

# Overview of Funding Sources

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## 1. Doctoral Fellowships

### **DOC (Doctoral Fellowship Programme of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OEAW))**

Doctoral fellowships; 24-36 months; € 37,000 personnel costs per year plus 500 € p.a. for travelling; eligibility: up to 2 years after completion of Master degree

<http://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/stipendium/doc-doctoral-fellowship-programme-austrian-academy-sciences>

### **uni:docs, University of Vienna**

3-year funding of excellent doctoral students

<https://funding.univie.ac.at>

## 2. Post-Doctoral Fellowships

### **Post-Doctoral Fellowships; AXA Research Funds**

Post-Doctoral fellowships; 18-24 months; funding up to € 130,000; only candidates without a permanent academic position; eligibility period: 3 years after PhD

<https://www.axa-research.org/en/page/post-doctoral-fellowships>

Application guidelines:

[https://axa-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/axa-arf%2Fff715c76-d40a-4496-bbda-a9b1e8ec6a23\\_applications\\_guidelines\\_pdf\\_2017\\_final.pdf](https://axa-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/axa-arf%2Fff715c76-d40a-4496-bbda-a9b1e8ec6a23_applications_guidelines_pdf_2017_final.pdf)

### **FWF Schrödinger Fellowships (including a research phase)**

Promotion of scientific work at leading foreign research institutions.

*Requirements:* completed doctoral studies, international scientific publications, invitation from the foreign research institution; if a return phase is requested: confirmation of the Austrian research institution

*Duration:* 10 to 24 months without return phase respectively 16 to 36 months including return phase (return phase = 6 to 12 months)

*Funding:* Depends on destination, on average € 35,000 per year, tax free, for the return phase: contract of employment with Senior-Postdoc salary + € 10,000 p.a.

<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/schroedinger-programme/>

### **Back-to-Research Grant; University of Vienna**

Fellowships for female postdocs after parental leaves or career breaks.

<http://gleichstellung.univie.ac.at/gleichstellung-und-diversitaet/karrierefoerderung/back-to-research-grant/>

## **3. High-Profile Post-Doctoral Fellowships**

### **ERC Starting Grants**

*Eligibility:* 2-7 years since completion of Ph.D., a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal.

*Funding per grant:* up to € 1.5 million.

*Duration:* up to 5 years.

*Calls for proposals:* once a year.

*Criteria:* Scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal; applicants must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, e.g., by having produced at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor. Applicants should also be able to demonstrate a promising track-record of early achievements appropriate to their research field and career stage, including significant publications (as main author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals of their respective field. They may also demonstrate a record of invited presentations in well-established international conferences, granted patents, awards, prizes etc.

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/funding-schemes/starting-grants>

### **FWF START Programme**

For outstanding young researchers with two or more years research experience as Postdoc.

*Eligibility:* up to 8 years after PhD.

*Duration:* 6 years, an interim review after 3 years decides on continuation.

*Funding:* Minimum € 800,000 up to maximum 1.2 Mio. €

*Criteria:* excellent research proposal and exceptional international track record; scientific independence must be proven, applicants must have already acquired competitive third-party funds independently since earning their doctorate; in addition it

is desirable that candidates have completed a research stay abroad of at least one year.

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/start-programme/>

### **WWTF Vienna Research Groups**

Recruiting top-notch researchers in the post-doc stage and allow them to build up own research groups.

*Eligibility:* 2-8 years after PhD.

*Duration:* up to 6-8 years.

*Funding:* up to 1.5 Mio €.

Yearly WWTF calls on different topics; co-funding of through university at later stage required.

<http://www.wwtf.at/programmes/vrg/-c5243v>

[http://www.wwtf.at/upload/Vienna\\_Research\\_Groups\\_WWTF\\_Richtlinien\\_20150911.pdf](http://www.wwtf.at/upload/Vienna_Research_Groups_WWTF_Richtlinien_20150911.pdf)

### **OEAW "New Frontiers Groups"**

Offers outstanding young scientists the opportunity to conduct independent research on a subject of their choice and to use the funds at their own discretion at an ÖAW institute for a limited period of time.

