

WU Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna

Objective

The WU Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna was established in 1998 to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the university. It is intended to fund economic research and produce findings that are both relevant and useful to the City of Vienna and which stimulate Vienna's economy. The Anniversary Fund is meant to benefit the economic sciences, the Viennese economy, and the municipal government and to strengthen and improve the transfer of knowledge between these three areas.

The Fund is used to finance research projects conducted at WU or in which WU is closely involved and which stimulate and strengthen innovative potential in Vienna. The Fund is an important part of the city's initiative program to improve the coordination of potential and resources between research, administration, and the business community.

Funding area: WU projects that serve to improve Vienna's international competitiveness as a cultural, scientific, and economic center and that are expected to strengthen the cooperation between economic sciences and the business community in Vienna.

Funding criteria: topics must be innovative, current, and be related to Vienna in some way

see [statutes](#)

In 2025, funding is awarded especially to projects focusing on the following topics:

- Smart solutions for life in 21st century urban environments
- Vienna as a health hub
- Digitalization in Vienna
- Smart production in a major city
- The city as a center of international contacts
- Vienna as a metropolis of culture, the arts, and creativity

Other main topics:

- Knowledge transfer between (economic) science, culture, Vienna's business and administration
- Knowledge management and administration
- Entrepreneurship and innovation

For more information on the topics, see:

<https://www.wien.gv.at/wirtschaft/standort/strategie.html> (German)

Maximum funding per application: € 20,000.00

Application: using the [electronic application portal English](#)

Requirements:

- You must be currently employed by WU (academic staff); the project to be funded must begin and end during your employment with WU

NOT eligible for funding: Representation costs, buffets, other food or drink, social expenses (entertainment, field trips, flowers), basic rates for telephone service (telephone expenses must be calculated on an aliquot basis), operational expenses (salary and personnel costs for WU employees, institute equipment, etc.)

Please include the following information in your application:

- Names of applicant (project head) and academic staff

- Project description (aims, methods, specific relevance for Vienna), up to five pages
- Project plan (work and time schedule), up to three pages
- Proposed expenses (materials, personnel, etc.)
- Amount of support requested (up to € 20,000.00)

For more details on the applicable regulations, please see www.wu.ac.at/forschung/organisation-der-forschung/qualitaetsentwicklung-in-der-forschung/jubilaefonds-der-stadt-wien-fuer-die-wu-wien/ (in German).

Application deadline:

once a year

Decision:

Board of Trustees of the WU Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna, based on a nomination by the Vice-Rector for Research; please allow approx. 10-12 weeks for processing.

Information:

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Target group:

- Post docs
- Habilitation candidates
- Professors

Eligible for funding

- Projects
- Personnel expenses
- WU in-house funding