



UMM 2015 Scholarship Program

Application form for PhD field research

We invite PhD Students enrolled at universities in the European Union to submit applications to the “University Meets Microfinance” (UMM) Scholarship Program for **ongoing* or planned** field research in developing countries on financial inclusion topics.

*** The field research must still be ongoing at the scholarship application deadline. Please note that field research must be completed before November 2015.**

Scholarships of up to 1500 EUR are granted to cover travel and/or accommodation expenses during the field experience.

The application shall include the following documents:

1. Research Proposal (5 pages maximum - bibliography excluded - in English):
 - Research outline and structure (including research question, table of contents, graphical illustrations, etc.)
 - Theoretical background and relevance of topic for research and practice
 - Description and explanation of the methodology
 - Short literature review
 - Tentative timetable specifying activities and outputs
 - Provisional budget for the field expenses
2. Short CV (3 pages maximum)
3. Application Form (Appendix I)
4. Declaration of Consent (Appendix II)
5. Declaration of Acceptance from the supervising professor (Appendix III)
6. Declaration of funding in addition to UMM (Appendix IV)

DEADLINE: February 15th, 2015 at 23.59 GMT+1

Applications should be sent to Gabriela Erice at gerice@umm2.org

- Please include email subject: UMM Scholarship application 2015
- The documents should be sent in PDF format in 2 separate files: 1) Research Proposal and CV (named “Application”); 2) All the appendices (named “Appendix”).

Please contact Gabriela Erice gerice@umm2.org for any questions related to the application process.

Appendix I: Application Form

Name:	
Surname:	
Date of birth:	
Nationality (Nationalities)	
Street Address:	
City:	
Country:	
Phone:	
Email:	

University:	
Faculty / field of study:	
Thesis research topic:	
Supervising professor :	
Country of the field research:	
Budget requested (up to 1500 EUR):	

Bank Account Nr.:	
Account holder:	
Name of the bank:	
BLZ (in case of a German bank account):	
IBAN:	
BIC-/SWIFT-Code:	
Address of the bank:	

Place and Date

Applicant Signature

Appendix II

Declaration of Consent

In case the UMM scholarship is granted I agree to deliver a brief field report which can be published to a broader audience (e.g. UMM website, MF portals), including presentation of executed timetable, type of data collected, sampling etc. Moreover, I agree to deliver the flight/train ticket receipts and all the original boarding passes and train tickets per post by November 2015. I am aware that the full amount of the scholarship will only be disbursed after the submission of all above mentioned documents. I generally agree to present the results of my research at workshops and events organized by the UMM project.

Place and Date

Applicant Signature

PlaNet Finance UMM Project Manager

Appendix III

Declaration of Acceptance

Supervision of PhD Thesis

I confirm that I accepted to supervise the PhD thesis of:
(Name of the student)

On the topic of:

Place and Date

Signature of supervising professor

Appendix IV

Declaration of funding in addition to UMM Scholarship funds

- I declare that I have not received any other funding for the field research.
- I declare to have secured funding of _____ EUR from _____ (organization 1) for the field research.
- I declare to have secured funding of _____ EUR from _____ (organization 2) for the field research.
- I have applied for funding of _____ EUR from _____ (organization 1) for the field research but have not received an answer yet.
- I have applied for funding of _____ EUR from _____ (organization 2) for the field research but have not received an answer yet.

Place and Date

Applicant Signature