

Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators Call 2025

Info Session

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- ▶ About the Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators Program
- ▶ Details of the Call 2025 „Information and Communication Technology“
- ▶ Your application: using the WWTF Funding Portal
- ▶ Q&A

WWTF | Key facts

- ▶ Founded in 2002; funding activities since 2003: more than **€ 265 million have been awarded**
- ▶ Financed by banking foundation, City of Vienna and private donations
- ▶ WWTF Mission:
 - ▶ We fund top scientific research in Vienna
 - ▶ We provide substantial funding for larger research projects and international research group leaders coming to Vienna
 - ▶ We run competitive calls according to highest international standards

WWTF | Funding Schemes

Life Sciences (*2003)

**Information- and Communication Technology
(*2008)**

Cognitive Sciences (*2008)

Environmental Systems Research (*2017)

Instruments

Projects

**Vienna Research
Groups**

Supporting
Instruments

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VRG | Aim of the program:

- ▶ attracting talented young researchers from abroad
- ▶ embedding them in Vienna host institutions
- ▶ providing substantial means to conduct excellent research
- ▶ supporting young leaders in pursuing their academic career

VRG | About the program

- ▶ Vienna host institutions (universities and research institutions) apply via a “proponent” together with the future VRG leader
- ▶ The prospective host institution in Vienna must provide a **clear-cut career plan**, i.e. steps leading to a tenured position (e.g. “Qualifizierungsvereinbarung”) for the VRG leader
- ▶ In case of funding: WWTF provides funding to Vienna host institutions, who employs the VRG leader

VRG | About the program: VRG leaders

Vienna Research Group leaders...

- ▶ come from abroad to Vienna (eligibility criteria!)
- ▶ start their first genuinely independent research group
- ▶ assume leadership responsibility for group members
- ▶ are independent in designing their research work and recruiting staff
- ▶ apply for additional third-party funding over the years

VRG | Eligibility Criteria VRG leaders

- ▶ Vienna Research Group leaders come from abroad to Vienna
 - (i) no current employment contract with an Austrian institution three months before the submission deadline until the submission deadline
 - (ii) have been employed at a foreign research institution for at least two years in the last three years counting from the submission deadline
- ▶ are up to 8 years after PhD (care duties may extend this period for up to four years), counting from the submission deadline

VRG | About the program: funding phases

There are two phases in the funding period (total 6-8 years):

- (i) first phase mainly financed by WWTF
- (ii) an interim evaluation after the first phase (preferably co-organized by WWTF and the host institution)
- (iii) increased in-kind contributions of the home institution in the second phase (i.e. years 6, 6-7 or 6-8)

VRG | About the program: past calls

2010 Life Sciences:

- Funding Volume 4.5 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 3

2014 Life Sciences

- Funding Volume 4.8 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 3

2015 Computational Biosciences

- Funding Volume 3.2 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2020 Computational Biosciences

- Funding Volume 3.2 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2012 Mathematics and ...

- Funding Volume 3 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2017 Mathematics and ...

- Funding Volume 1.6 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 1

2011 ICT

- Funding Volume 3 Mio. €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2018 ICT

- Funding Volume 4.8 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 3

2019 ICT Interdisciplinary Data Science

- Funding Volume 3.2 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2023 ICT

- Funding Volume: 6.3 Mio. €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 4

2024 ICT

- Funding Volume: 4.8 Mio. €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 3

2013 Cognitive Sciences

- Funding Volume 1.5 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 1

2021 Cognitive Sciences

- Funding Volume 3.2 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

2016 Complexity Science

- Funding Volume 1.6 Mio €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 1



