

Seed funding

Objective

The Seed Funding aims to support the acquisition of third-party funding at WU, particularly for projects with high coordination effort. It assists in the application process for highly competitive funding schemes within the EU Framework Programme (Horizon Europe), such as ERC Grants, EU Collaborative Projects in Pillar II, as well as MSCA Projects as Coordinator, and FWF Excellence Programmes.

Additionally, a smaller grant may be provided for other third-party projects in basic research (e.g., partners in European programs, FFG).

Requirements

Application only via [electronic application portal](#)

- Pre-application **consultation with the Research Service Center at least 3 months before the deadline**
- Provision of the funding agency's evaluation reports.
- Maximum of one resubmission per project application is allowed.
- Registration of the application in PURE is required.
- A copy of the project application submitted to the respective funding institution must be sent to the Research Service Center.

Funding Amount

- For basic research with excellence requirements or high coordination effort (e.g., coordination in EU programmes, excellence programmes of the EU and FWF), a funding of up to **€ 15.000,00** is possible (depending on the WU share of the total funding, max. 3%).
- For other projects with lower effort (e.g., FWF, EU-HEU partners, FFG), the maximum funding is up to **€ 3.000,00**.

Information

- The approved amount does not need to be reimbursed if the project is not approved.
- Both personnel and material costs can be funded. This includes funding for additional scientific/administrative staff (personnel costs), and to a limited extent, costs associated with the application process such as travel expenses (excluding mileage), workshop costs, service contracts, training for skill enhancement, and travel costs for partner meetings. This support is especially valuable for first-time applicants, as it enables them to secure critical resources and assistance at the outset of the application process.
- Please also note the [WU internal funding conditions](#) after project approval.

Application

Applications should be addressed to the Vice Rector for Research, c/o Research Service Center.

Decision:

The funding decision is made by the Vice Rector for Research.

Decision criteria include:

- The effort and complexity involved in the submission for WU
- Successful application in the past and international visibility
- Focus on excellence and international visibility in the funding schemes
- Quality of the consortium in terms of project experience

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Please plan for a decision period of at least 4 weeks.

Contact Person

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Application Form:

Online submission (maximum of 2 A4 pages):

- Applicant
- Funding agency and the call for which the application is being prepared.
- Duration, funding amount, WU share (for consortium projects).
- Project abstract.
- Expected benefit for WU: publications, international networking, follow-up projects, etc.
- For consortium projects: Scientific tasks and role of WU.
- Cost plan for the application, not for the project itself (for personnel costs: a brief description of tasks)

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Target group

- Doctoral students
- Post-docs
- Habilitation candidates
- Professors

Eligible for funding

- Projects
- Personnel expenses
- Travel expenses
- Equipment and supply costs
- WU in-house funding