

Application for Winter Semester 2026/2027

ACADEMIC ESSAY

GUIDELINES

As a part of the SCS application process, applicants must independently compose an academic essay **according to the following instructions:**

Describe smart cities from your perspective. Explain how you want to contribute to the development of smart city theories or practices. Articulate how your current and future skills, knowledge, and experience will contribute to this objective. Establish a relation to one of your current or past academic or professional projects, as well as to one external smart city project. Reflect on success and risk factors. Give your essay a title.

Evaluation criteria:

- Originality,
- Logical argumentation,
- Narrative and structure,
- Grammar and spelling,
- Distinction between original ideas and ideas of others.

Remarks:

- Length of 1 to 2 pages, or 600 to 900 words;
- Back your arguments with a total of 3 to 5 bibliographical references;
- Demonstrate that you can work independently and complex coherences made simple and comprehensive;
- Demonstrate that you can express yourself clearly and concisely;

Please submit this essay together with your other application documents. Poorly submitted essays lead to an incomplete application, which cannot be considered.