



Press Release

**Are you looking for a 12-month Masters course abroad?**

**Apply for the AER annual scholarship!**

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To give the possibility to young students and young officers from an Assembly of European Regions (AER) member region to deepen their knowledge on regionalism, AER is offering an annual scholarship for a Master degree course. The scholarship covers tuition fees and living costs at a university in another AER member region in a foreign country. The total maximum value of the scholarship is €11.500.

This unique opportunity is addressed to students or young workers in a regional administration who would like to research any topic related to European regionalism. The AER is also offering publication of the final thesis on its website and an internship in its Secretariat in Strasbourg or Brussels.

The application form should be submitted by **31 March 2008** and should include a 1000 word essay on the following topic: *“What role can regions play in the European integration?”*. Please note that the scholarship requires acceptance by the university department, where the candidate should apply separately.

*“AER really believes that young citizens can foster better regional integration in Europe”, explains Malgorzata Kucinska, AER’s Youth & Citizenship Officer. “They are the key actors in improving European integration and we want to provide them with the possibility of having a real European experience while contributing to academic thought in the field of regionalism”.*

**AER scholarship details and application form can be accessed at:**

<http://www.aer.eu/home-en/vacancies/aer-scholarship.html>

*The **Assembly of European Regions (AER)** is the independent network of regions in wider Europe. Bringing together more than 260 regions from 33 countries and 13 interregional organisations, AER is the political voice of its members and a forum for interregional co-operation.*

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