

Dear students,

you can also watch this announcement as a video (in German) with English or German subtitles: <https://youtu.be/MOSj54n0hOM>

The new semester has arrived and as Vice Rector for Academic Affairs I wanted to bring some important news and events to your attention:

### **Federal aid for students in Austria**

- Submission deadline for winter semester 17/18 from **September 20th until December 15th 2017**
- Funds have been raised to 60 million Euro
- New amendment of the Studienförderungsgesetz 2017
- More information: <https://www.oeh.ac.at/studienbeihilfe/>
- If you have questions regarding the federal aid for students, the application process or the new amendment and how it might affect you, don't hesitate to contact the department for social support of HTU: [soziales@htu.tugraz.at](mailto:soziales@htu.tugraz.at)

### **Scholarships for students**

- Link: <https://www.tugraz.at/en/studying-and-teaching/studying-at-tu-graz/financial-matters/scholarships-for-students/overview-scholarships-for-students/>

I want to bring the overview of scholarships for students to your attention. Consider that some deadlines for an application are already near.

### **New amendment of the Universities Act on October 1st 2017**

- **Repetition of a successfully passed examination** within 12 months (up until now 6 months) of the date the exam was originally taken, but not later than the end of the respective stage of the study programme or the programme as a whole.
- **Academic leave of absence:** If you apply for an academic leave, the leave will be active for all of your registered study programmes. If your study programme is a cooperation between multiple universities (Electrical Engineering and Audio Engineering, NAWI Graz, Teacher Training Programme), the leave applies to all study programmes at all institutions. The leave of absence shall be applied for by the beginning of the respective semester, in case of unforeseen circumstances at the latest by the end of the extension period of the respective semester.
- Furthermore, students can be **expelled** upon endangering members of the university in course of their study programme.

If you have any questions regarding your studies, don't hesitate to write to our new email-address: [study@tugraz.at](mailto:study@tugraz.at)

Also, the department for university law of HTU offers competent advice and counselling: [bipol@htu.tugraz.at](mailto:bipol@htu.tugraz.at)

### Prize for Excellence in Teaching

- Now taking nominations for the winter semester 2017
- Information about the nomination process:  
<https://tu4u.tugraz.at/en/students/our-tu-graz/teaching-strategy/prize-for-excellence-in-teaching/>

### Event: Strategic Communication and Public Relations for Engineers (in German)

- Link: <https://www.tugraz.at/en/studying-and-teaching/teaching-at-tu-graz/news-overview/#c143902>
- When: November 11th 2017, 10 am – 2 pm
- Where: HS II (Alte Technik, Rechbauerstraße 12, 1st basement level)

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Ingrid Vogl (managing director of the scientific senate of Public Relations Verband Austria)
- Mag. Peter N. Thier (Senior Director Corporate Communications, Austrian Airlines)

Limited number of participants. Please register your attendance early at [vr-lehre@tugraz.at](mailto:vr-lehre@tugraz.at).

### Event: Students' discussion group with Vice Rector Heck (in English and German)

- Link: <https://www.tugraz.at/en/studying-and-teaching/teaching-at-tu-graz/dialog-formate-und-veranstaltungen/#c138209>
- Event in German: November 13th 2017, 6 – 8 pm, HS II ((Alte Technik, Rechbauerstraße 12, 1st basement level)
- Event in English: November 23rd 2017, 5 – 7 pm, BMTEG038 (Stremayrgasse 16, ground floor)
- Collection of previously discussed topics in TU4U (in German): <https://tu4u.tugraz.at/en/students/our-tu-graz/teaching-strategy/dialogue-formats/student-stammtisch-with-vice-rector-heck/>
- Please register your attendance at [vr-lehre@tugraz.at](mailto:vr-lehre@tugraz.at).

### Relaunch of iMooX.at

- Relaunch of the MOOC-platform <https://imoox.at/mooc/>
- New course programme starts in October 2017

I wish you a successful start into the new semester.

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