

Small-scale projects by WU junior faculty

Objective: The objective is to generate research data as part of an independent research project.

Maximum funding per application: € 8,000.00

Requirements: The preferred target group is junior researchers currently employed at WU. Post Docs and Senior Post Docs (with habilitation) are excluded from this funding scheme.

New: In the event of insufficient funding and applications of equal quality, applications submitted by first-time applicants will be given priority.

The duration of the project must be entirely within the time of your employment at WU. Applications may also be submitted for projects already running at the time of application, however, the risk of liability for all expenses already incurred is borne by the researcher in charge of the project.

In case of data collection/data use a data management plan must be enclosed: [DMP Template](#)

Please keep the [grant conditions](#) in mind!

Funding is available for: eg independent contractor agreements, interviews, transcriptions, data collection (eg data from the [Austrian Micro Data Center - AMDC](#)), project-related travel expenses, NEW from 2025: costs for proof reading/copy editing of publications resulting from the project.

Not applicable for funding: personnel costs (employment contracts), events, guest lecturers, travel expenses for conferences (dissemination), printing and translation expenses, and remuneration of WU employees. Expenses for literature and equipment are not subject to funding, if most of the necessary equipment is available for loan at WU. The researcher's own work is also not subject to funding.

Application: only via [electronic application portal english](#)

Please include the following:

- short description of the project (objectives, methods), max. 5 pages
- schedule and budget plan
- short description of yourself (CV and list of publications), max. 2 pages
- optional: data management plan ([DMP Template](#))

Decision: Review by the Representatives of the academic staff pursuant to § 94 (2) item 2 of the Universities Act 2002 in the Senate; please allow approx. 10-12 weeks for processing.

The following criteria are used in the review process:

- Have the objectives/research questions of the research project been formulated clearly?
- Has the methodological and theoretical approach of the project been described in a clear and coherent manner?
- Where applicable, is the project's academic and practical relevance convincingly outlined?
- Has the proposed budget been outlined in a clear and comprehensible manner?
- Would the funding requested make a significant difference to the progress of the project?
- Is the time plan realistic?
- Is the project proposal convincing overall?
- Where applicable, is a clear data management plan provided?

Target group

- Doctoral students

Eligible for funding

- Projects
- Equipment and supply costs
- WU in-house funding
- project-related travel costs