

# Sustainable Transitions Exchange Program (UT-TUM STEP)

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

## TARGET GROUP

TUM School of Management students of all Master's programs and all campuses (MMT, MIM, MCS, MSMT, MMDT) with interest in topics such as energy transition, sustainability and resources.

## SCOPE OF PROGRAM

TUM School of Management Master's students will have the opportunity to spend one semester at the University of Texas at Austin and attend courses on climatology, engineering, resources economics, and more, joining [the Energy & Earth Resources Graduate Program](#). Working on their Master's thesis with the main supervisor at TUM [Center for Energy Markets](#), students will gain a unique opportunity to enrich their work and expertise collaborating with UT researchers.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Bachelor Degree
- Current TUM Transcript of Record (average grade higher than 2.2) with at least 30 ECTS
- List of courses currently attended at TUM School of Management
- CV
- Letter of motivation in English (max. 1 ½ pages)
- DAAD Language Certificate English or equivalent (C1 or higher, no older than 2 years)
- Matriculation certificate

## APPLICATION

1. Pre-register via this [link](#)
2. Send your application documents via email to [jip@mgt.tum.de](mailto:jip@mgt.tum.de)

Subject line: **APPLICATION FOR STEP\_“your name”**

You will receive a confirmation via email, at the latest on the next business day after the final application date. It is not possible to submit further documents after the application deadline.

## SELECTION PROCESS

1. The pre-selection is based on the submitted documents.
2. Afterwards, you will receive an invitation to an interview or a letter of rejection by mid-January.

An additional application for the exchange program "[TUM SOMex \(incl. Erasmus\)](#)" is possible.

In the case of successful nomination for the STEP program, the application for "TUM SOMex (incl. Erasmus)" is automatically annulled.

## EXPECTED QUALIFICATION

Official STEP certificate  
Transcript of Records from UT Austin

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

### NUMBER OF PLACES

**5**

### LENGTH OF STAY

**1 semester from early August – mid-December (4th or 5th semester)**

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**December 01, 2025**



TIME LINE & PROGRAM STRUCTURE

|                                | Master students starting in Winter Semester   | Master students starting in Summer Semester |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Application for program at TUM | In the winter semester with at least 30 ECTS at TUM   |   |
|                                | 3rd semester  | 2nd semester                                |
| Exchange at UT Austin          | Fall term<br>Mid-August till mid-December   |   |
|                                | 5th semester  | 4th 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> |   |
| Continue your degree at TUM    | Transfer of credits (if desired)<br>Finishing the Master's thesis at TUM <a href="#">Center for Energy Markets</a> until the end of March   |   |
|                                | still 5th semester  | still 4th semester                          |

TUM students can take part in max. **four** 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.

Please 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](#).

Begin your Master’s Thesis in August to collaborate with a researcher at UT Austin. You will complete the thesis after returning to the TUM School of Management.

"Participating in the Sustainable Transitions Exchange Program was an incredible experience. I learned a lot about how energy transitions work around the world and gained a deeper understanding of energy, politics, and technology. I also met great people and enjoyed my time in Texas, the energy capital of the world. This program truly enriched my knowledge and perspective."

Arushi Vashisht, STEP



## CONTACT

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us via [e-mail](#).

You can find more information on the [website](#).

Program Coordinator: Karin Michaela BURKART

## 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 2nd or 3rd Master's semester (winter semester).

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

Yes, after your successful nomination for the STEP program you may apply via [PROMOS](#) (individual scholarships). Please check the deadlines regularly.

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

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

**Will I have to get a visa?**

Yes, you will need a student visa. Please check [here](#) for more information.

**Do I have to pay tuition fee?**

Tuition fees at UT Austin are waived for STEP participants. However, please note that you will be responsible for any additional expenses that may arise, such as dormitory accommodation, travel fees and personal costs.

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