

## Sustainable Transitions Exchange Program (UT-TUM STEP)

between

### The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) and The TUM School of Management

<b>Target group:</b>	TUM School of Management students of all Master's programs on all campuses (MMT, MIM, MCS, MSMT) with interest in <b>energy transition, sustainability, and resources and decisions to enable it.</b>
<b>Scope of the program:</b>	TUM School of Management Master's students will get the opportunity to spend 1 semester at the University of Texas at Austin and take courses on climatology, engineering, resources economics, and more, joining <a href="#">the Energy and Earth Resources Graduate Program</a> . Working on their Master's Thesis with the main supervisor at TUM <a href="#">Center for Energy Markets</a> , students will get a unique opportunity to enrich their work and expertise collaborating with UT researchers.
<b>Number of places:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Length of stay abroad:</b>	1 semester from early August until Mid-December (4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester)
<b>Expected final qualification:</b>	"Master of Science" at TUM an official STEP certificate and a Transcript of Records from the UT Austin
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Application Semester:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester of the TUM School of Management Master's program <small>Extension of your Master's Program possible!</small>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>11 December 2023</b>
<b>Application Registration via:</b>	<a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Documents to be submitted:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Bachelor's Degree incl. Transcript of Records</li><li>✓ Current TUM Transcript of Records (average grade better than 2.2) with at least 30 ECTS</li><li>✓ List of current courses attending at TUM School of Management course</li><li>✓ DAAD Language Certificate English (C1 or higher) or equivalent test (TOEFL, IELST,...) (not for native speaker English =&gt; proof is needed)</li><li>✓ Letter of motivation in English (max. 1 ½ pages)</li><li>✓ CV</li><li>✓ Matriculation certificate</li></ul>

Please send your application documents, after your online registration, via email to [jip@mgt.tum.de](mailto:jip@mgt.tum.de).

**Subject line: application for STEP\_ "your name"**

You will receive a confirmation about your successful submission of your application via email at the latest on the following working day after the application deadline. It is not possible to submit further documents after the application deadline.

**Selection procedures:**

The application process consists of two parts: the pre-selection and an interview.

1. The pre-selection is made on the basis of the submitted documents.
2. A rejection or an invitation to an interview will be sent to the candidates by email mid-January.

An additional application for the exchange program "[TUM SOMex \(incl. Erasmus\)](#)" is possible. In the case of successful nomination for the UT-TUM STEP program the application for the "TUM SOMex (incl. Erasmus)" is automatically annulled.

**Time Line and Program Structure:**

	<b>Master's students starting in Winter Semester</b>	<b>Master's students starting in Summer Semester</b>
<b>Application for program at TUM</b>	Winter semester with at least 30 ECTS at TUM	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
<b>Exchange at UT Austin</b>	Fall term Mid-August to the middle of December	
	5 <sup>th</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
	max. 3-4 courses (about 12 ECTS to 18 ECTS) plus preparation for the Master's Thesis with UT researchers and the main supervisor at TUM <a href="#">Center for Energy Markets</a>	
<b>Continue studying at TUM</b>	Transfer of credits (if desired)  Finishing the Master's Thesis at TUM <a href="#">Center for Energy Markets</a> until the end of March	
	still 5 <sup>th</sup> semester	still 4 <sup>th</sup> semester

TUM students can take part in max. 4 courses (12 to 18 ECTS) with [the Energy and Earth Resources Graduate Program](#) at UT Austin.

Transfer of courses would be possible as “electives” in all Master’s programs.

You find a [recommended course catalogue here](#).

With the nomination for the program the main supervisor for your Master’s Thesis at TUM would be a TUM professor related to the TUM [Center for Energy Markets](#).

Start working on your Master’s Thesis in August to be connected to a researcher at the UT Austin. The Master’s Thesis will be finished after your return at TUM School of Management.

### **Costs:**

- Journey to and from US (Texas): 600 – 1,000 euros
- Personal and living expenses (incl. accommodation and food): 1,000 – 2,000 euros per month
- Health insurance (Enrollment in the UT Austin insurance plan is mandatory): 1,300 euros per semester (subject to change)
- Additional costs for Visa and individual plans

### **Housing at Austin:**

Exchange students attending UT Austin usually choose from three types of housing: co-operative houses (co-ops), private dormitories, and apartments. Space in UT-owned dorms is available, but limited.

### **Contact:**

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### **FAQs:**

**Is it possible to take a study abroad semester during my Master’s Course via one of our TUM exchange programs and in addition applying for the STEP program?**

In this program it might be possible, that you were accepted for a study abroad semester before you had the possibility for your STEP application (prerequisite: min. 30 ECTS at TUM) It is still possible to apply for the STEP program while you are abroad in your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Master’s semester (winter semester).

**Is it possible to apply for a scholarship at TUM?**

Yes, after your successful nomination for the STEP program via PROMOS (individual scholarships): <https://www.international.tum.de/global/stipendien/>

Application deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Where can I find STEP content related Master's Thesis topics?

Please visit the website of the [Center for Energy Markets](#).

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