

# FAQ Postgraduate Degree | BASEhabitat

## Application process **What does the application process entail?**

There are two stages to the application process:

- 1. After submitting the required documents (See „info for application“) our team will evaluate the entries and get in touch with successful applicants.
  - 2. Those applicants will be invited to an interview in Linz or a skype interview (depending on the place of living).
  - 3. Within a few days after the interview, you will get the information about acceptance. You confirm your participation by paying 20% of the tuition fee.
- Send your documents to: basehabitat.postgrad@ufg.at

### **Which documents do I have to submit?**

- See document „info for application“

### **What are the requirements for the portfolio?**

- Portfolio (pdf format, max A3, max 20 pages, max 20 MB)

### **Timeframe for application 2019**

1st Admission Call - closed

2nd Admission Call -closed

- Last-minute Application  
Interviews: Dec 18 + 19 2019  
Register and submit your documents from  
Dec 17, 2019

## Costs of the programme **Tuition fee**

- The tuition fee for the programme is €9.000.  
As the whole programme comprises 90 ECTS, this is equivalent to €100 per ECTS.
- An inspiring working space at University of Art and Design Linz is included.
- We accept a maximum of 20 students, so that each student gets extraordinarily personal supervision.

### **Payment**

- A non-refundable security deposit of €1.800 (20% of the total) is payable immediately upon being accepted into the programme, to secure your place.  
The rest has to be paid within 2 months within of your application approval
- The fee does NOT include any travel expenses, accommodation or materials for studying neither in Linz nor on the construction site.

#### Costs + scholarships **What are the costs of living in Linz?**

- The average costs of living in Austria are approx. €700 to €900 per month.  
Accommodation €250 to €400  
Food: €300  
Extras: €150 to €200  
More info at <https://www.upperspace.study>

#### **What are the costs of living at the construction site?**

- The costs of living at the construction site are low. Simple and cheap accommodation and food are offered for the whole group. The next BASEhabitat project is going to take place in South East Asia.

#### **Are there scholarships one could apply for?**

- Unfortunately, from the side of BASEhabitat no scholarships are available at the moment.
- Check scholarship possibilities in your own country or consult the Austrian grants website: <https://grants.at/en/>
- We've designed the course in a way that the whole costs are as low as possible. You only have to be in Austria for a maximum period of 6 months. The second term is on a construction site, where cost of living is low. The third term is dedicated to writing your thesis and can be anywhere, even at home.

#### **Is it possible to work while studying?**

- The programme of the postgraduate degree is compact and intensive. You won't be able to do more than some small freelancer jobs in the period in Linz. You can work during the summer break. The time for writing your Master's thesis is flexible and can be combined with a job.

#### Duration + Location **When does the Postgraduate Degree|BASEhabitat start?**

- February 3, 2020

#### **What is the duration of the programme?**

- The duration of the programme is 3 semesters: you spend the first semester in Linz (5,5 months), the second on the current BASEhabitat construction site (3 months) the third semester is dedicated to writing-up your thesis.

#### **Is the Postgraduate Degree|BASEhabitat based in Linz?**

- Candidates are required to be based in Linz for about half a year. A working place will be available at University.
- After a summer break you go to the construction site, in South East Asia.
- For writing your Master's thesis you can choose the place you want.

#### Required qualification **Which previous degrees qualify me for the programme?**

- You have to hold a MA or Diploma in Architecture, or a related field (planners, engineers, or similar). Your degree has to consist of 240 ECTS.  
Please check with BASEhabitat before submitting an application.

#### **I hold a BA degree in Architecture, can I apply for the Postgraduate Degree?**

- Your Bachelor's Degree must be equal to a BA+MA Degree or Diploma from Austria. As an orientation, this means 240 - 300 ECTS and usually 5-6 years of study.

#### Language **In what language will the classes be taught?**

- The programme is held in English, therefore an excellent command of spoken and written English is required (level B2, TOEFL or CAE no older than 2 years)

#### Visa **Do I need a visa?**

- Check with the Austrian embassy in your home country, whether you require a visa to study in Austria. Also be aware of deadlines and the time it takes to process your visa. It is in your own responsibility to make sure to arrange everything in time.
- BASEhabitat does not cover postage, and will not return any documents submitted by post. Furthermore BASEhabitat does not cover travel expenses or visa fees.

#### **Useful websites**

<https://grants.at/en/>  
<https://oead.at/en/>  
<https://www.upperspace.study>

#### **Contact**

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