

## ARA BEST STUDY AWARD

For many years, ARA has been supporting academic programs in the field of resource management and waste minimization. Now we have established the ARA Best Study Award for students of the Postgraduate MSc Program Environmental Technology & International Affairs.

### WHO WE ARE?

Altstoff Recycling Austria AG (ARA) organises the collection and recovery of packaging waste throughout Austria.

As Austria's leading compliance scheme under the EU Packaging Directive, ARA is collecting, recycling and recovering more than 800,000 tons of packaging waste each year, thus saving 600,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents per year.

### WHY AWARD A PRIZE TO ETIA STUDENTS?

Recycling and recovery are a means to an end; they are part of the bigger picture of resource management. Modern waste management goes well beyond the collection, recovery, treatment and final disposal of waste. In order to be sustainable, resource and waste management needs to consider all stages in the life cycle of goods as well as the people involved (manufacturers, retailers and consumers). To make their industry sustainable, waste managers need to team up with other stakeholders, e.g. public authorities, regulators, scientists, researchers, the media and the public. After all, the global challenges we are facing today, such as climate change and resource scarcity, can only be addressed by concerted efforts. Fostering an understanding of environmental issues among key stakeholders is therefore of crucial importance. This is why ARA is committed to supporting the MSc Program Environmental Technology & International Affairs.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ARA BEST STUDY AWARD?

The ARA Best Study Award honours the graduating student with the best academic performance over both years of the MSc Program. The awardee is selected by a prize committee in which the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the Vienna University of Technology are represented by their academic directors and delegated professors. All decisions are final.

The winner will be announced at the graduation ceremony and will receive the ARA Best Study Award in the amount of EUR 18,000.

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