*Eligibility:* Candidates are expected to be at an early stage of their academic career, not more than seven years after receiving their doctoral degree (parental leave will be taken into account).

*Duration:* up to five years.

*Funding:* Up to 1.5 million €.

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowship-funding/promotional-programmes/new-frontiers/nf-research-groups-programme/>

### **FWF Hertha Firnberg Programme for female scientists at the start of their careers**

For highly qualified female post-docs at the start of their careers or on its resumption following maternity leave. Requirements: completed doctoral studies, international publications; 2 calls per year.

*Duration:* 36 months.

*Funding:* € 64,240 personnel costs per year plus € 12,000 p.a. for material, travel, assistance etc..

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/firnberg-programme/>

### **FWF Elise Richter Programme for highly qualified female senior post-docs**

To support the academic career of highly qualified female scientists and scholars and to enhance their university career. After completion of the program a level of qualification should be accomplished which enables participants to apply for a local or abroad professorship ("Habilitation" or equal qualification).

*Requirements:* appropriate postdoctoral experience; international publications.

*Duration:* 12 to 48 months.

*Funding:* personnel costs € 70,610 (Senior Postdoc); project specific costs up to € 15,000 per year.

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/richter-programme-incl-richter-peek/>

## **4. International Exchange/Visit Programs**

### **Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individuall Fellowships (European Commission)**

Post-doctoral fellowships for individual, trans-national fellowships to fund research stays at international institutions.

*Eligibility:* PhD degree or at least 4 years experience as researcher; the researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the European Fellowship is held. The fellow must not have stayed in Austria for more than a year during the tree years immediately prior to the deadline for submission.

*Duration:* 12-36 months;

*Funding:* personnel and mobility costs;

Applications made jointly by the researcher (potential fellow) and the supervisor;

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca>

### **Fellowships for research stays in Germany; Humboldt-Foundation**

Programmes for

- post-doctoral
- junior research group leaders
- experienced researchers
- internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/programmes-by-target-group.html>

### **Fulbright Program**

Fulbright Scholar Program to host US scholars in Austria

<http://www.fulbright.at/going-to-austria/scholars/>

Fulbright Scholar Program to visit US universities

<http://www.fulbright.at/going-to-the-usa/scholars/>

### **FWF Lise Meitner Program**

Target group: highly qualified scientists abroad.

Goals: strengthening of the quality and the scientific know-how of the Austrian scientific community; creation of international contacts

*Requirements:* completed doctoral studies; international scientific publications; invitation from an Austrian research institution.

*Length:* 12 to 24 months.

*Funding:* Dependent on the level of qualification personnel costs of € 64,240 (Postdoc) or € 70,610 (Senior Postdoc) per year plus € 10,000 for material, travel, assistance etc.

*Applications:* together with an Austrian co-applicant; accepted continuously, no application deadlines; in English.

<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/meitner-programme/>

## **5. Funding for Doctoral Programs**

### **FWF doc.funds Programme**

**Requirements:** The programme must have been launched at least two years prior to the submission deadline. At least five researchers with outstanding research track records. Infrastructure provided by University. Structured Ph.D. education according to international standards.

**Duration:** 4 years

**Funding:** Personnel costs for 5 to 10 Ph.D.; education and training costs of up to € 5,000 per year for each Ph.D. position requested; 10% general project costs

[doc.funds](#)

### **FWF Doctoral Programmes**

[Doctoral programs \(DKs\)](#)

### **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (European Commission)**

Funding for research and doctoral training networks of European universities, research institutions and companies. Joint application of all institutions with one project leader.

*Duration:* max. 4 years.

*Aim:* Supporting trans-national mobility and doctoral training. Recruited researchers must have at most 4 years of research experience and no PhD degree. The fellow must not have stayed in Austria for more than a year during the three years immediately prior to the deadline for submission.

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/innovative-training-networks\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/innovative-training-networks_en)

## 6. Individual or bilateral Projects

### FWF Individual Projects

Funding of individual research.

*Duration:* max. 48 months.

*Funding:* max. € 400,000; on average € 90,000 p.a.

*Applications:* accepted continuously, no application deadlines; in English

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/forschungsfoerderung/fwf-programme/einzelprojekte/>

### FWF (International) Joint Projects

Funding of bilateral research projects with closely integrated content.