2022 Environmental Sciences

- Funding Volume: 3.2 Mio. €
- Funded VRG Leaders: 2

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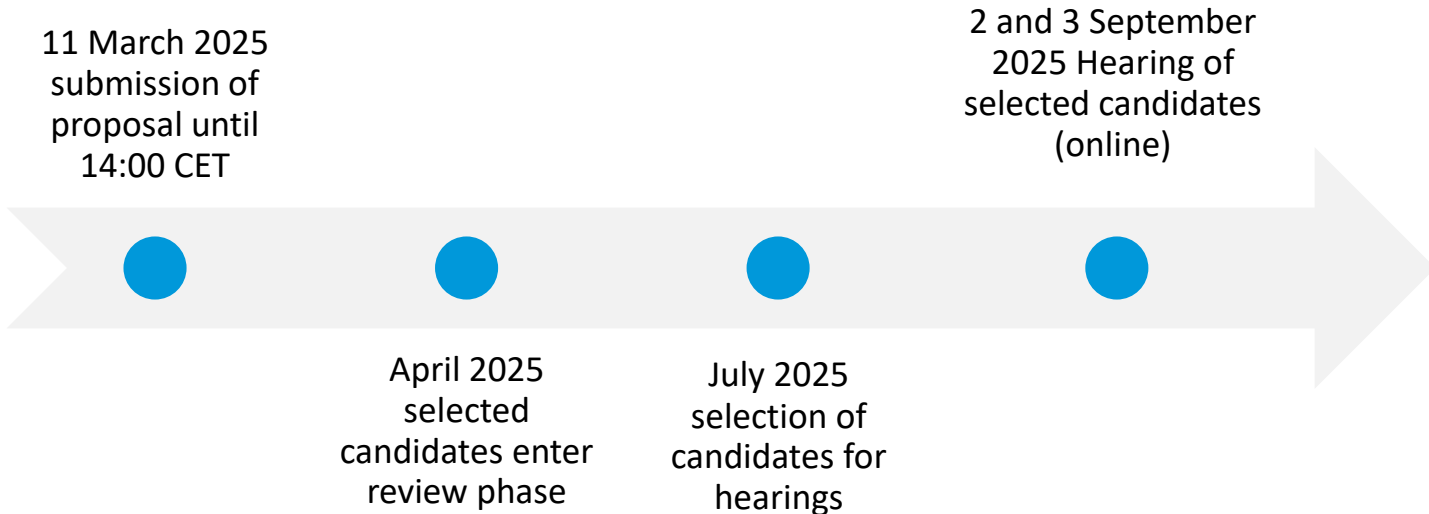
VRG25 | Key facts

- ▶ 16th call within Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators Programme
- ▶ 2025: up to 3 positions with max. funding of € 1.8 million each
- ▶ **Proposal deadline: 2 pm CET, March 11th 2025**
- ▶ Hearing Dates: September 2nd and 3rd 2025

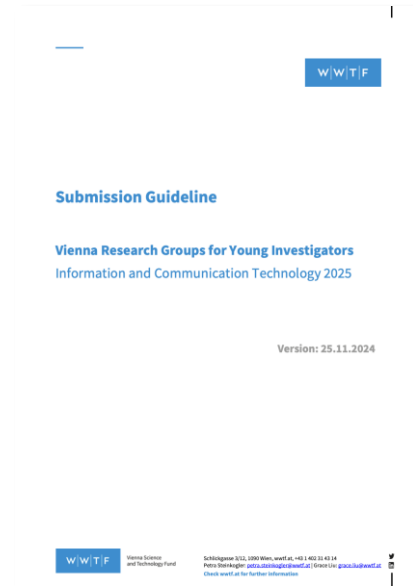
VRG25 | Scope

- ▶ The call is issued within the field of Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ The call aims to attract excellent, early career researchers who **develop cutting-edge AI/ML concepts, approaches, and methods to advance a specific research field or discipline**. Emphasis will be placed on the advancement of AI/ML concepts, approaches and methods and the transformative potential of the AI/ML-informed proposed research for the respective discipline. The ideal candidate is a researcher with strong foundations in AI/ML and domain knowledge of another discipline.

