

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

**for the calendar year 2026  
(§§ 63-67 Study Support Act)**

The Sigmund Freud PrivateUniversity (SFU) receives annual funding from the Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research to award **scholarships**. These are intended **to support in-progress Master's and doctoral theses**. The thesis must not yet be approved, but the programme of study should be nearing completion. The project description must demonstrate **extraordinary or special expenses**, and the supervisor's report should confirm that the **thesis is likely to be completed with above-average success**.

Each scholarship award amounts to a minimum of €750.

## Eligible Expenses

Scholarship funding may only be used for expenses directly related to the scientific work — both in terms of content and timeframe. All expenses must be documented with original receipts.

Eligible costs include:

- Travel expenses for research-related stays abroad
- Extensive literature research
- Empirical fieldwork and surveys

## Ineligible Expenses

The following costs are not covered:

- Living expenses
- Costs for the physical production of the thesis (e.g. printing, binding, photocopying, telephone charges)
- General work equipment (e.g. computers, paper)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Applicants must:

- Be citizens of an EEA member state (including Switzerland), or
- Have equivalent status to Austrian nationals under §4 StudFG, which includes:
  - Possession of a "Daueraufenthaltskarte EU" (permanent residence card – five years of uninterrupted residence in Austria)
  - Being a family member of an EU citizen who is employed or self-employed in Austria
  - Being a family member of an Austrian citizen
  - Holding refugee status

### Further requirements:

Enrolment in an active degree programme at SFU

Compliance with the entitlement period as defined by §18 StudFG (standard study duration plus one additional semester). Extensions may be granted for valid reasons (e.g. pregnancy, illness – see §19 StudFG)

## Academic Requirements

### For Master's students:

Positive assessments totalling at least 60 ECTS credits, with a grade point average of 1.50 or better.

### For Doctoral students:

Very good performance in all courses from the 1st to 6th semester, with a GPA of 1.50 or better.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Monday, 11 May – Friday, 29 May 2026**

**Monday, 21 September – Friday, 9 October 2026**

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Completed application form
- Transcript of records (Master's or Doctoral programme)
- Proof of citizenship or official photo ID (plus documentation of equivalent status, if applicable)
- Documentation of study delays (if applicable, under §19 StudFG)
- Two-page description of the thesis/dissertation
- Cost estimate, confirmed by your supervisor
- Supervisor's statement confirming likely above-average completion
- Financial plan

**Application forms** are available at:

- Faculty of Psychotherapy Science: <https://ptw.sfu.ac.at/en/academics/students/scholarship-and-funding/>

- Faculty of Psychology: <https://psychologie.sfu.ac.at/en/academics/students/scholarship-and-funding/>

## SUBMISSION

### Vienna campus:

Applications must be submitted in person at the Study Service Centre PTS, Freudplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, during the application period. Tel: +43 (1) 798 40 98 – 402

### Other campuses:

Applications may be submitted via e-mail to: [constanze.springinsfeld@sfu.ac.at](mailto:constanze.springinsfeld@sfu.ac.at)

## RESULT

We will notify you by e-mail whether or not you have been awarded the scholarship. There is no legal entitlement to the award of a scholarship (§ 67 Abs 1 StudFG).

### Important:

**If awarded, you are obliged to submit a report on the proper use of the scholarship no later than 6 months after the award.**

For the Merit-Based and Scholarship Stipend Commission:

Ass.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Stefan Hampl  
*Chair*

Dr. Teresa Schön  
*Vice Chair*