

WU Projects

Objective

Generating publishable research findings through an independently conducted project. WU Projects are intended to fill the niche not covered by the calls for applications issued by the major national funding bodies (OeNB and FWF). WU Projects should lead to further third party-funded projects (eg FWF, EU).

Funding

Max. funding amount: € 25,000 (min. € 10,000)

Requirements

WU researchers, post-doc or higher.

The project duration must be within the applicant's active employment period at WU and may not exceed 24 months (no extension possible).

Applications

After approval, please make sure to read the in-house [Grant Conditions](#).

Decision

Decision made by the Board of the [WU Anniversary Fund](#) based on a jury procedure administrated by the WWTF

Decision Criteria: Scientific track record (20%); relevance of the research question(s) (30%); methodological approach (30%); possibility of further third-party funded research projects (20%)

When proposals are of equal quality, junior researchers will be given precedence

Payment

Funding requests with bank account data are submitted in writing to third-party funding and fund administration: drittmittel@wu.ac.at ; expense accounting and reporting obligations apply, see [Third Party Funding](#)

Funding can be used for: personnel, travel expenses (project-related), equipment and supplies (e.g. to purchase data or incentives)

Not applicable: guest lecturers, events

Application deadline

Annual; currently: June 26, 2026, 12 noon

Information

Contact and support:

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Reporting

Final reports and any publications resulting from the projects must be sent to the Research Service Center without delay. These reports are necessary for WU's accountability to the WU Anniversary Fund and will be forwarded. Grantees are also obligated to hold a brief presentation on their project to the assembly of the WU Anniversary Fund upon request.

Application form

[Online applications](#) only

The language of application is English.

The following documents must be included:

- Project description ([Template](#))
- CV(s) of project head(s) ([Template](#))

Target group

- Post-docs
- Habilitation (*venia docendi*) candidates
- Senior faculty

Eligible for funding

- Projects
- Personnel
- Travel expenses
- Supplies and equipment
- WU in-house funding