NEXT Call 2022

Proposers' Day

19th December, 2022

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WWTF – Portfolio

What do we fund?

How do we fund?

Life Sciences (*2003)

Information- and Communication Technology (*2008)

Cognitive Sciences (*2011)

Environmental Systems Research (*2017)

Projects

Vienna Research Groups

Supplementary Actions

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Key Facts

- Open upon invitation only
  - Project calls: ESR17, LS17, CS18, LS18, ICT19, LS19
  - Vienna Research Groups 2017-2019
- Schedule
  - Submission Deadline: **January 19th, 2023 at 2pm**
  - Funding decision: March/April 2023
- Funding
  - Funding range: € 25,000 - € 75,000; total budget: € 400.000
  - Project duration 6 to 18 months (2023/24)

NEXT Call 2022

NEXT Call 2022 is the 3rd call within the WWTF Supplementing Measures Instrument „New Exciting Transfer Projects"

- The call addresses WWTF-funded researchers to develop a specific concept to transfer and spread the acquired scientific knowledge and project results to a broader audience.
- This includes WWTF-funded researchers looking to implement innovative activities which will allow the project to reach new stakeholders.
- The possibility to apply is only open upon invitation for the WWTF project calls ESR17, LS17, CS18, LS18, ICT19, LS19 and Vienna Research Group leaders from 2017-2019.
- Up to € 400,000 are dedicated to this call. WWTF grants a maximum of € 75,000 per project.

Proposals have to be submitted by 2pm on January 19th, 2023 via the WWTF online submission system.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an online Proposers' Day on December 19th, 2022 1pm. Please contact us for registration.

Please visit www.wwtf.at for detailed information.

More details on the reverse side

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Documents

Call Fiche

Call Specifications

Submission Guideline

Content

The call addresses WWTF-funded researchers
– to develop a specific concept to transfer and spread the acquired scientific knowledge and project results to a broader audience (one main transfer activity).
– to implement innovative activities which will allow the project to reach new stakeholders (not scientific community).

Main characteristics of a NEXT project (I)

NEXT-projects are small projects that raise established know-how to the next level towards application and

- …go beyond the scientific project and results that were generated via WWTF funding (with or without commercialization),

- …have the potential for additional societal and/or economic benefit,

- …include the description of a new target group that could be interested in the exciting scientific results (not the scientific community itself).

Main characteristics of a NEXT project (II)

Included: prototypes, spin-offs, patents, licences, new industry cooper-ations… + dissemination of acquired knowledge to new societal players/user groups (trainings, guidelines, counselling, social businesses,…)

Not within the scope: classical science communication projects (open lectures, media coverage, media co-operations,…) + mere continuation of existing activities and the scientific project itself and already established collaborations

Timeline
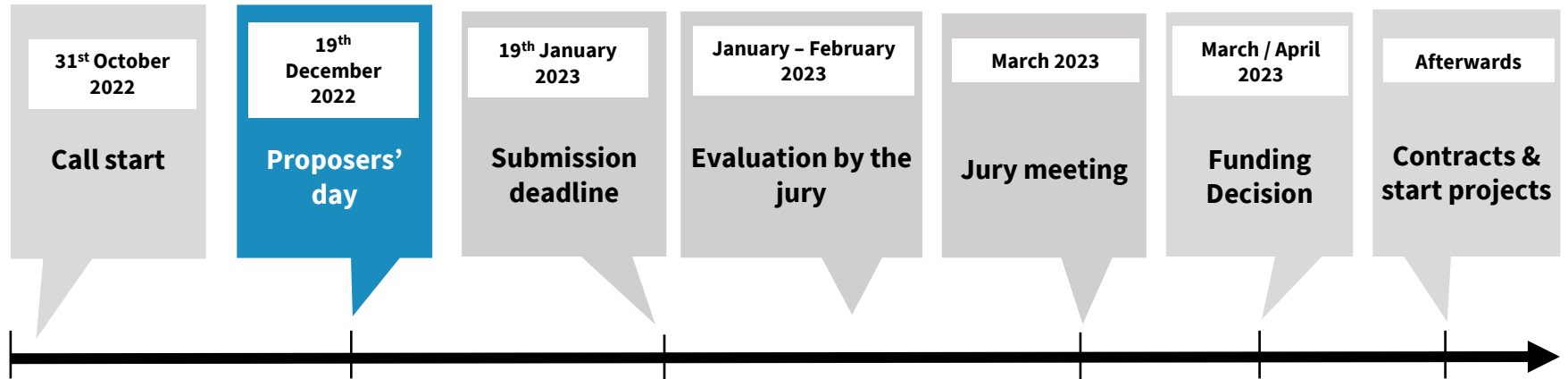
31st October 2022	19th December 2022	19th January 2023	January – February 2023	March 2023	March / April 2023	Afterwards
Call start	**Proposers' day**	**Submission deadline**	**Evaluation by the jury**	**Jury meeting**	**Funding Decision**	**Contracts & start projects**

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Evaluation Process

Formal check by WWTF Office

— Online submission until deadline

— All required signatures from the appropriate persons

— Minimum in-kind contributions

Jury meeting

— Assessment by at least two jury members

— Funding recommendation through a jury (national & international experts)

Formal decision

— WWTF boards formally confirms jury recommendation

— Information of applicants about decision

Evaluation Criteria (I)

Scope

- …as described in the call specifications. Projects which are not within the thematic scope will be immediately rejected by the jury, i.e. the NEXT-project must be based on results of an already funded WWTF project.

Innovative and focused idea/step towards valorization

- Does the project tackle a specific and concrete innovative idea how to (re)use scientific results? The continuation of the scientific work (e.g. publications etc.) or add-ons of the already running project is not within the scope.

