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VIENNA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUND

WIR STÄRKEN EXZELLENZ
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STRENGTHENING VIENNA'S
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

New EXciting Transfer Projects

NEXT

Call 2019



The current call (I)

Thematic programmes



Life Sciences
(*2003)



Mathematics *and ...*
(*2004)



Information- and
Communication Technology
(*2008)



Cognitive Sciences
(*2008)



Environmental Systems Research:
Urban Environments (Pilotcall)

Instruments

Projects

Vienna Research Groups

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Summer Schools

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NEXT – Transfer projects

Invited WWTF projects:
ICT15, CS15, LS16, MA16
VRG Leaders 2010-2016

The idea behind the call

NEXT 2019

- ...addresses previously WWTF funded researchers to develop a concrete concept to transfer and spread the acquired scientific knowledge and project results to a broader audience,
...who want to implement innovative activities which will allow the project to reach new stakeholders.
- A NEXT project should focus on one main transfer activity.
- The possibility to apply is only open upon invitation. The NEXT call addresses WWTF funded projects that are in the middle or at the end of their project time.
- NEXT projects should take place in 2019/2020 and last 6 to 12 months.

Main characteristics of a NEXT project

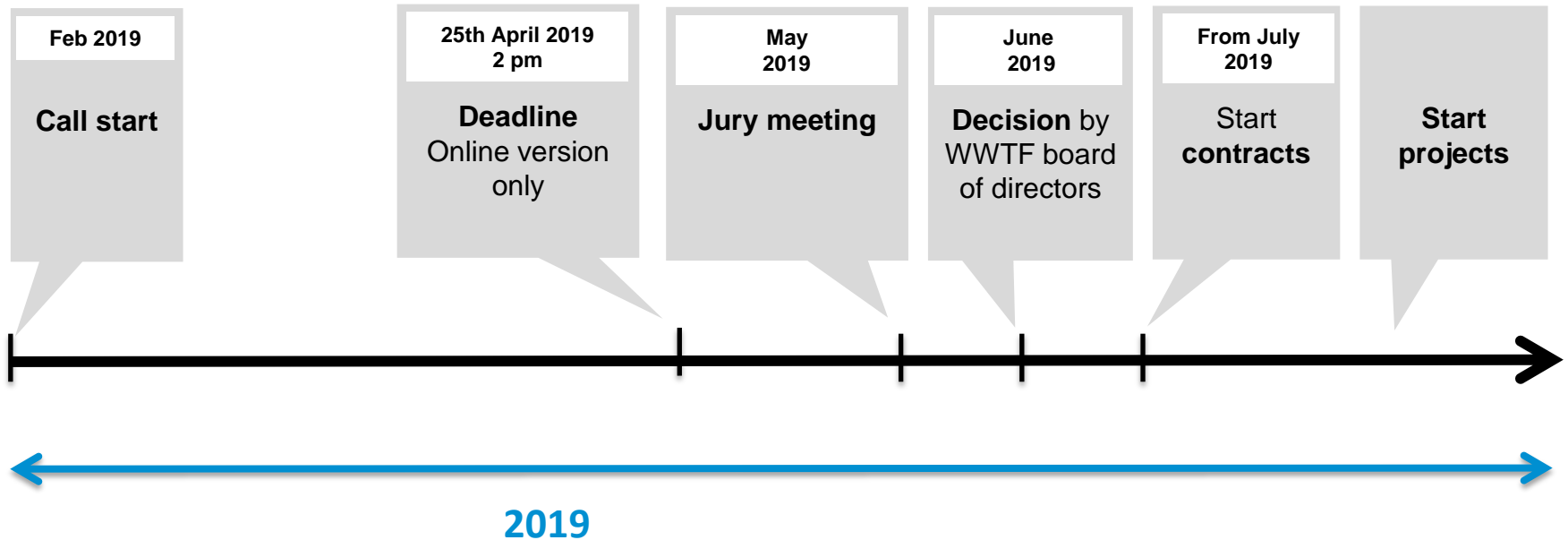
NEXT-projects are small projects that raise established know-how to the next level towards application and

- ...go beyond the scientific project and results that were generated via WWTF funding (with or without commercialization),
- ...have the potential for additional societal and/or economic benefit,
- ...include the description of a new target group that could be interested in the exciting scientific results (**not the scientific community itself**).

Included: prototypes, spin-offs, patents, licences, new industry cooperations... + dissemination of acquired knowledge to new societal players/user groups (trainings, guidelines, counselling, social businesses,...)

Not within the scope: classical science communication projects (open lectures, media coverage, media co-operations,...) + mere continuation of existing activities and the scientific project itself and already established collaborations

Schedule NEXT 2019

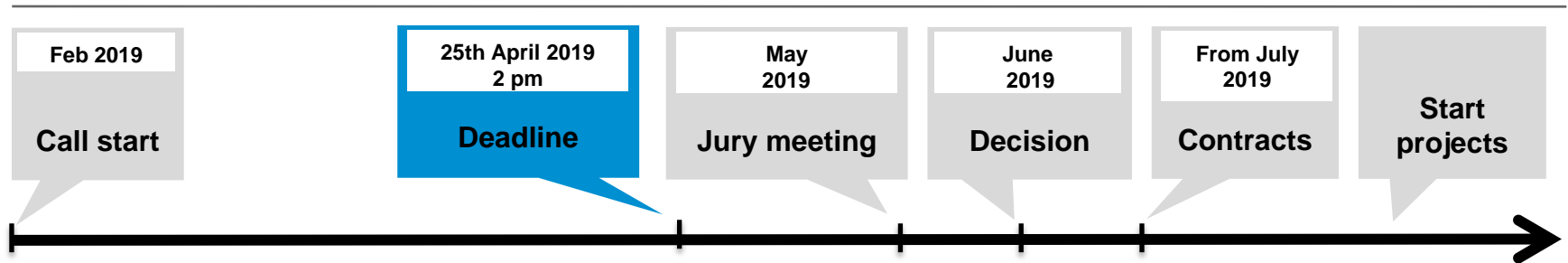


Submission



- Submission via WWTF online-submission system only
- Proposals must be written in English
- Proposals can only be submitted electronically before the given deadline
- Authorizing signatures from the institution of the PI of the NEXT-project are mandatory at the submission stage

