

Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators

Call 2019

The 10th **Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators** call 2019 is issued for one group leader position.

- It addresses Vienna-based universities and research institutions that intend to hire an excellent young researcher from abroad for setting-up and managing of an independent research group. Active recruitment procedures are mandatory.
- This group shall strive to improve the understanding of substantial current scientific research questions in the field of data science that lead to applicable solutions in and together with other disciplines with potential medium term economic or social benefits. The ability to bridge disciplines is thus a key evaluation criterion. We also encourage new interdisciplinary combinations.
- WWTF especially encourages Vienna-based research institutions to propose female group leaders.
- WWTF takes unconventional research careers into consideration.
- WWTF in total grants a maximum of three positions with up to € 1.6 million for six to eight years per research group.



Please submit proposals online only by 2 pm, June 13, 2019.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open Proposers' Day on April 3, 2019, 2 pm - 4 pm, Schlickgasse 3/8, 1090 Wien.

Detailed information is available online at www.wwtf.at

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“Information and Communication Technology – Interdisciplinary Data Science”

Focus and Key Facts

The tenth call of the Vienna Research Groups programme encourages scientific research in the field of Information and Communication Technology with a focus on Interdisciplinary Data Science. This programme targets high-quality scientific projects with no guaranteed short-term payoff but targeting an area where there is a recognized problem affecting society, economy and/ or technology. The call addresses universities and research institutions in Vienna.

Main characteristics of a Vienna Research Group:

- A Vienna Research Group is typically the **first “genuine” group** led by a young researcher who undertakes leadership responsibility for several group members. It enables the group members to take the next step in their careers.
- Vienna Research Group leaders are in general **two to eight years** after PhD; care duties may extend this period up to four years.
- Vienna Research Group 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 (i.e. years 6, 6-7 or 6-8) the home institution supports the Vienna Research Group by way of **increased contributions** (in addition to the WWTF funding).

Important facts about the call:

- The call aims at proposals with a strong applied Data Science base and substantial current research questions in this field. Further, scientific applications have to demonstrate a strong interdisciplinary approach (“Data Science and ... another discipline”). Therefore, research questions from the field of Data Science should be coupled with research questions in application fields from other disciplines. Research questions in the field of data science should therefore be advanced through specific application cases. The mere application of already existing Data Science methods to other fields is not covered by this call.
- The call process comprises the submission of a concise proposal and a hearing of selected candidates. Note that this call uses a single stage procedure.
- A job announcement—e.g. in a high impact journal that is relevant for the topic and/or via professional societies/ mailing lists—is obligatory.
- The successful appointment of a woman can be rewarded with a financial benefit for the Vienna host institution in order to support their gender mainstreaming activities. WWTF also offers support in dual career advice.

Schedule:

Submission Deadline	June 13, 2019, 2 pm
Hearings & Jury Meeting	December 2019
Announcement of Decision	December 2019

For **more details** kindly refer to “**WWTF Funding Guidelines for the Vienna Research Groups Programme**” and to the “**Guide for Writing a Proposal for the Vienna Research Groups Programme**” both available online at www.wwtf.at.

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