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Call for pre-doc and post-doc scholarships in Vienna or Linz

For the past thirty-five years the Pastorales Forum has enabled above-average qualified scholars from post-communist countries to earn a doctorate in theology (with a focus on pastoral theology) or to habilitate through its scholarship program.

For the winter semester 2023/24, the Pastorales Forum proposes new doctoral and postdoctoral scholarships. Five scholarships will be awarded to applicants from post-communist countries who qualify for a study at the University of Vienna or the Catholic Private University in Linz. The three-year scholarship can begin in October 2023. The successful applicants are required to live in Austria (Vienna or Linz) for the duration of their study. **The monthly payment is €1,100.**

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet the admission criteria of their preferred university (Vienna or Linz) and submit their scholarship application to the Pastorales Forum by **May 1, 2023.**

Requirements for the application

- Statement of the study administration of the University of Vienna (<https://doktorat.univie.ac.at/en/doctoralphd-programmes/>) or the Catholic Private University Linz (<https://ku-linz.at/studienangebot>) that the candidate can be admitted for the intended qualification (doctorate in Catholic theology or PhD)
- Proof of English or German language skills (for the University of Vienna C1, for the Catholic Private University B2)

An application for funding must be accompanied by the following documents (in German or English)

- Original and innovative research project (significance for the further development of the Church and theological thought in post-communist countries, convincing choice of scientific methods, possibilities for further scientific development)
- Scientific and professional career and previous scientific achievements

- Letter of recommendation and reference indicating the future potential of the applicant for the Church and theology in the post-communist countries. It is possible to submit this letter from the diocesan bishop, religious superior or head of an academic institution.

With the submission of the application, the applicants undertake that, in the case of a grant, they will live and work in Austria (Vienna or Linz) for the duration of the scholarship, participate in monthly meetings of the Pastoraes Forum scholars and work in or for their home country after the end of the study period.

Applications with all required documents must be submitted electronically by 01.5.2023. Contact address: office@pastorales-forum.net

For more information or questions, please contact Dr. Adela Muchova at office@pastorales-forum.net

We are looking forward to your application!