

STUDYING ABROAD

As part of the BA and MA in
Chinese Studies

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WHY?

- Consolidation, expansion and perfection of language skills
- Contextualization of study knowledge
- Personal development through problem solving in a foreign environment, processing cultural differences, etc.
- Preparation for the final thesis
- *Create your global network of friendship!*

Fundamental questions

- **Time** of your stay abroad during the course of your studies
- **Duration** of the planned stay abroad (semester/year)
- **Objective** (language/deepening the content in the subject area)
- **Choice** of country/region/city/university where you would like to study
- Choice of **scholarship** program (participation requirements, orientation, facilities/opportunities/deadlines...)

Communication

- Discussion of the recognised options for courses completed abroad as part of your studies at the University of Vienna with the SPL Sinology before the stay abroad
- Timely contact regarding letters of recommendation
- Notification of the place of study to SPL Sinology and Mobility Coordinator after receipt of the scholarship (at the latest upon arrival at the place of study)
- Message/questions regarding changes/visits to the courses abroad should be sent to SPL Sinology promptly during your stay
- Submit the certificates acquired abroad promptly after returning
- Passing on information to interested students/institutes

Ways to get a scholarship

- Studying in Chinese-speaking countries:
 - Scholarships from the University of Vienna: Non-EU Exchange Program
 - Scholarships from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education
 - China Scholarship Council (Ministry of Education)
 - Scholarship Confucius Institute Scholarships (Ministry of Education)
- Studying Sinology in other European countries: Erasmus
- Research stays (MA/Doctorate)
 - Short-term academic scholarships abroad (KWA)

Non-EU Exchange Program

- Students of the University of Vienna at partner universities (worldwide)
- Criteria: at least 2 successfully completed semesters (BA), language skills, previous studies, letter of motivation, interview (mid-December)
- **Deadline** for 2026/27: October 15, 2025
- No letters of recommendation
- Scholarship: €250-550 per month plus travel allowance (€200-600)
- Without scholarship, but tuition fee exemption
- Further information: <https://international.univie.ac.at/student-mobility/outgoing-students/non-eu-student-exchange-program/>

Non-EU Exchange Program

Partners in Chinese-speaking countries:

- Renmin University & University of Political Science and Law (Beijing)
- Nankai University (Tianjin), Fudan University (Shanghai)
- Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of HK, The University of HK
- National Taiwan University & National Chengchi University (Taipei), National Chiao Tung University (Hsinchu)
- Singapore Management University

See most updated [list](#)

Personal Reports

Application for the NON-EU program

When you put your application together, ask yourself:

- What do you want to achieve by studying abroad (study, career)?
- How can studying abroad enrich your studies in Vienna?
- Can you take courses there that can be recognized here in Vienna?
- Are there things that need to be explained about your course of study, duration or grades?
- Can you write three sentences about everything in your application?

Any Questions Regarding Non-EU Exchange

Please contact the International Office by writing to:

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Scholarships from the Taiwan Ministry of Education

1. Taiwan scholarship (full degree, BA, MA, PhD, at a Taiwanese university, up to 5 years funding)
2. Huayu scholarship (language study 1 year or 1 semester, monthly scholarship)
3. Huayu scholarship Sinology (language study 1 year or 1 semester, monthly scholarship)
4. Funding for summer language courses at Taiwanese universities

Application submission via Education Department Taipei Economic and Cultural Office

Info: https://www.roc-taiwan.org/at_de/cat/28.html

Application deadlines: similar to previous years are probably **April 2026**

Information event: to be confirmed, likely to be **January 2026**

Scholarships from the Taiwan Ministry of Education

Information session from the past (Jan 2025)



STIPENDIENVORSTELLUNG TAIWAN TAIWAN STIPENDIUM SPRACHSTIPENDIUM/HUAYU STIPENDIUM SOMMERSPRACHKURS TOCFL WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

Datum: Donnerstag, 16. Jänner 2025

Zeit: 17:00 – 18:00

Ort: Institut für Ostasienwissenschaften/Sinologie
Spitalgasse 2, Hof 2, Tür 2.3, 1090 Wien
Raum SIN 1

Die Bildungsabteilung des Taipei Wirtschafts- und Kulturbüros in Österreich möchte Studierenden und Interessent*innen gerne die Möglichkeit geben, Fragen bezüglich des Taiwan- und Huayu- Stipendiums, sowie des Sommersprachkurses direkt stellen zu können. Außerdem wird über den TOCFL Test, dessen Teilnahme für die Bewerbung einiger Stipendien notwendig ist, sowie das Working Holiday Visa informiert.

