

## PlaNet Finance offers “University Meets Microfinance” Scholarship Programme for students’ research on microfinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Call 2011

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**PlaNet Finance invites students planning a thesis on a microfinance-related topic to participate in the “University Meets Microfinance” (UMM) – Scholarship Programme. The deadline of the second call for scholarships 2011 is April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Scholarships of up to 1500 EUR are granted to allow students to conduct on-the-field research on microfinance-related topics. The scholarship programme is open for Bachelor, Master students and PhD students. Eligible are students enrolled at a European university researching on a microfinance-related topic in the frame of their thesis. The scholarships are granted to cover travel and / or accommodation expenses during the field research.

Application deadlines 2011:

**15 April 2011 (Bachelor, Master)**

15 June 2011 (PhD)

15 October 2011 (Bachelor, Master)

Application forms and eligibility criteria for the UMM Scholarship Programme are available at:

[www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu/site/scholarships.html](http://www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu/site/scholarships.html)

Please send your applications to: [umm@planetfinance.org](mailto:umm@planetfinance.org)

### About UMM

University Meets Microfinance (UMM) is a programme which fosters cooperation between university students in Europe and microfinance practitioners. UMM has been launched by PlaNet Finance and Freie Universität Berlin and is co-funded by the European Commission within the frame of its Education for Development Programme. Until now the programme has involved over 1300 students, practitioners and professors from 26 universities and 12 countries.

[www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu](http://www.universitymeetsmicrofinance.eu)

### About PlaNet Finance

Founded in 1998, PlaNet Finance is one of the world's leading microfinance groups which aim at fighting poverty through the development of inclusive finance. The group aims to help those excluded from mainstream financial services to save, borrow and gain access to insurance coverage, thus enabling them to smooth their income, create and develop income-generating activities and seek protection against everyday risks. PlaNet Finance Group is active in 80 countries, working continuously to promote the growth and development of microfinance.

[www.planetfinancegroup.org](http://www.planetfinancegroup.org)

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