*Requirements:* High scientific quality by international standards.

*Duration:* 3-4 years.

*Submission deadlines:* Varies by country

Bilateral applications possible with institutions from Argentina, Belgium/Flanders, China, Czech Republik, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Luxembourg, Russia, Slovenia, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan

<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/international-programmes/joint-projects/>

Trilateral application with institutions from Germany and Switzerland (D-A-CH),

[https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Internationale\\_Programme/i\\_infoblatt-dach.pdf](https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Internationale_Programme/i_infoblatt-dach.pdf)

### WWTF "Mathematics and ..." Call

Funding of joint projects on the interface between mathematics and other disciplines.

*Duration:* 48 months.

*Funding:* € 500,000 - €600,000.

Calls approximately every two years.

<http://www.wwtf.at/programmes/ma/ - c5171v>

## **OeNB Jubiläums-Fonds**

Funding of independent research projects and career support for pre-docs and post-docs.

*Eligibility:* applicants must have PhD degree and must be employed at Austrian institution.

*Funding:* at least 75% of funding for personnel costs; no funding of pure dissertation projects; maximal funding € 200,000.

*Duration:* max. 4 years.

<https://www.oenb.at/Ueber-Uns/Forschungsfoerderung/Jubilaefonds.html>

<https://www.oenb.at/Ueber-Uns/Forschungsfoerderung/Jubilaefonds/einreichung-neu.html>

## **Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna for the OEAW**

Funding of individual projects up to € 100,000 on specific (varying) themes

<http://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/de/projektfoerderung-aus-den-mitteln-des-jubilaefonds-der-stadt-wien-fuer-die-oeaw>

## **OEAW Innovation Fund "Research, Science and Society"**

To support extraordinarily innovative projects. All ÖAW staff and members are eligible to apply. Projects up to a maximum of € 300,000 will be funded for a maximum of two years.

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowship-funding/promotional-programmes/innovation-fund-research-science-and-society/>

## **OEAW Stadt-Wien-Förderung**

Each year the City of Vienna supports research projects selected for their relevance to the city and thus makes a significant contribution to the realisation of long-term projects, publications and events that are also of great importance to the OeAW. Through these projects the OeAW strengthens Vienna's standing as a research location. To be eligible for funding applicants must have an institutional or personal connection to the OeAW.

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowship-funding/promotional-programmes/city-of-vienna-fund/>

## 7. Projects with Industry

### FFG Bridge Programm

Joint ventures on the interface between science and industry; joint application together with industry partner

<https://www.ffg.at/bridge>

### Christian Doppler Forschungsgesellschaft

<http://www.cdg.ac.at>

## 8. Research Infrastructures

### FWF Special Research Programmes (SFBs)

Establishment of research networks based on international standards through autonomous research concentration at a single university location. *Requirements:* already available research potential; the nucleus of the scientists / scholars placing the application must be sufficiently large and well qualified to be able to establish and run a research program of international standing within the scientific /scholarly profile of the participating research institution(s); a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 project part leaders including the speaker of the project; target quote of 30 % female scientists / scholars requested; at least 50% of the project part leaders have to be located at a single university location; commitment of all universities and research institutions participating;

*Duration:* max. 8 years.

*Funding:* approx. 1Mio € per year

<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/special-research-programmes-sfb/>

### New Frontiers Research Infrastructure Programme (ÖAW)

The New Frontiers Research Infrastructure Programme is intended to

- support cutting edge research infrastructure and in this way to strengthen the infrastructural situation of the ÖAW institutes;
- help to renew and expand the research portfolio in an innovative (i.e. showing a

- great affinity for risk) and forward-looking manner;
- help increase the attractiveness of the ÖAW institutes for internationally successful researchers;
  - attract and support junior researchers with an emphasis on gender equality in the sciences;
  - serve the implementation of the government research strategy with a focus on improved cooperation with other university and non-university research institutions.

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowship-funding/promotional-programmes/new-frontiers/nf-research-infrastructure-programme/>

### **Further sources**

<https://forschung.univie.ac.at/services/foerderungen/foerderungsuuebersicht/>

<http://www.grants.at>