

Summary of the Meeting
“ASEA-UNINET Virtual Workshop 2024”
December 20, 2023 at 02.30 – 05.00 pm.

Overview of ASEA-UNINET Funding Opportunities

1) Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET

- **Goals** To promote research cooperation
To promote young academics in the early stages of their scientific careers
To establish an effective network of researchers with relations to Austria
- **Target Group** Postgraduates (Full PhD Grant)
Postdocs* (Postdoc Grant)
Undergraduates, Graduates (Music Practice Grant)
- **Citizenship** Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, or Vietnam
- **Target Country** Austria
- **Maximum Age** 35 years (Postgraduates, Undergraduates, Graduates)
45 years (Postdocs)
- **Area of Study** All fields of study (research) / Music Practice (music)

2) Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET

- **Duration** Full PhD Grant (36 months)
Postdoc Grant (3-9 months)
Music Practice Grant (9 months)
- **Grant Benefit** 1) Monthly Grant Rate EUR 1.250,--
2) Travel Costs Subsidy of max. EUR 1.000,--
3) Monthly Mobility Subsidy (only Full PhD) EUR 300,--
- **Application** to be submitted online via scholarships.at
- **Closing Date** 1st March 2024 (for Music Practice: 20th December 2023)

3) General Remarks on the Application Process

- **Academic Supervisor:** Prospective applicants need to submit a confirmation of academic supervision (“**Letter of Invitation**”/LoI) from a full or associate professor at an Austrian ASEA-UNINET Member University* as part of their application.

To obtain this, candidates will independently need to:

- find an institute or a department that suits their academic profile,
 - ask professors directly (they are used to such requests),
 - set up meeting(s) to discuss their project proposal (E-mail, Zoom, etc.),
 - upload the LoI in their application (on scholarships.at).
- **LoI Requirements:** May be freely written (i.e., there is no template) and must contain all relevant information (e.g., planned duration of the research stay, proposed project title, which support the supervisor will provide).

Must also bear the institutional(i) letterhead and (ii) stamp, and (iii) date and (iv) signature of the prospective supervisor. Otherwise, invalid application!

- **Reference Letters:** Prospective applicants need to submit two reference letters (“**Letters of Recommendation**”/LoR) as part of their application.

The LoR:

- may not be issued by the Austrian prospective academic supervisor,
- should be written by professors who know the applicant well in the context of their academic work (as relevant to the proposed project),
- must be uploaded by the candidate in the application (on scholarships.at).

- **LoR Requirements:** May be freely written (i.e., there is no template) and must not be older than six months at the time of application.

Must also bear the institutional(i) letterhead and (ii) stamp, and (iii) date and (iv) signature of the reference. Otherwise, ineligible for application!

- **Translating Documents:** If a document (e.g., copy of degree, language certificates, etc.) is neither in English nor in German, a rough (in official) translation may be submitted.

However, official translations may be required at a later stage by the prospective host university in Austria during the university enrollment process.

- **University Enrollment:** Candidates may apply for the Ernst Mach Grant –ASEA-UNINET prior to enrolling at a host university in Austria.

However, enrollment must be completed before receiving the scholarship.

- **Start of Project:** Full PhD: Winter Semester (1st Oct.) is standard practice at Austrian universities. Postdocs/Music Practice: in accordance with supervisor (1st Oct. at the earliest)

- **Selection Procedure:** The selection procedure is based on a multi-stage process.
 - After 1st March 2024: Examination of the formal requirements (OeAD).
 - May 2024: Assessment based on personal interviews conducted by ASEA-UNINET experts. Criteria include language skills, quality of the Research Proposal, and relevance of the project.
 - Summer 2024: Final decision by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)

Funding within ASEA-UNINET Projects

1) What is an ASEA-UNINET project?

