

Information and Communication Technology

Call 2019

The fifth project call within the thematic programme Information and Communication Technology of the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) aims at strengthening Vienna as research location and *capital of digitalization*. The call addresses

- researchers and scientists at universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna, including those moving to Vienna as a result of this call,
- researchers who want to conduct a multi-annual (2-4 years) scientific project in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application in other fields.
- Projects should aim to improve the understanding of current fundamental scientific research questions (disciplinary, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature) in the field of Information and Communication Technology with potential medium-term economic or societal benefits.
- Young and female scientists are especially encouraged to apply and act as Principal Investigators
- In total, € 5.5 million are dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is € 200,000 to 800,000.

This is a two stage call: Short proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, January 17, 2019. Full proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, May 16, 2019.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open Proposers' Day on December 4, 2018, 2-4pm at Schlickgasse 3/8, 1090 Vienna.

Please register via <https://www.wwtf.at/news/events/>

Please visit www.wwtf.at for more information.



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WWTF Project Call 2019 "Information and Communication Technology"

Focus and Key Facts

The WWTF "Information and Communication Technology" (ICT) programme funds high-quality scientific projects with no guaranteed short-term payoff but targeting an area where there is a recognized problem affecting society, economy and/or technology. This funding programme underpins the City of Vienna's aim to become a major European *digitalization capital*.

Funding: The overall budget allocated for the 2019 call is € 5.5 million.

Schedule: The call starts in October 2018. The deadline for short proposals is January 17, 2019. Note, that this is a two-stage selection process. Full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The deadline for full proposals is May 16, 2019. The funding decision is expected for October 2019.

WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which should:

- be characterized by a well-defined scientific research programme addressing clearly identified, promising, medium-term research questions with specified hypotheses and a catalogue of sound methods to address these questions,
- aim to answer current fundamental scientific research questions in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application in different fields (e.g. health, energy, industry, transportation, finance, society),
- address research questions in either Information Technologies, Communication Technologies or both,
- have a proposing team of researchers with solid scientific track records according to their academic age,
- include a clear statement on the perspective medium-term economic and/or societal benefits.

Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- In principle, the scope includes all areas of ICT research, including projects combining methodological ICT developments with applications in other research fields. Projects that address interdisciplinary aspects are welcome, however, a clear focus must always be on furthering the state-of-the-art in the ICT field.
- Proposals may come from all fields of applied informatics and related scientific disciplines. Projects focusing on purely theoretical aspects have to be justified in terms of medium-term application perspective.
- The development of source code, systems, or prototypes should not be the main goal of the project; however, it is encouraged if it demonstrates the practical applicability of the new scientific results. Development activities should only aim at proving the developed concepts or assessing the performance of the derived solutions.
- No industry involvement is required. Industry partners are not eligible for funding and the development of business applications will not be funded.
- A researcher can appear in a key role (PI, Co-PI, or Core Team Member) in two proposals at most.
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. However, team members can be based worldwide. Up to 20 % of funding for researchers may be allocated outside Vienna.
- Requested funding for non-personnel costs should not exceed 25 % of the total budget.

For more details kindly refer to the "WWTF Funding Guidelines" and to the "Guide for Writing a Proposal", both available online at www.wwtf.at

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