VRG25 | Selection timeline



VRG25 | Important documents



→ Download here: <https://www.wwtf.at/funding/programmes/vrg/#VRG25>

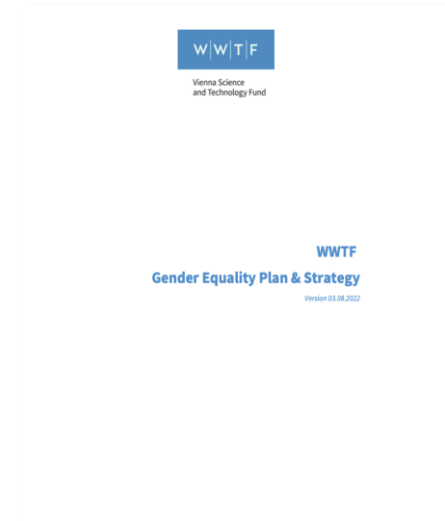


WWTF | Gender Equality Strategy & Plan (I)

WWTF aims to:

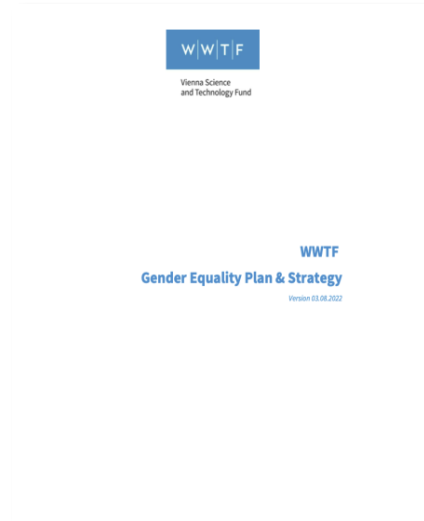
- ▶ play an active role in closing the gender gap in science and research
- ▶ further improve processes and conditions to increase the proportion of female scientists, their resources and career opportunities
- ▶ avoid bias in the assessment and evaluation process

→ <https://www.wwtf.at/funding/our-principles/downloads/gender-equality-plan/>



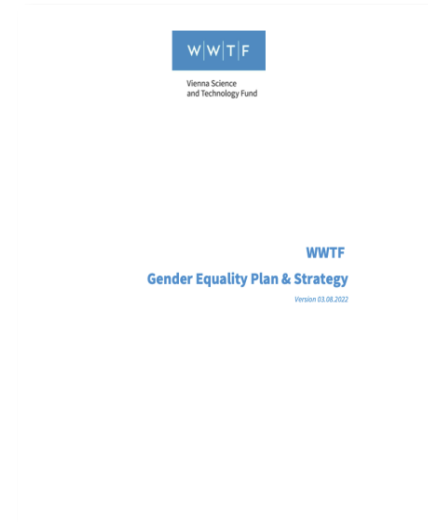
WWTF | Gender Equality & VRG

- ▶ WWTF especially encourages Vienna-based research institutions to propose female group leaders
 - ▶ **Successful appointment of a woman** → financial benefit for the Vienna host institution to support their gender mainstreaming activities
- ▶ Evaluation criteria that account for career breaks & atypical career paths (e.g. care duties), as well as gender dimension in research



WWTF | Gender Equality in your proposal

- ▶ WWTF encourages **balanced teams**
- ▶ Childcare and / or career coaching costs for female funded personnel may be included to a small extent in the budget
- ▶ Gender aspects in the proposal: Guidance is given in the call specifications (checklist, p. 9)



WWTF | Open Science Policy

W|W|T|F

WWTF aims to:

- ▶ fund research guided by principle “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”
- ▶ provide funds related to the cost of OA publication and data management
- ▶ place more emphasis on Open Data by adoption of FAIR principles

→ <https://wwtf.at/funding/our-principles/downloads/open-access-and-open-science-policy>