Feasibility and implementation

- Are the work plan and time schedule feasible? Are the stated goals adequate/process to reach them traceable?

Evaluation Criteria (II)

New target group(s)

- Is the project able to reach a concrete new target group and if possible, to foster and increase the spread of exploitable research results? The scientific community is NOT a possible target group in this sense. Is there a basic understanding of the market of this new target group and potential competitors?

Resources

- Are the personnel and non-personnel costs in regard to the idea adequate. Is there evidence of a minimum amount of in-kind contributions (<35% of funding volume). Do the qualifications of the team members fit to the project?

Evaluation Criteria (III)

Additionality

– Does the project support additional benefits arising from the WWTF funding (increase in quality, scope,…)?

Relevance, impact and sustainability

– Is there an impact of the proposed work on the target group and/or generally on society and economy (commercialization potential, market value,…) and what is the grade of sustainability?
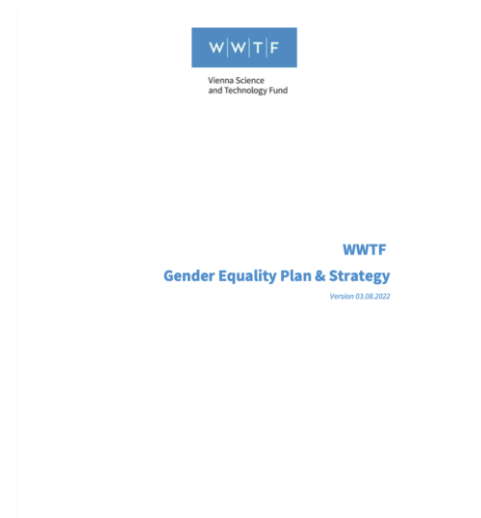
Consideration of gender aspects

– The relevance of potential sex-specific and gender-related aspects of the proposed projects should be considered and explained throughout the proposal.

WWTF | Gender Equality Strategy & Plan (I)

WWTF aims to:

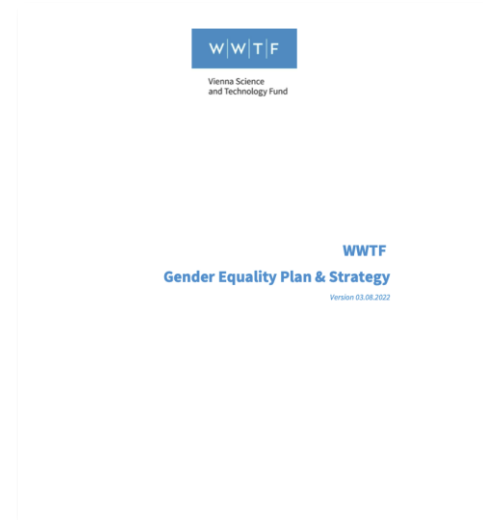► play an active role in closing the gender gap in science and research

► further improve processes and conditions to increase the proportion of female scientists, their resources and career opportunities

► reach and sustain gender equality

► avoid bias in the assessment and evaluation process

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WWTF | Gender Equality Strategy & Plan (II)

▶ Evaluation criteria that account for career breaks & atypical career paths (e.g. care duties)

▶ WWTF encourages **balanced teams** & more female researchers to apply as PIs of research projects

▶ Consideration of research in content

▶ Guidance is given in the call specifications and further documents (checklist)

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Submission system

- Login: **https://funding.wwtf.at**
- Go to "my proposals", choose the NEXT 2022 call
- Complete the proposal, upload necessary documents, and submit (a PDF file will be generated automatically)
- Submission is only possible after the form has been completed in its entirety
- No amendments can be made after the submission
- Application must be written in English

Eligibility

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- Eligible are PIs of already WWTF funded projects with an affiliation at a Viennese research invitation

- Right to submit can be transferred to a group member (→ please contact WWTF office)

- Only one NEXT-project can be submitted by each funded WWTF project

- Each NEXT-project must have a minimum of one LOI of a new target group

- Additional project partners and collaborators are possible as team members

Proposal structure

1. Overview
2. Work Programme
3. Ressources
4. Affirmations and Authorization

→ ⬈ Submission Guideline

Confidentiality

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- — WWTF assures confidentiality of all data for the whole evaluation and funding process

- — Any information about projects (including project results) will be kept strictly confidential and can only be accessed by the evaluation jury that is bound to WWTF confidentiality rules

- — Project contents (for example on the WWTF homepage) will only be published in agreement with the Principal Investigator (PI)

IT'S A THURSDAY
The Online Submission System will close automatically **at 2pm on 19th January, 2023**

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Get in touch, if you have questions!

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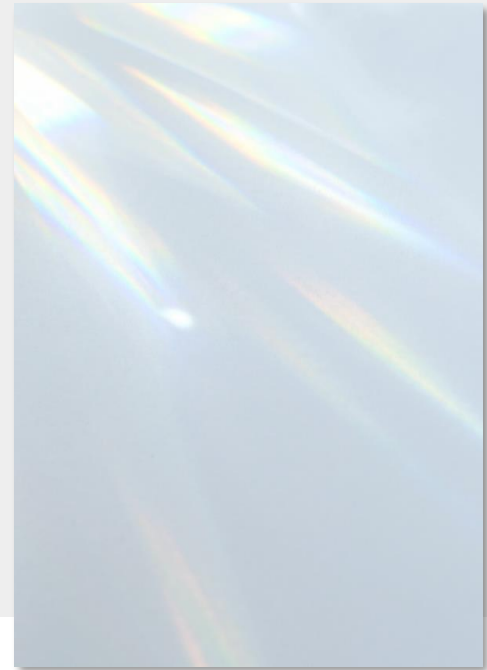
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