

Dr. Maria Schaumayer Habilitation Grant

Objective

The Dr. Maria Schaumayer Habilitation Grant is funded by the Austrian National Bank OeNB and is aimed at women in assistant professor positions at WU. The grant is intended to support women researchers in the social and economic sciences by releasing them from general teaching and administrative duties and allowing them to work on their habilitation projects as freely as possible and without interruption. The grant is available only to female WU employees who are either currently employed by WU or are on maternal leave pursuant to the 1979 Maternity Protection Act (*Mutterschutzgesetz*), as amended, at the time their application is submitted.

Habilitation projects that are strategically and thematically in line with the work of the [OeNB](#) and the [European System of Central Banks \(ESCB\)](#) as well as current developments in social and economic policy are of particular interest to the OeNB. Examples: all economics-related topics (especially macroeconomics), regulatory frameworks of Austrian and European economies, finance and financial management, financial markets and financial stability, questions related to growth and competitiveness, price stability, monetary policy, means of payment and payment transactions, financial education, science communication (focus: economics), the European Economic Area, equal opportunities and diversity, statistics (focus on economics and finance).

Target group

Female WU employees with a doctorate or a PhD working towards a *venia docendi* in a subject taught at WU Vienna.

Application

Only [applications submitted online](#) will be accepted.

The following documents must be attached (max. 20 pages, not including CV and publication list):

- Description of the habilitation project (in particular the thesis objective, degree of academic innovation, methods used, and any preparatory work already completed)
- Description of the department-specific requirements for a habilitation project
- Goals to be achieved during the grant period
- Name of a reference the selection committees can contact for information about the habilitation project
- Information on whether equivalent grants have been applied for (e.g. FWF Firnberg grant)
- CV
- List of publications

Grant duration

The maximum duration of the grant period is 12 months, and it is administered according to the provisions of § 26 of the Universities Act 2002. The grant period begins without exception on July 1 of the year following the year in which the grant was awarded, and always ends on June 30 of the year after that. Prerequisite for the commencement of the grant period is current employment at WU, which must remain valid throughout the grant period. Only costs incurred during this period are eligible for reimbursement. Any funds not used cannot be applied to another grant.

Maximum funding:

€ 70,000.00

Payment

The funding amount is € 70,000 and is awarded to one recipient per year (splitting is no longer possible). WU covers the basic costs of grant holder's employment (including special payments) in full. The following costs can be covered by the Schaumayer Habilitation Grant:

- Replacement costs for the grant holder's teaching or administrative duties – for optimal planning, WU should inform the grant holder of the amount of these replacement costs as early as possible and transfer them to another cost center as soon as the grant period begins.
- Independent contractor agreements with natural and legal persons
- Equipment
- Materials
- Costs for outsourcing of research work (third-party commissions)
- Travel expenses (for the grant holder only)

All funds are to be used economically, efficiently, and appropriately. WU and OeNB reserve the right to perform a subsequent review of how funds were used and to demand reimbursement for expenses paid if these costs are strongly out of line with these principles.

Selection procedure

A call for applications for the grant will be issued in-house at WU for the application period February 1 - May 31. The Board of the Full Professors' Association and the representatives of the associate professors and the other scientific and artistic staff as well as research, artistic, and teaching staff in the Senate will be asked to comment on the applications received.

The OeNB will also obtain its own expert assessments.

The final decision on the award proposal is made by a committee consisting of the member of the Rector's Council responsible for research and a representative of the OeNB, based on the expert assessments provided.

The legally binding approval of individual beneficiaries is announced by the Governing Board of the OeNB in October/November each year. There is no legal entitlement to funding.

Selection criteria

- Innovativeness of the project topic
- Academic quality of the application
- Estimation of the stage of the project or the expected date of completion

Reporting

At the end of the grant period, grant holders are required to submit a written report to WU of at least 10 pages in length on the achievement of their goals, the progress of their work, or the completed habilitation. The report must include an appendix with drafts of any academic papers written during the grant period.

Information:

Contact: Beate Hareter, ext. 5106, email: beate.hareter@wu.ac.at

Application deadline:

1x annually

Current deadline: May 31, 2024 (grant period: July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026)

Target group

- Post-docs
- Habilitation candidates
- Women

Eligible for funding

- Scholarship payments
- Stays abroad
- Personnel expenses
- Travel expenses
- WU in-house funding