Vienna Science
and Technology Fund

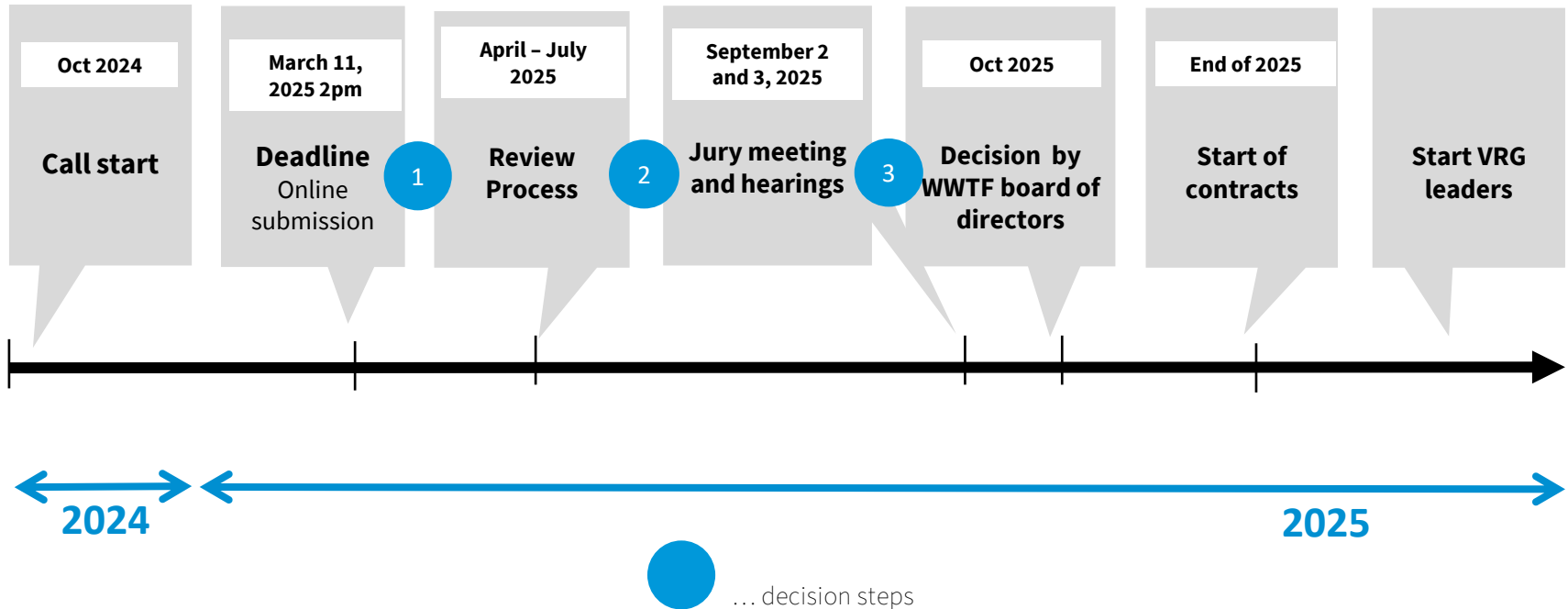
WWTF
Open Science Policy

Version 09.03.2022

WWTF | Use of genAI in the application process

- ▶ Substantial use of genAI must be declared
- ▶ This mainly concerns critical parts of scientific relevance, such as the formulation of hypotheses and the scientific project plan
- ▶ “Substantial use” is defined in line with the European Commission’s definition: “[...] using generative AI as a basic author support tool is not a substantial use. However, interpreting data analysis, carrying out a literature review, identifying research gaps, formulating research aims, developing hypotheses, etc. could have a substantial impact.”
- ▶ Images depicting real-world scenarios produced by generative AI must be declared

