



Scholarships for students' research on microfinance – 1st Call 2012

We invite students planning or having completed a thesis on a microfinance-related topic as well as students planning or completing an internship with combined field research to participate in the “**University Meets Microfinance**” (UMM) – Scholarships & Awards Programme:

UMM Scholarships Programme for field research AND internships with combined field research:

Scholarships of up to 1200 EUR are granted to students who conduct on-the-field research on microfinance-related topics in development countries. Students enrolled at a European university and who are researching a microfinance-related topic in the frame of their thesis or conducting an internship in combination with field research are eligible. The scholarships are granted to cover travel and / or accommodation expenses during the field research. The Scholarships Programme is open for **Bachelor, Master and PhD students**. However, scholarships for PhDs students are available for research only - internships are not covered.

UMM Award Programme for outstanding master theses:

Master students who have completed their final thesis on a microfinance-related topic at a European university can apply for the UMM Award. The award will be granted to a student presenting an outstanding research in the microfinance field. The winning final thesis will be published. The winner will receive EUR 500 and will be invited to the International Microfinance Awards Ceremony in Paris.

Application deadlines for Scholarships and Master - Programme 2012:

20 April 2012	1st Call for Scholarships Programme (Bachelor, Master)
15 June 2012	2nd Call for Scholarships Programme (PhD) (Scholarships only available for field research)
31 August 2012	Call for Award Programme
15 October 2012	3rd Call for Scholarships Programme (Bachelor, Master)

Application forms and eligibility criteria for the UMM Scholarships and Award Programme are available at www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu Please send your application to umm@planetfinance.org

University Meets Microfinance (UMM) is a programme which fosters cooperation between university students in Europe and microfinance practitioners. UMM has been launched by PlaNet Finance Deutschland e.V. and Freie Universität Berlin and is co-financed by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). All UMM activities are carried out under the umbrella of the European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP) in the frame of the e-MFP Action Group “UMM”. To date the UMM events gathered 1991 students, professors and practitioners from 10 European countries.

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