

## CALL: WU INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOW (WU IRF)

### Objective

The new mobility funding WU International Research Fellow substitutes the previous funding options High Potential Contact Weeks and WU Visiting fellow starting from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. With this program, WU finances a stay at an international research institution, giving WU International Research Fellows the opportunity to continue or complete ongoing projects and to engage in networking activities with experts in their field of research.

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

### Maximum funding per application/year

- The maximum funding per year per person is limited to **EUR 6.000**.
- Research stays may last **from one week up to three months**.

The duration of the stay can be extended (e.g. by combining it with other funding opportunities).

### Funding categories

- Travel costs to and from the destination
- Accommodation costs for the stay
- If necessary: visa costs, public transportation etc.

Please note that WU does not fund any costs for living, printing or other materials.

**Top university-extra:** For research stays at internationally acknowledged top-universities, an extra of EUR 2,000 might be granted for fees the university **explicitly** demands. Please contact Ruth Heuberger if you are planning a stay at a top university.

If you should have any caretaking costs, please consider the new [WU internal bonus to cover those costs during business travel \(Betreuungskostenzuschuss\)](#).

### Funding Requirements

This initiative focuses on pre- and post-docs who have a valid employment contract with WU. Third-party funded personnel is eligible to apply under certain conditions (minimum requirements: declaration of consent from project lead and prior longer-term research activities at WU). Please contact the Research Service Center prior to your application!

Please note: 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 [Online form](#)

Please include the following:

- Letter of motivation with short information about the research project,
- a declaration of consent from your immediate superior,
- a letter of invitation from the partner university,
- a cost evaluation,
- a work schedule

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

## Decision

The Vice-Rector for Research and Personnel makes decisions based on the funding requirements listed:

- **Planned Output:** What are the objectives of the stay abroad? Are they in line with the applicant's academic profile?
- **Academic Network:** Are the duration of the stay and the planned actions suitable for networking activities? (e.g. building up/strengthening an academic network)
- **Time and cost plan:** Do duration and planned costs match the objectives of the stay abroad?
- **Quality of the letters of recommendation and invitation:** Do they comprise compelling arguments why the applicant should go abroad?
- **Previous career path/publication record:** Does the publication record match the academic age of the applicant? Has the applicant ever received WU-funding for similar projects? (Please note: Previous funding does not serve as a reasoning for refusing your application, but we do consider them during decision making)

## Application deadline

Applications may be transmitted any time and will be considered upon submission. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing.

## Contact person

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