VRG25 | Timeline



VRG25 | Jury and applicants



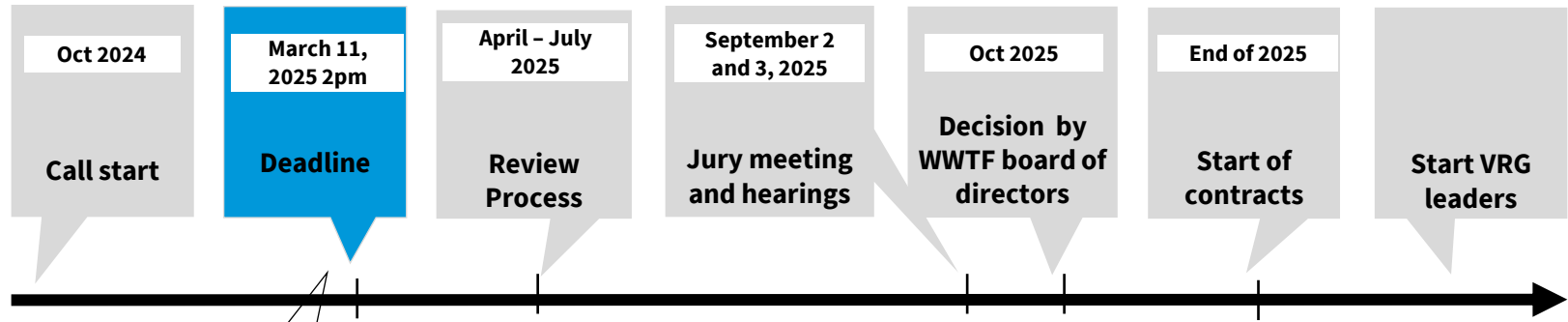
VRG jury

- About 6-7 excellent international scientists with call-relevant expertise
- Duties within the process
 - Selecting proposals to be reviewed
 - Nominating reviewers
 - Inviting candidates to the hearing
 - Evaluating the performance at the hearing
 - Comparing assessments and formulating the funding recommendation

Applicants

- Universities and research institutions in Vienna (via a “proponent”)
- Suggestion of
 - excellent young researchers from abroad who fall within the scope of the eligibility criteria
- Active search for female researches highly welcome and encouraged

VRG25 | Submission deadline and formal eligibility check



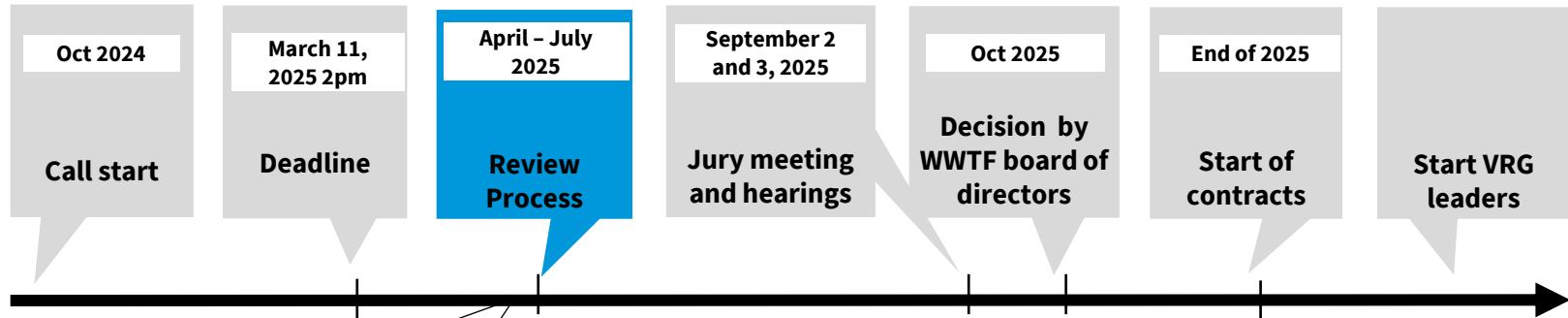
Submission via WWTF Funding Portal

- Strict deadline (**11th March 2025 at 2pm**)
- Submission only possible when all parts and uploads are complete
- WWTF office performs formal eligibility check
- Proposals then sent to jury for assessment

Submit your proposal here:

<https://fundingportal.wwtf.at>

VRG25 | Review process and peer review



Step 1: Evaluation by jury

- Panel of international scientists assess:
 - Fit to scope of call
 - Scientific excellence and academic potential
 - Independent thinking and leadership
 - Innovation, feasibility, gender aspects, broader relevance
 - Fit to the research environment at new host institution and career perspective
- Projects will not go on to the next stage if they are outside the scope of the call or judged to be less competitive
- Around 15 proposals enter the review phase
- Around 11 applicants will be invited to hearings
- All applicants will be informed of outcome shortly after meeting

