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## CALL FOR BGP+ APPLICATIONS IS OPEN!

It is our great pleasure to inform all interested public universities in Serbia that WUS Austria has launched an open call for **Brain Gain Program Plus** applications. Serbian faculties are welcome to invite guest lecturers from all over the world (originating from Serbia and former Yugoslavia) to deliver courses for their students at graduate, master and doctoral level. This action will be implemented within the one-year extension of the ongoing "Support to HE in Serbia 2007-2010" project financed by Austrian Development Cooperation.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

Within the **Brain Gain Program plus (BGP+)** faculties/universities from Serbia can invite professors, assistants or experts in relevant fields originating from Serbia/former Yugoslavia to teach as guest lecturers, participate in research and development, and mentor student theses. There are two different possibilities:

1. BGP+ Classic (the supported period of stay should be between 1 and 3 weeks with at least 15 teaching hours per week), and
2. BGP+ with extended period of stay (the supported period of stay is the whole semester, and the lecturer is obliged to take over theses mentoring. A guest lecturer can a) take over the full teaching workload - at least 10 teaching hours per week - and mentoring, or b) half teaching workload - at least 5 teaching hours per week - and research and mentoring.)

This type of international scientific exchange and cooperation is not only considered to be important for the development of the universities in SEE, it also has a "brain gain effect", although it is not targeted at the final return of the emigrated academics. Nevertheless, the Brain Gain Program is foreseen as a very effective mean to link the guest researchers/lecturer to already existing networks in SEE and make them a driving force of knowledge transfer and quality assurance.

WUS Austria's BGP+ project enables universities to invite qualified academics originating from the region to give lectures, which are not available at the SEE university faculties, or to conduct a specific research project or participate in it. For the enhanced cooperation between Austrian institutions and the universities in SEE, regardless of their citizenship Austrian guest lecturers/researchers employed in Austria are eligible for the BGP+.

WUS Austria will cover travel costs (up to EUR 800) and an allowance (EUR 500 per week in BGP+ Classic, or EUR 4000 per semester in BGP+ with extended period of stay).

**Co-financing by the faculty:** accommodation of the guest lecturer.

The application documentation consists of:

1. **Application Form:** All applicants are required to complete the application form.
2. **Guide for Applicants:** All applicants should read the Instructions thoroughly, since it contains advice on completing the application form.
3. **CV of the guest lecturer** together with the list of publications.

**Application deadline: at least a month before the BGP+ visit.**

The completed application form needs to be submitted to WUS Austria Belgrade Office **BOTH** in electronic form and in hardcopy:

1. hardcopy (mail) to:

WUS Austria Belgrade Office  
Deligradska 22, IV sprat, 11 000 Beograd, Srbija

2. electronic form (e-mail) to:

[belgrade@wus-austria.org](mailto:belgrade@wus-austria.org)