



Dear students,

we are happy to announce the ECR Austria Academic Student Award 2024.

ECR (Efficient Consumer Response) is an international initiative comprising members from various companies in the FMCG sector — retail, manufacturers, and service providers. ECR provides a unique, neutral platform, with focus on promoting collaboration between all members of the value chain. Its goal is to develop solutions in order both to make the consumer goods industry more efficient, and to better satisfy customer needs.

Please visit our website www.ecr-austria.at for more information.

The [ECR Academic Student Award](#) is part of our ECR Austria Academic Partnership. Every year students from Austrian universities and universities of applied sciences are invited to submit their thesis (bachelor, master, PhD) covering [ECR-related topics](#). Award-winning entries will receive a cash prize of **up to 1.500,- Euro** and will be invited to the **ECR Day on 21st November 2024**, where an award ceremony will take place. Please save the date!

For further information on the ECR Academic Student Award, please visit our website: <https://ecr-austria.at/academics-trainings/ecr-academic-student-award/>

We are looking forward to your application for the ECR Academic Student Award 2024.
Submission deadline: **September, 1st 2024**

Important note:

We assure strict confidentiality concerning all submissions, as only the award coordinator and the panel of reviewers will have access!

Winners of the ECR Academic Student Awards 2023:



Please find details on the following page.



Types of thesis

PhD, master or bachelor theses with an **empirical part**, written in the period of 2022-2024.

Content of the thesis

To be eligible for the awards, the thesis must address ECR-related topics that deal with synergies, innovations and cooperations in the consumer goods industry. For a more detailed differentiation, you can find a **definition of ECR relevance** [here](#)

Eligible applicants

Students and alumni of Austrian universities, post-graduate-universities, or universities of applied sciences.

Prize Money

PhD thesis	Master thesis with an empirical part	Bachelor thesis with an empirical part
€ 1.500,- (Special Award)	€ 1.000,- (1 st prize) € 750,- (2 nd prize) € 500,- (3 rd prize)	€ 750,- (1 st prize) € 500,- (2 nd prize) € 250,- (3 rd prize)

Submission requirements

Important: When submitting your application, please check that **all documents are complete** and that the following formal criteria are met:

1. Data sheet with name, email address, etc. and **short summary** of the thesis – please use the provided excel sheet (ECR_Submission_Data_2024)
2. Confirmation that the thesis has been written in the period of 2022-2024 and was rated „very good“ or „good“: list of all passed exams including the grade of the thesis, **or** confirmation by the supervisor (ECR_Template_Confirmation_2024).
3. Submission of the thesis in pdf-format. Only **anonymised** theses (not mentioning name of the author, supervisor or university in the text or any attachment) will be accepted.
4. Submission of the table of contents in pdf-format.
5. Submission of the table of the bibliography in pdf-format.

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Submission deadline

Please send your submission via email to Dr. Cordula Cerha (cordula.cerha@wu.ac.at) by **September, 1st 2024**. All formal criteria must be met. We ask for your understanding that it is not possible to check the documents in advance for completeness and/or fulfillment of the submission criteria. Each thesis can only be submitted once. The winners will be announced in October 2024.

Selection process

The submissions are reviewed by a distinguished panel: Mag. Teresa Mischek-Moritz – ECR Austria; Dr. Andreas Nentwich – Maresi Austria GmbH; Prof. Dr. Herbert Kotzab – University of Bremen, Institute for Business Administration and Logistics Management; Prof. Dr. Gerald Reiner – Vienna University of Economics and Business, Chair of Operations Management; Prof. Dr. Christoph Teller – Johannes Kepler University Linz, JKU Business School, Institute for Retailing, Sales and Marketing; Prof. Dr. Udo Wagner – University of Vienna, Institute for Marketing; Helmut Schuster – Metro Cash&Carry Austria GmbH; Prof. Dr. Nils Wlömert – Vienna University of Economics and Business, Institute for Retailing & Data Science;

Yours sincerely



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