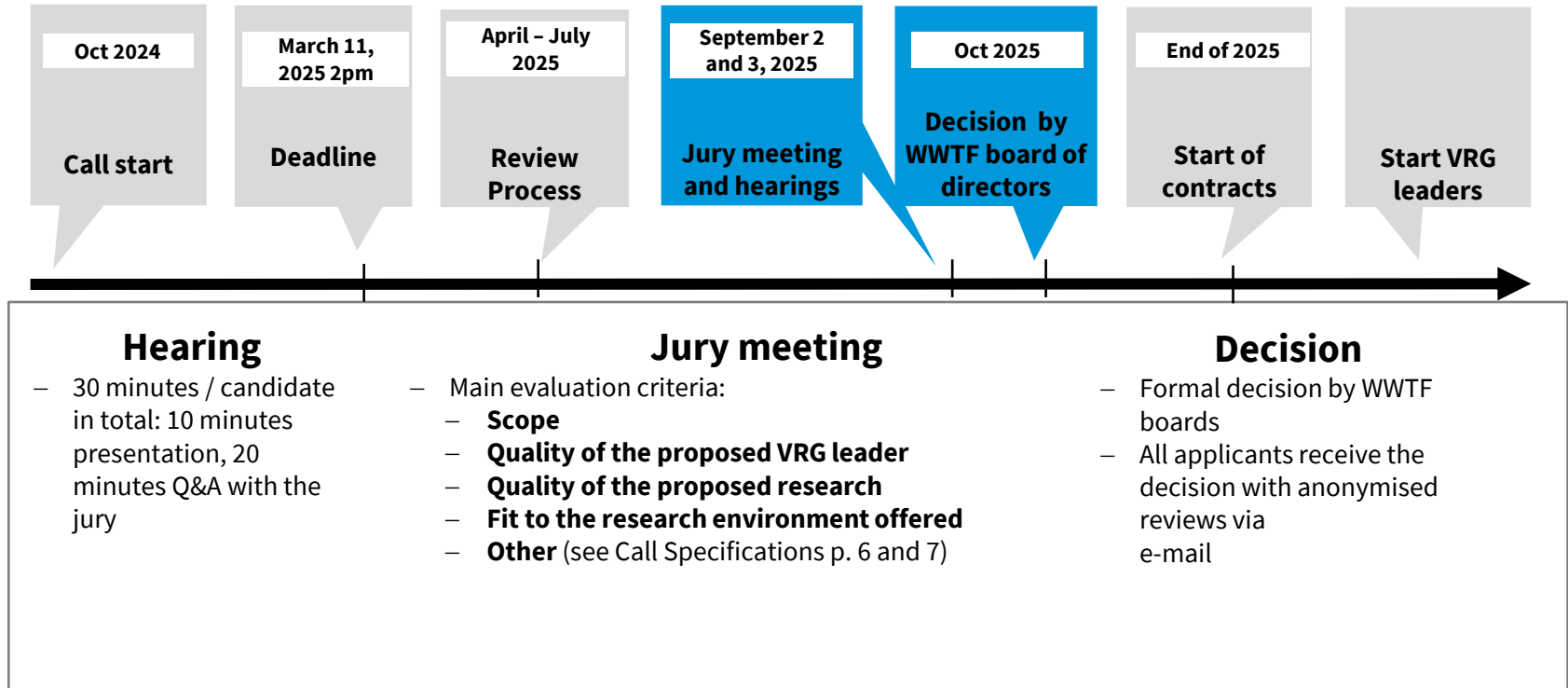
VRG25 | Review process and peer review



Step 2: Peer review process

- In case proposals are admitted to the review process: reservation of both hearing days **absolutely necessary**
- 2-4 written reviews per proposal will be obtained
- Reviews only by international peers who remain anonymous
- Review: basis of the jury's discussion for the invitation to the hearing as well as the funding decision after the hearing
- Invitation to hearing (selection after review process)

VRG25 | Hearing, jury meeting and decision



VRG25 | Employment contract and funding contract



Employment contract

- The employment contract must be made available to WWTF **no later than two months** after the decision of the WWTF board of directors
- Clarification until when a qualification agreement will be offered
- Agreement on a coordinated evaluation of the candidate between the host institution and WWTF
- If the employment contract cannot be achieved within two months, the funding will be offered to a reserve candidate

Funding contract

- Funding contract between WWTF and the host institution of the VRG leader (§ 27 according to UG2002 for universities)
- VRG leader has scientific and financial responsibility

VRG25 | Project start, duration and completion



- **Project start:**
 - Latest start date: 18 months after decision by WWTF board of directors
- During **project duration:**
 - WWTF transfers funding instalments every twelve months in advance to the host institution
 - Short annual electronic reports to WWTF via Funding Portal as prerequisite for payment installments
 - Site visit by WWTF
- After **project completion :**
 - Comprehensive final report

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WWTF Funding Portal | General information

- ▶ WWTF Funding Portal: <https://fundingportal.wwtf.at/>
- ▶ There is a “Save”-button but **all entries are saved automatically** (refresh webpage)
- ▶ We aim to expand the system’s features in due course. Please be patient if problems arise with the new system! Make sure to use the “Report a Bug” button in case you encounter one.

