

Targeted Prevention

Life Sciences Call 2026

→ This call is open to innovative and impactful projects that have the potential to promote disease prevention and/or increase the number of healthy life years in a defined human population.

Call scope

Projects must identify a specific risk population, define a disease/health condition, and develop an actionable mechanism for intervention. Scientific innovation and its value in addressing an open research gap in prevention research must be clearly demonstrated. In addition, projects must outline a pathway to implementation that allows for the assessment of the feasibility and impact of the proposed work. Project teams must demonstrate scientific expertise in relevant research disciplines, as well as further expertise from relevant stakeholders. Budget may be allocated for non-academic stakeholders as appropriate.

Who can apply?

- Core research team of up to three principal investigators (PIs)
- The coordinating PI must be based at a university or research institute in Vienna
- Co-PIs may be based outside of Vienna (funding limited to 20% of total budget)
- Co-PIs from Lower Austria may apply for up to 49% of total budget (Joint Project)

Project duration

24 – 48 months

Funding

- Call volume: € 7.5 million
- Project budget: € 400,000 to € 750,000 (Joint Projects up to € 800,000)
- Maximum 40% non-personnel costs
- Up to 20% overhead costs

Timeline

- Short proposal deadline: May 5th, 2026, 2pm CET
- Full proposal deadline: October 6th, 2026, 2pm CET
- Applicant response phase: between February 8th– 19th, 2027 (*exact dates TBD*)
- Funding decision: March 2027
- Project start: latest June 2027

Process

- Two-stage selection process
- International jury
- International peer-review
- Application via WWTF Funding Portal