Um auf Fragen und spezifische Interessen einzugehen bzw. etwaige Änderungen des Termins bekanntzugeben, bitten wir um Voranmeldung unter:



<https://forms.gle/49aQykFQetNEro3z>

Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Teilnahme!

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Any Questions Regarding Taiwan Scholarships

Please contact the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office by writing to:

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China Scholarship Council Scholarship

- Awarded by the China Scholarship Council, Ministry of Education of the PRC
- 2 semesters (language studies) at a Chinese university (indicate preferences regarding place of study possible, conditional choice)
- Tuition fee waiver, student accommodation, monthly stipend
- Application submission via the Education Department of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (Vienna)

Info: Confucius Institute in Vienna

<https://www.konfuzius-institut.at/programme/china-stipendien/>

https://www.campuschina.org/content/details3_74776.html

<http://austria.lxgz.org.cn/austria/lxzg/index.html>

<https://www.campuschina.org/scholarships/index.html>

Application deadline: similar to previous years probably **February 2026**

Information event: no information yet

Confucius Institute Scholarships (Ministry of Education)

- Awarded by the Headquarters of the Confucius Institutes (Hanban 汉办, Ministry of Education)
- Several programs for semester, annual and study scholarships
- Waived tuition fees, on-campus accommodation, monthly living allowance
- Information on requirements (e.g. HSK level/number of points) and processes (application/deadlines, award) on the KI homepage:
<https://www.konfuzius-institut.at/programme>
- Next Information event: no information yet, perhaps **January 2026**

Any Questions Regarding China Scholarship Council Scholarship or Confucius Institute Scholarship

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ERASMUS+ Sinology/ Chinese Studies at a European Partner University

Erasmus study places in Sinology:

- University of Ca' Foscari Venice, Italy (1 x 2 semesters)
- University of Turku, Finland (2 x 1 semester)

Tuition fee waiver, Erasmus+ grant

Requirements: 3rd semester (BA); language skills; 30 ECTS per semester, possibility of recognition of 3 ECTS/month of stay (SPL) /

MA: Confirmation of the meaningfulness of the Erasmus stay (supervisor of the master's thesis, SPL)

Main award phase: March 05, 2026, remaining places October 05, 2026

Info: <https://international.univie.ac.at/studierendenmobilitaet/outgoing-students/erasmus-studienaufenthalte/>

Short-term Academic Scholarships Abroad (KWA)

Funding for a research stay in the master's or doctoral program 2 weeks - 3 months for:

- Research activity
- Acquisition of additional qualifications in connection with MA work/dissertation

Requirements:

- less than 4 years after completing a BA degree;
- good academic success;
- MA thesis/dissertation topic registered and approved;
- endorsement of carer;
- Confirmation of an institution abroad suitable for research work/additional qualifications

Application via the International Office at the University of Vienna on three dates per year (15 Feb., 15 May, 15 Oct.)

Info: <https://international.univie.ac.at/studierendenmobilitaet/outgoing-students/kurzfristige-wissenschaftliche-auslandsstipendien-kwa/>

Recognition of Courses

- Content, scope (ECTS or SWS) and proof of achievement comparable to the corresponding courses in your program
- Least problematic:
 - Sinology International (approx. 8 SWS abroad for 15 ECTS)
 - Language courses (except special courses such as classical Chinese, translation internship)
- For non-EU and Erasmus, you must have the courses to be recognized signed **before departure**
- Preliminary inspection by mobility coordinator
 - Please submit information about the content, scope and proof of achievements of the courses to be recognized and the equivalents at the University of Vienna in a clear, table form
- Final signature from SPL

Information without guarantee

Please check in particular the deadlines and application requirements

QUESTIONS?

FAQs

Concerning credit transfers:

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Concerning other matters/inspirations/questions on whom to ask for help...

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