

IV STEM STIPEND FOR HIGH POTENTIALS FROM UKRAINE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Eligible to apply

The stipend of the Federation of Austrian Industries is intended for high potentials from Ukraine, who

- 1) are enrolled in a **STEM-related** Bachelor's or Master's programme (**science, technology, engineering, mathematics**) at an Austrian university (enrolment as ordinary student) or
- 2) are enrolled in a **preparation programme** to prepare for a STEM-related programme.

Furthermore, all applicants are also required to have already achieved **outstanding results** at **science competitions, e.g., Olympiads** or research project competitions of the **Junior Academy of Science of Ukraine**.

Applicants **must not be older than 25 years** at the deadline of application.

Obligations

The aim is for highly qualified, motivated, communicative and organisationally skilled high potentials from Ukraine to apply their STEM-related expertise acquired back home in the Austrian education system within the area of gifted education. This exciting transfer of knowledge shall take place with **self-designed workshops** for pupils. Therefore, applicants are requested to submit a concept of such a **workshop** as well as application documents as listed below. Applicants are then supported by a mentor in the didactic and organisational design of the workshop, whereas the realisation (and any possible promotion) of the workshop shall be carried out independently.

Once the stipend is granted, recipients of the stipend are obligated to finalise the **concept of the workshop before summer**, ideally to also find a **cooperation partner** and to arrange the workshop **venue**, to carry out and document the workshop.

STEM workshop for pupils

In the course of May 2025, stipendiaries will design a workshop concept in regular dialogue with their mentor. During the summer holidays, they will carry out either **one two-weeks or two one-week** STEM workshops according to their concept. The workshops will comprise a total of 40 working units of 45 minutes each and are aimed at pupils of the Upper Secondary School Leven (year 9 to 13). Stipendiaries are required to promote their courses. Possible points of contact for cooperation are Projekt Mathematik macht Freude MmF an der



Universität Wien, the junior universities (Kinderuniversitäten), the STEM coordination officers (MINT-Koordinatoren) of the Federal provinces, schools with the STEM seal (MINT-Gütesiegel) (www.mintschule.at).

Amount and awarding of the stipend

Each stipendiary will receive EUR 6,000. No more than three stipends will be awarded. The decisions to award the stipends will be made by a jury panel of experts on the basis of

- a written application,
- the completeness of the application,
- the one-minute long application video (in German) as well as
- the personal interview of those 5 persons who are considered as best among the applicants.

The jury comprises of experts from the Federation of Austrian Industries and the University of Vienna.

The stipend will be paid out in the course of 12 months, beginning in May 2025, consisting of three instalments of EUR 2,000 each by December 2025 at the latest.

Moreover, stipendiaries will be supported by the Federation of Austrian Industries in their efforts to connect with STEM-related companies and programmes.

Application: Procedure and required documents

Applications via the application form must be submitted digitally to the Federation of Austrian Industries and must include the following documents, preferably in **German**. Please note that applications are only accepted provided they are submitted **completely** at the end of the deadline of application:

- Confirmation of successfully completed **examinations** in the course of a STEM-related programme at an Austrian university, including the corresponding grades. Programmes with a focus on mathematics, information technologies and technology (in exceptional cases, also natural sciences) are preferred. If necessary and if you are unsure, please contact us before the deadline of application
- OR: **Confirmation of Admission to an Austrian Preparation Programme, alternatively Confirmation of Completion of the Preparation Programme.**
- Certificate of **German language skills** with a level of proficiency at least B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- Proof of **achievement** at science competitions, e.g., science Olympiads, competition of research projects by the Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine or related international competition (please provide all relevant documents in one PDF file).
- Photo copy of your **passport**.
- **CV** (preferably in German), including accounts of own teaching experience in gifted education (if possible) and organisational skills (no more than 1 DIN A4 page).
- **General concept** of a self-designed STEM-themed workshop aimed at pupils at the Upper Secondary School Level (approx. 14 until 18 years old). The concept must also



include the intended contents, learning outcomes and didactical methods (no more than 1 page).

- As reference, here you find [complete concepts](#) of the 2024 stipendiaries of the Federation of Austrian Industries from Ukraine.
- NOTA BENE: A part of the general concept must include a short research concerning: Which STEM-related offerings for adolescents 12 years or older (summer programmes, science Olympiads, etc.) in Austria in close proximity to you did you manage to find after an online research, for example?
- **Application video** no longer than 60 seconds with the following contents:
 - What are you currently studying and why? Who/What led you to enrol in your programme?
 - What are your personal career goals?
 - Have you already worked with children and adolescents, and, if so, in what context?
 - What are your best achievements you want to share with us?

Due to administrative reasons, we kindly ask you to name your attachments according to how they are highlighted above. Please upload your application video to a hosting service (e.g., wetransfer.com) which can be accessed by highpotentials@iv.at.

Conditions of payment

In case of being granted a stipend, the applicant obligated themselves to the following:

Instalment 1: until 1 July 2025, report regarding what has already been done in preparation for the workshop (concept, communication, outreach to e.g. schools, ...).

Instalment 2: until 25 September 2025, two-thirds of the workshop must be completed, including photo documentation and the brief report regarding personal learnings which both must be submitted to the Federation of Austrian Industries.

Instalment 3: until 1 December 2025, the workshop must be fully completed.

Any deviations from the study programme and the carrying-out of the workshops must be reported to the organisational team and the Federation of Austrian Industries immediately.

Therefore, the stipend will be paid out in three instalments in the beginning of July, end of September and beginning of December 2025. If the concept of the summer workshop or the proof of performance are not submitted or the project is not carried out accordingly, there will be **no** further payments.

Deadline of application

All application documents must be fully submitted to highpotentials@iv.at until **Friday, 14 March 2025**. The recipients of the stipends will be announced on **15 April 2025**, at the latest.



Disclaimer

Even if all application requirements are met, no legal entitlement to a stipend arises.

All stipendiaries are obligated to be present at their place of study in Austria and to fulfil their study- and workshop-related obligations.

Incomplete as well as applications not in accordance with the conditions of the announcement will not be included in the selection process.