Calls

Welcome to the funding portal of WWTF - Vienna Science and Technology Fund!
To use our funding portal, you must first [register](#) once. Then you can log in with your access data and participate in current events.

Running calls

Environmental Systems Research 2024 Urban Environments

The submission deadline for the first phase of the Environmental Systems Research 2024 Call „Urban Environments“ is 16th January 2024 at 2pm (CET).



Vienna Research Groups 2024 Information and Communication Technologies

The WWTF “Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators” Call 2024 “Information and Communication Technologies” opened in October 2023. The submission deadline is 2pm on March 19th 2024.



Past calls

Information and Communication Technologies 2023 Digital Humanism

The Information and Communication Technology 2023 Call „Digital Humanism“ is currently open for submission of full proposals (upon invitation). The deadline for the submission of the full proposal is February 20, 2024, 2pm (Vienna local time)



Report a Bug

WWTF Funding Portal | Error

! Basic Information

✓ Personnel and Institutions

! Project

! References

! Budget

! Signatures

Basic Information

✓ ID, Title and Acronym

Proposal ID

LS23-***

! Will be generated after proposal submission

Project title *

Test project 1

! Scientific Disciplines

This will help to categorize your proposal. Please use the [ÖFOS](#) categories.

! Provide at least one category; sum must equal 100 %

Main scientific discipline *

106052 - Cell biology

Share *

60 %

Other scientific discipline *

102019 - Machine learning

Share *

30 %

Other scientific discipline *

106002 - Biochemistry

Share *

5 %

Sum of shares should equal 100%

- ▶ Within the flagged chapter, click on the red symbol beside the section title
- ▶ Help text in red will explain problem

WWTF Funding Portal | Steps to submission

- ▶ Register or login
- ▶ Choose call and create new proposal
- ▶ Complete “My Profile” and “My Roles”
- ▶ Invite proponent
- ▶ Fill out the proposal
 1. Basic information
 2. VRG Leader & Proponent
 3. Host & Partner Institution
 4. Work Programme
 5. Integration of VRG leader
 6. Budget
 7. Uploads
- ▶ Submit proposal



*Link to Download of
Submission Guideline*

Things to consider for your proposal

- ▶ Check the scope of the call
- ▶ Read the Call Specifications → Evaluation criteria (chapter 6)
- ▶ Don't assume highly specific expertise of our Jury, especially in the first selection round
- ▶ Polish your CV, use the right template provided by us
- ▶ Pay more than lip service to gender equality & open science

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Mireille Consalvey draws on years of experience to present a 13-step checklist for success.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-023-02756-6>



Register & login

- ▶ First register at <https://fundingportal.wwtf.at/register/>

W|W|T|F Funding portal CALLS REGISTER LOGIN

Registration

My data

First name * Last name *

Institution

E-mail * Re-enter email *

Password * Re-enter password *

Anti-SPAM code *
Please enter the code as shown
Illegible?

Report a Bug

- ▶ If you already have an account in the Funding Portal, you can use it again


Complete “My profile”

- ▶ Make sure that completing “My profile” is your first step
- ▶ Use the correct CV template “wwtf_cvtemplate_vrg.docx”

W|W|T|F Funding portal CALLS MY PROPOSALS & ROLES MY PROFILE LOGOUT

User profile

My login credentials

E-mail address *
eray.gierke95@puppetmail.de 

■ If you want to change your e-mail address, a confirmation link will be sent to the new e-mail address.

