

High Potential Contact Weeks

Objective: This funding program for young WU researchers supports short-time stays abroad at international institutions. A paid leave of absence will be granted for the period of the stay abroad.

New: The High Potential Contact Weeks program provides funding of up to EUR 3,000.00 per person (travel and accommodation costs only). After completing the Contact Weeks, participants are eligible to apply for other programs like the WU Visiting Fellow – see [WU Visiting Fellow](#).

Maximum funding per application: € 3,000.00

Funding categories: travel and accommodation costs only

Funding Requirements:

- This initiative is aimed at **pre-docs** with a valid employment contract at WU only, who are interested in gaining international experience. Third-party funded personnel is not eligible to apply.
- Quality of the applicant's publications (FIDES entries will be consulted)
- Potential to benefit from the stay abroad (active networking)

Please note: Among equally qualified applicants, women will be given preference. In case of shortage of funds and equal quality of submissions, applicant who have not already received funding will be given preference.

Under certain circumstances, it is possible to apply for the funding during a parental leave. Please contact the Research Service Center prior to your submission.

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

Please include the following:

- a letter of motivation,
- a declaration of consent from your immediate superior,
- a work and visitation schedule,
- a cost evaluation and
- a letter of invitation from the (partner) university

FIDES entries regarding your publication record and CV will be consulted when reviewing applications, so it is recommended to make sure your FIDES entries are up to date.

Decision: Decisions are made by the Vice-Rector for Research based on the funding requirements listed above; please allow approx. 6-8 weeks for processing.

Application deadline: Applications are accepted twice a year (spring and fall).

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Grant recipients are given a paid leave of absence for the time they are abroad. A report on the stay must be submitted after returning to Austria. Accounting requirements apply to the funding provided.

Target group

- Doctoral students

Eligible for funding

- Stays abroad
- Travel expenses
- WU in-house funding