



VIENNA RESEARCH GROUPS 2024

Information and Communication
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Call 2024

Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators

→ The 15th Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators call 2024 is issued for up to three group leader positions as part of the WWTF's Information and Communication Technology programme

Scope of the Call

The proposed field of research should contribute to fundamental scientific advancement in the area of AI/ML. A special emphasis of this call is to link AI theory with data and knowledge of other research fields.

Who can apply?

- This call is open to universities and research institutions in Vienna to apply together with a promising young scientist for a group leader position.
- WWTF especially encourages Vienna-based research institutions to propose female group leaders. Active recruitment procedures are mandatory.
- A Vienna Research Group is typically the first “genuine” group led by a young researcher who undertakes leadership responsibility for several group members to take their next step in their careers.
- VRG leaders are up to eight years after PhD; care duties may extend this period up to four years. WWTF takes unconventional research careers into consideration.
- VRG leaders are independent in designing their research and recruiting their staff.
- The prospective host institution in Vienna provides a clear-cut career plan. Particularly

in the second phase the home institution supports the VRG by way of increased contributions.

Funding

- WWTF in total grants up to three positions with up to € 1.6 million per research group for six to eight years of funding.
- The successful appointment of a woman can be rewarded with a financial benefit for the Vienna host institution to support their gender mainstreaming activities. WWTF offers support in dual career advice.

Timeline

- Information session (online): **January 19 2024, 10-12 noon CET**
- Submission deadline: **March 19 2024, 2pm CET**
- Hearings & jury meeting: **September 2024**
- Funding decision: **October 2024**
The exact dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

Process

- Application via WWTF Funding Portal
- International peer review, hearing & jury
- WWTF's Gender Equality Plan must be considered throughout the application.

Please check www.wwtf.at for further information!