern Europe, adopts an active role in the scientific and cultural exchange between the countries and has the necessary preconditions to integrate the research competences and to utilise the available synergetic opportunities. But most importantly it has the necessary potential for sustainable developments. The cornerstone for cooperative efforts that bring cultures together has been laid on Styrian soil and thus the basis for the future of an enlarged European Union has been established.

The Province has sent a clear signal for Central European cooperation by the intensified involvement of Eastern/South-Eastern European EU member countries as well as EU candidate countries in numerous symposia, university summer academies and big international events in Styria. However, focuses are also placed there where one cannot speak of EU membership yet or not for a long time yet – participating in the process of small steps is taking place with great interest.

The research location Styria has qualified for European and international competition long ago – it has qualified as a hub in the network of regions.

With approx. 22,000 students, the University of Graz has shaped the image and life of the City of Graz since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. With 5 faculties and 16 interfaculty institutions, the university offers a broad range of possible studies.

Against the background of a long standing, varied and intensive cooperation with the regions of South-Eastern Europe, the University of Graz was the first university in the German-speaking world to set a university-wide focus on “South-Eastern Europe” as the profile-setting core of its university development concept. Thanks to its expertise and acquaintance with both the needs as well as the potentials for cooperation of the South-Eastern European region, the University of Graz has been an important forerunner within the EU for the realisation of the vision of European-wide integration for a long time. As part of an extensive circle of partnerships, the university takes these historically developed and in many areas important connections into consideration.

In cooperation with the University of Graz, the Province of Styria offers a new grant for outstanding students from South-Eastern European countries (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova) starting in the winter semester.

#### **Application Requirements**

Those entitled to financial aid are students from the above-mentioned countries of South-Eastern Europe who at the beginning of their stay abroad are at least in the 7<sup>th</sup> semester of a diploma programme or at least in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of a master's programme of a field of studies relevant to their stay abroad, or those who are already writing their master's or doctoral thesis. The selection of the grant holders takes place in a joint process of the Province of Styria and the University of Graz. The academic quality of the applicant is decisive for the success of the application. Depending upon the intended aim of the studies or research, proof of the command of German and/or English is to be provided.

The maximum length of time of financial aid for go styria! is five months. Grant awards for shorter research stays are occasionally possible.

### **Submission Deadline**

Applications have to be received by the Office of International Relations of the University of Graz no later than Friday, **June 8, 2007**. Only those applications that are complete and received on time will be considered! We cannot accept faxed documents!

### **Application Documents**

- Filled-in "Application for Admission to Studies" form – please fill it in by computer or use block letters!
- Confirmation of registration for studies
- List of certificates
- Curriculum vitae (German or English)
- Description of intended aim of studies and/or research (German or English)
- 2 letters of recommendation (German or English)
- Copy of passport

### **Amount of Grant**

"go styria" includes the following benefits:

- Grant in the amount of EUR 600 per month
- Waiver of tuition fees at the University of Graz

### **After the Stay Abroad**

Every grant holder has to submit the following documents to the Office of International Relations within three months after the end of her/his stay abroad:

- Report about her/his stay. The report should give an overall impression of the stay abroad, providing information both on professional benefits as well as general experiences there. The reports will be made public on the homepage and thus made available to new applicants. Sample reports as well as the students' reports themselves can be found under Experience Reports (link).
- Confirmation of the actual accreditation of the courses completed in Graz by their home university.

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