Evaluation criteria – formal criteria (by WWTF)



- submission in due time
- eligible PI or nominated project member (only one application per project) → PI can transfer submission right to the Co-PI or one Core-Team member in agreement with the PI. New PI needs to register in the system separately. In this case, please contact WWTF office!
- completeness of the proposals
- length of the proposal not exceeded (character limits!)
- minimum in-kind contribution fulfilled
- complete set of required signatures

Evaluation criteria (by jury) (I)



- **Concrete transfer activity:** This criterion includes three aspects:
 - NEXT-project based on an already funded WWTF project (NOT a continuation or add-on of the already funded scientific WWTF project!)
 - Focused next step towards valorization given: the NEXT-project, based on a concrete project idea, the detailed work plan and time schedule
 - Additional benefits arising from the WWTF funding
- **Resources:** adequacy of the plans in regard to personnel and non-personnel costs. Evidence of minimum amount of in-kind contributions (<35% of funding volume). Fit of the qualification of the team members to the project

Evaluation criteria (by jury) (II)



- **Target groups:** ability to reach a concrete new target group with the NEXT-project and if possible to foster and increase the spread of exploitable research results. The scientific community is NOT a possible target group in this sense
- **Feasibility and implementation:** adequacy of the stated goals and traceability of the process to reach them (reality check)
- **Impact and sustainability:** impact of the proposed work on the target group and/or generally on society and economy (commercialization potential, market value,...) and the grade of sustainability

Jury meeting



- Members of the jury are national and international experts **in the field of transfer activities**
- The decision will be communicated after WWTF's board of directors meeting to all applicants. There will not be a detailed jury feedback

Contracts and start of projects



- For universities, WWTF NEXT-projects are activities according to §27 of the 2002 Austrian University Act, that is, contract partner is the institution

Confidentiality

- WWTF assures confidentiality of all data for the whole evaluation and funding process
- Any information about projects (including project results) will be kept strictly confidential and can only be accessed by the evaluation jury that is bound to WWTF confidentiality rules
- Project contents (for example on the WWTF homepage) will only be published in agreement with the Principal Investigator (PI)

Guide for Writing a Proposal

Online submission system

To submit a complete application:

- Go to <https://funding.wwtf.at>
- Log in, go to “My Proposals”, choose the NEXT 2019 call from the drop-down, and the proposal will be shown
- Write proposal: fill in requested information in online forms and upload requested files. You can access the system multiple times and modify the content at anytime before the deadline
- Submit proposal: the submit button becomes active only after all requested information has been filled in and uploaded (signalled by a green check mark next to the chapter title); after submission no changes are possible anymore
- Character limits are stated in the online system and include spaces

Proposal Structure

Basics

1

Overview

Details

2

Work
programme

3

Resources and
Budget

Finish

4

Affirmation /
Authorization

- Basic information of the transfer project (project title, keywords,...)
 - Project duration: 6 – 12 months
 - Details of the institutions involved (PI for the NEXT project, partner institutions; in total max. 3)
 - For the PI a CV must be uploaded (max. 2 pages, please use the provided standard template)
 - Publications are restricted to the 10 most relevant to the project
- Inserted automatically: requested funding (calculated in section “Resources”, the project number (after submitting the proposal), initial WWTF project number as well as initial PI and Co-PI

- **Abstract**
- **Description of the background:** initial WWTF funded research project
- **Description of the idea:** relation NEXT-project to initial WWTF funded project (which results will be used,...)
- **Outline of the new target group(s) and added value:** optional upload for up to 2 Letters of Intent of the target group(s)
- **Outline of the transfer project**
- **Expected impact of the transfer project**
- **Qualifications of the team:** including a short description of potential partner institutions
- **Additional benefits**
- **IPR**
- Upload of additional material (charts, pictures) and ethical approval

- Funding for NEXT-project related costs, but main focus on funding personnel
- Patent costs will not be funded
 - Exception: If there are plausible reasons why other funding instruments cannot be applied for, an exception can be made (explanation in box “Optional description of the budget”)
- Costs are calculated in k€. The system does not accept decimal places (Eurocent). Use “.” as the decimal separator in k€

- A total of € 200,000 are dedicated to this call
- Funding range per project: 25.000 – 50.000 €
- Collaborations with other institutions or partners (e.g. companies) are welcome. BUT: companies are not eligible for funding
- The same activities cannot be subject to double funding - disclosure of other applications for funding is necessary
- A maximum of 20% of the total funding volume can be allocated outside Vienna
- In-kind contributions at least 35% of the funding volume mandatory
- **Funding for costs that are not project-related, costs that incurred before the funding was granted and overhead costs cannot be applied for**

- Affirmation: signature of the PI as well as one person from every involved institution
- Authorization: signature of authorized person(s) of all participating institutions
- Multiple copies may be used for signing
 - Scanned pages are accepted
 - Upload of one PDF containing all the required signatures (maximum 6 pages in total)
 - Please do not upload any other content in this section other than the signed forms!

Contact

All documents are available at www.wwtf.at

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