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# Digital Humanism

Call for Projects  
2023

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# DIGITAL HUMANISM

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Information and Communication  
Technology 2023

# WWTF – Portfolio

## What do we fund?

**Information- and Communication Technology (\*2008)**

Empirical Social Sciences (\*2022 Pilotcall)

Life Sciences (\*2003)

Cognitive Sciences (\*2011)

Environmental Systems Research (\*2017)

## How do we fund?

**Projects**

Vienna Research  
Groups

Additional  
Measures

# Digital Humanism Project Call

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call – first one was in 2020/2021
- 9 funded projects (total of 3,593,680 EUR)
- Great response from the community → 99 Short proposals
- See <https://www.wwtf.at/funding/programmes/ict/#ICT20> for the funded projects

# Digital Humanism – A short primer I

- Digitalisation unfolded immense **transformative powers** both in how individuals interact and how societies are organized
- Both considerable benefits but also risks and negative effects

*Some of the developments:*

- Monopolization of data and services
- Digitalisation is fueling polarization / fake news → shifting hierarchies between knowledge producers and knowledge consumers
- Digital technologies contribute to inequalities
- Effects on work (e.g., latest LLMs technologies)
- Delegation of decision making to machines via algorithms et al.

# Digital Humanism – A short primer II

- **Digital Humanism** aims to investigate potentials, answers and alternatives
  - Digital practices and technologies are not rejected – but they are in need of being approached in a different way to realize the many opportunities for a more inclusive society
  - Putting people back at the center of technological developments and making them the benchmark for digital practices and technologies
  - From computer-literate people to people-literate technology

This requires collaboration across disciplines: insights from **SSH and ICT** should come together to facilitate human rights, liberal democracies and scientifically informed decision making

# The call

- Researchers from ICT and SSH to submit an **interdisciplinary** proposal in the field of Digital Humanism.
- Through cooperation between ICT and SSH researchers, projects should **draw upon knowledge and insights from SSH** to lay scientific foundations for digital technologies & practices that are more socially robust and promote human values.
- The call is open to **all research topics** in the area of digital technologies & practices.
- Proposals that aim for **theoretical and conceptual contributions** to Digital Humanism are particularly welcome
- Digital Humanism takes a **constructive stance**. It considers the ability of humans and societies to actively shape technological developments
- Bring together social and technological progress on a level playing field

# The call – eligibility

- An interdisciplinary team of 2-3 researchers encompassing both ICT and SSH as Principal Investigators
- The Principal Investigator & Coordinator must be based at a university or non-university research institution in Vienna
- Co-Principal Investigators can be based outside of Vienna (funding limited to 20% of the overall sum)
- Co-Principal Investigators from Lower Austria can apply for up to 49% of the overall funding (Joint Projects)

# The call

- Project Duration: 24-48 months
- Project size: € 300,000 to € 600,000 (Joint Projects up to € 650,000)
- Up to 20% overhead costs can be claimed

## Timeline

- Short Proposal deadline: October 4, 2023, 2pm CET
- Full Proposal deadline: February 20, 2024, 2pm CET



# Funding Portal <https://fundingportal.wwtf.at/>

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ICT23-\*\*\*: Incomplete proposal

Basic Information Personnel and Institutions Project References Budget Signatures

### Basic Information

**ID, Title and Acronym**

Proposal ID  Project title \*  Acronym \*

Will be generated after proposal submission  Please enter a short and unique acronym for your project

**Scientific Disciplines**

This will help to categorize your proposal. Please use the OFOS categories.

Provide at least one category; sum must equal 100 %

Main scientific discipline *	Share *	Other scientific discipline	Share	Other scientific discipline	Share	Other scientific discipline	Share
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Sum of shares should equal 100%

**Keywords**

These will help us to ensure appropriate reviewers for your proposal.

Keywords \*

Please add at least three keywords, one per line 0 of max. 200 characters

# Matchmaking

**You're all invited to stay, chat and network** (also if you haven't booked a meeting in advance)

Three 1:1 meeting slots – we'll keep the time

- 14:00-14:25
- 14:30-14:55
- 15:00-15:25

Tables are numbered 1- 12: please stick to the numbers in case you booked in advance, if not, just sit where you like

Online Meetings are possible until end of the short proposal phase

→ If interested, please register for that on the platform

