

Life Sciences Call 2012

The first project call „**Life Sciences - Food and Nutrition**“ of the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) addresses

- Universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists and researchers in Vienna, including researchers moving to Vienna as a result of this call,
- that would like to investigate a multi-annual (2-4 years) scientific research project building on a clear hypothesis.
- Proposals must address substantial scientific research questions that aim at advancing a rigorous understanding of nutrition and its implications on humans and animals.
- Proposals addressing scientific research questions with clear implications on food and feed safety, security and quality are also eligible.
- The impact on public health and practical implications for human and animal patients and individuals at risk are an important rationale for the call.
- In total 3 Mio. € are dedicated to this call. Funding range per project is 200,000 to 500,000 €.
- Young (according to academic age, starting at Postdoc level) and female scientists are especially encouraged to apply and act as Principal Investigators.



**Proposals can be submitted until 31 May 2012 at 2pm.
Decisions will be made in late fall 2012.
Detailed information is available online at www.wwtf.at**

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WWTF Project Call 2012 „Life Sciences – Food and Nutrition“

Focus and Key Facts

With our Life Sciences programme, with eight calls so far, WWTF now wants to encourage scientific research projects in the area of food and nutrition. The overall budget allocated for this call is 3 Mio. €. This project call addresses Viennese Universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists and researchers in Vienna, project partners can be based worldwide. No industry involvement is required. No funding for industry partners can be provided.

WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which should:

- be characterized by a well-defined scientific research programme in the field of Life Sciences
- be hypothesis driven aiming at advancing a rigorous understanding of the implications of human or animal nutrition
- have a catalogue of sound methods to address the research questions
- have a proposing team of researchers documenting a solid scientific track record according to academic age
- include a clear statement of the perspective for medium term economic and/or societal benefits
- last two to four years and be in the range of € 200.000 to € 500.000 of requested funding

WWTF evaluation process:

- All projects submitted within the application deadline will first undergo a formal eligibility check by WWTF staff.
- Projects that do not meet the formal criteria will be rejected at this stage.
- The next step is a first qualitative screening by a broadly composed international scientific expert jury. Proposals not within the core of the Life Sciences Call 2012 and proposals that do not meet international quality standards, will be „C-listed“ by the jury and rejected at this stage.
- The remaining proposals will be assessed by at least two expert peers from abroad (applicants will be provided with anonymized written reviews after the funding decision).
- The most significant step in the assessment is, that all proposals are comprehensively evaluated in a jury meeting in Vienna on the basis of the written peer reviews and the jury's own expertise, resulting in a recommendation "to be funded" or "not to be funded" for each proposal.
- The assessment process (peer review and jury meeting) is completed by the formal funding decision of the WWTF Board of Directors. The decision is expected for late fall 2012.

Generally, applicants for funding as well as the submitted project proposals need to be characterized by top scientific quality. Additionally, as secondary criteria, WWTF wants to especially encourage women and young researchers to apply for funding and to act as principal investigators. This means that in case there are more top quality proposals than funding available, those top proposals with women and young researchers as principal investigators will be favoured. For more details kindly refer to the "WWTF Funding Guidelines" and to the "Guide for Writing a Proposal", both available online at www.wwtf.at.

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