

Public Spaces in Transition

Project Call 2013

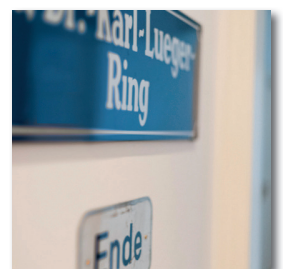
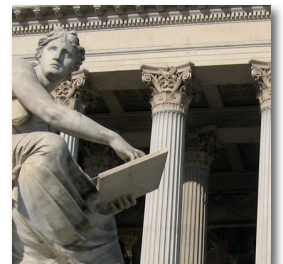
The first project call "**Public Spaces in Transition**" within the *Social Sciences and Humanities in Vienna* programme by the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF), funded with financial means of the City of Vienna, addresses

- 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 intend to conduct a 1-4 year scientific research project in the areas of social & cultural sciences and humanities.
- Proposals should strive to advance the state of knowledge and enhance our understanding of current scientific research questions in the humanities and social sciences on the topic of public spaces.
- In total, 2 million € are dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is 100.000 to 350.000 €.
- Junior academics (in terms of academic standing, starting at the postdoc level or equivalent experience) are particularly encouraged to apply and to act as Principal Investigators.

Proposals can be submitted until January 17, 2013 at 2 pm.

Decisions will be made in June 2013.

Detailed information is available online at www.wwtf.at



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WWTF Call 2013 "Public Spaces in Transition"

Focus and Key Facts

With the "Social Sciences and Humanities in Vienna" programme, which has had five calls so far, WWTF now wants to encourage scientific research projects on the topic of "Public Spaces in Transition". The call addresses universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists and researchers in Vienna in the fields of social sciences, cultural studies and humanities.

Funding: The overall budget allocated for the 2013 call is about 2 million €.

Deadlines: The call "Public Spaces in Transition" 2013 opens on September 14, 2012 and closes on January 17, 2013 at 2 pm. Decisions will be made in June 2013.

WWTF provides funding for scientific research projects which should ...

- deal with the meaning and the challenges of public spaces in transition, including material/physical places as well as symbolic, medial and cultural public spaces. The second central aspect of the thematic scope of the call is the political dimension of public spaces in terms of democratic governance, participation and decision making
- be characterized by a well-defined and well-justified scientific research plan
- have a clear corpus of sound methods to address the research questions
- involve a team of researchers demonstrating a solid scientific track record appropriate for the stage of their academic careers
- account for the scientific and/or societal relevance of the proposed research for Vienna
- last one to four years and request funding for a budget of between 100.000 to 350.000 €.

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 comprehensively composed international expert panel acting as jury. Proposals not in the thematic focus of the call and proposals that do not meet international scientific quality standards will be "C-listed" by the expert panel and rejected at this stage.
- All other proposals will be assessed by at least two expert peers from abroad. Applicants will be provided with anonymized written reviews after the funding decision.
- All proposals are comprehensively evaluated in an expert panel meeting in Vienna based on the written reviews by the expert peers, resulting in a recommendation "to be funded" or "not to be funded" for each proposal.
- The assessment process is completed by the formal funding decision of the WWTF Board of Directors. The decision making is scheduled for June 2013.

In general, both applicants and the submitted project proposals need to be characterized by top scientific quality in order to achieve a positive funding decision. Furthermore, WWTF especially encourages women and young researchers to apply for funding and to act as Principal Investigators. In case there are more top quality proposals than funding available, those top proposals involving female 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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