

## Funding for a master's thesis at the University of Salzburg by the Salzburg Sustainability Club

With this funding, the Salzburg Sustainability Club specifically supports students who are writing an innovative and future-oriented master's thesis in the field of ecological sustainability.

### Aim of the funding

The aim of the funding is to support applicants in writing their master's thesis. The funds provided by the Salzburg Sustainability Club can be used for material resources for additional scientific work (experiments, investigations, fieldwork, active participation in conferences, etc.) in order to improve the quality of the master's thesis.

### Target group

The funding is aimed at students who are working on innovative and future-oriented research projects in the field of ecological sustainability as part of their master's thesis. This includes, for example, topics such as the protection and sustainable use of natural resources, the development of environmentally friendly technologies, the promotion of the circular economy, the reduction of environmental pollution and adaptation to climate change. The funding is particularly aimed at students who want to contribute to solving current ecological challenges and develop sustainable approaches for society and the environment through their work.

### Application requirements

- Valid enrolment in a master's programme at the University of Salzburg.
- Existing supervision arrangement for a master's thesis with an authorised supervisor at the Faculty of Natural and Life Sciences at the University of Salzburg
- Only one application may be submitted per applicant.

### Amount of funding

A sum of €3,000 is earmarked for the winner of the grant. In order to ensure supportive supervision, the grant will not be allocated directly to the student, but to the department or working group of the main supervisor of the selected master's thesis.

### Call for entries and submission deadlines

Entries are possible from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026 to Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

An application form must be submitted via email to [sustainability@plus.ac.at](mailto:sustainability@plus.ac.at) for each application. Electronic submissions must be received by the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the latest.

### Review

A review panel consisting of members of the Salzburg Sustainability Club will decide whether a submission will receive funding.

Submissions will be evaluated based on their degree of innovation, potential for improving environmental sustainability in the subject area, or potential applications of the results.

The best candidates will be invited to present their research project at a club-evening event organised by the Salzburg Sustainability Club. The evaluation of the presentation will focus on the

candidates' ability to communicate the topic of their master's thesis or their results to a non-specialist audience within a time limit. The evaluation jury will decide on the winner after the presentations.

Applications that are not submitted on time or are incomplete will be excluded from the evaluation.