This refers to a research and/or a teaching cooperation between at least 1 Austrian and at least 1 ASEAN / Pakistani ASEA-UNINET Member University. Several ASEA-UNINET Member Universities from these member countries are welcome to participate in one project.

2) What can be funded?

Above all the **transcontinental mobilities** of the scientists participating in the project are funded. These are the travel expenses (funded only for Scientists from Austria) to and/or the living expenses in the partner country (funded for Scientists from Austria AND from ASEAN member countries/Pakistan). Between one and around six mobilities may be funded as part of one project. One mobility may last between a few days and a maximum of 3 months.

3) All Thai Member Universities can participate in an ASEA-UNINET project:

Burapha University (BUU)	Maharakham University (MSU)
Chiang Mai University (CMU)	Mahidol University (MU)
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok (Chula)	Naresuan University (NU)
Kasetsart University (KU)	Prince of Songkla University (PSU)
Khon Kaen University (KKU)	Ramkhamhaeng University (RU)
King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL)	Silpakorn University (SU)
King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB)	Srinakharinwirot University (SWU)
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)	Suranaree University of Technology (SUT)
Mae Fah Luang University (MFU) -Candidate Member	Thammasat University (TU)
	Ubon Ratchathani University (UBU)

4) General Information

- Area of Study
 - Natural Sciences
 - Technical Sciences
 - Human Medicine, Health Sciences
 - Agricultural Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - Humanities, the Arts
- Target group
 - (Postdoc) researchers
 - PhD students

- **Maximum Age:** No age limit :). Recipients must be active in research and/or teaching at an ASEA-UNINET member university
* in Austria or in an ASEAN partner country/Pakistan.
- **Language Proficiency:** Very good knowledge of English and/or German.

5) When to / Who can Apply

The ASEA-UNINET Project Call takes place once a year (in the spring) and concerns projects that are to be carried out in the coming Austrian academic year (October to September of the following year)

The ASEA-UNINET Project Call 2024-2025 (Implementation Period Oct. 2024 until Sep. 2025) will be open in spring 2024.

You are interested? Then please do this:

- Find a suitable project partner at an Austrian ASEA-UNINET Member University (incl. the Austrian Candidate Member University). If you do not know one, please contact the Coordinator of this Austrian ASEA-UNINET Member University.
- Create together a joint research or teaching project.
- Apply for the project. Attention: The application is to be submitted exclusively by the Austrian partner (usually the Austrian project leader).
- The approval process is multi-stage and takes several weeks/months.
- The Austrian partner will inform you if the project will be funded.

6) Link Directory (Ernst Mach Grant –ASEA-UNINET)

- Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET Grant Announcement

<https://grants.at/en/?=MzUyMzVfMzcxMDNfMA==>

- Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET Application Form
<https://www.scholarships.at/login/login.aspx?DataFormID=2116>
- FAQ - Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET FAQs
<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/grants-and-scholarships/ernst-mach-grant/faq-ernst-mach-grant-asea-uninet>
- Ernst Mach Grant – ASEA-UNINET Programme Summary-https://asea-uninet.org/wp-content/uploads/INFO-Ernst-Mach-Grant-ASEA-UNINET-Call-2024_25-1.pdf

7) Link Directory (ASEA-UNINET Projects)

- ASEA-UNINET Website Member Universities
<https://asea-uninet.org/network-members/member-universities/>
- ASEA-UNINET Website Austrian Coordinators
<https://asea-uninet.org/network-members/member-universities/austrian-universities/>
- ASEA-UNINET Projects Application
<https://asea-uninet.org/scholarships-grants/project-support/>
- ASEA-UNINET Annual Reports
<https://asea-uninet.org/wp-content/uploads/ASEA-UNINET-Annual-Report-2019.pdf>
Reports 2019 and 2020 & 2020-2021
https://asea-uninet.org/wp-content/uploads/ASEA-UNINET_Annual_Report_2020_and_2020-2021_hohe_Qualit%C3%A4t.pdf

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