

Doctoral Scholarships at the Gustav Mahler Private University of Music

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Through the DOC Scholarship Programme, the GMPU supports qualified doctoral candidates in the PhD in the Arts programme. The scholarship enables early-career researchers to devote themselves to develop their dissertation in a focused manner and within a clear time frame.

From October 2026, the GMPU will be able to award up to two full scholarships, which may be extended for a maximum of three years upon submission of an annual academic progress report.

Application requirements

- A high-quality application and acceptance into a PhD programme at GMPU (A dissertation topic relating to the state of Carinthia or the Alpe-Adria region is preferred)
- From October 2026, primary residence, stay and active participation in the cultural life in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee (the place of study) or Carinthia (the region of study).

Application documents

- A personal statement including a research plan for the dissertation and a letter of recommendation from one of the two supervisors

Scholarship amount

- A full scholarship of €20,000 per year for a maximum of 36 months

Payment schedule

- In the first year
October 2026: €5,000 (per scholarship holder)
November 2026 to September 2027: €1,363 per month (per scholarship holder)
- Second and third academic years 2027/28, 2028/29
€1,666.66 per month

Proof of academic progress

- To have the scholarship renewed after the first year of study, proof of academic progress (at least the required number of ECTS according to the curriculum) must be provided by September 2027 at the latest.

Promoting women

- The GMPU is committed to increasing the proportion of women in research and, where candidates are equally qualified, awards at least 50% of its grants to female applicants