Change password

Current password New password Re-enter new password

My data

The details entered below will be applied to your profile for all proposals in which you are involved. As long as a proposal has not been submitted, you can update the specific information of your role within the respective proposal using the profile data below.

Gender * female male non-binary

Degree First (given) name * Last name * Degree, appended

Highest academic title * Year of birth * Date of doctorate ORCID ID *

[Report a Problem](#)

Use the correct CV template

✓ CV Upload

Available CV Templates:

Please use the CV template for the call in which you intend to submit your proposal

VRG: [wwtf_cvtemplate_vrg.docx](#)

all other calls: [wwtf_cvtemplate_project.docx](#)

Go to “Calls”: Choose call and create proposal

W|W|T|F Funding portal CALLS MY PROPOSALS & ROLES MY PROFILE

Calls

Running calls

Information and Communication Technology 2025 This call is open to researchers at universities and research institutes in Vienna and Lower Austria, who seek to conduct a cutting-edge research projects (2 to 4 years) to address a fundamental research question in the ICT fields. →	VRG 2025 - Information and Communication Technology 2025 Information and Communication Technology The WWTF Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators Call 2025 "Transforming Science with AI/ML" is issued in the Information and Communication Technology program. The submission deadline is 2pm on 11 March 2025. →
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1. Choose call

2. Click → “Create new proposal”

Proposal structure

- ▶ Proposal divided into seven chapters
- ▶ Click and scroll through chapters to see proposal requirements

VRG25-***: Incomplete proposal

Basic Information

VRG Leader & Proponent

Host and Partner Institution(s)

Work Programme

Integration of the Proposed Group Leader

Budget

Uploads

Choose your role

W|W|T|F Funding portal - Testsystem CALLS MY

● Basic Information ● **VRG Leader & Proponent** ● Host and Partner Institution(s) ● Work Programme ● Integration of the Proposed Group Leader ● Budget ● Uploads

VRG Leader & Proponent

VRG Leader

● Vienna Research Group Leader

Invite a Vienna Research Group Leader. You will be notified when this person accepts or declines your invitation.

I am the VRG Leader

First name * Last name *

Email address * Status

Proponent

● Proponent and Host Institution

Invite a Proponent from the VRG host Institution. You will be notified when this person accepts or declines your invitation.

Future Viennese Host Institution *
please select

First name * Last name *

Email address * Status

Complete your role

- ▶ Click “refresh from profile”
- ▶ Fill out missing information

W|W|T|F Funding portal CALLS MY PROPOSALS & ROLES

VRG25-***: Incomplete proposal
Vienna Research Group Leader

Vienna Research Group Leader

You may update the information found here (including CV), by changing the relevant section in your profile and clicking “refresh from profile”, as long as the proposal is not submitted.

Refresh from profile

Gender female male non-binary

Degree First name * Last name * Degree

Eray Gierke

Highest academic title * Year of birth * Staff category * Date of doctorate *

please select please choose

Address * Zip * City * Country *

Phone * E-mail address * Personal Scientific Website

eray.gierke95@puppetmail.de

I spent at least two years during the last three years at a foreign research institution and I have not been employed at an Austrian institution in the period between three months before the submission deadline to the submission deadline. *

yes no

Formal criterion: “being from abroad”: at least two years of the last three years have been spent at a foreign research institution; plus no employment contract with an Austrian institution in the period between three months before the submission deadline to the submission deadline.

Current CV

CV *

Choose file

Go back to “My proposals and roles”

- ▶ Section “My roles” will appear in **green color**
- ▶ Go back to “Incomplete proposal”

The screenshot shows the 'W|W|T|F Funding portal' interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the logo and navigation links for 'CALLS' and 'MY PROPOSALS & ROLES'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'My proposals' and 'My roles'. The 'My proposals' section displays a card for 'VIENNA RESEARCH GROUPS 2024' with a red status label 'VRG24-***: Incomplete proposal' and a trash icon. Below it, it shows 'Created on Jan 5th, 2024' and 'Reference ID: 011271'. The 'My roles' section also displays a card for 'VIENNA RESEARCH GROUPS 2024' with a blue status label 'VRG24-***: Incomplete proposal'. Below it, it shows 'as Vienna Research Group Leader (approved, but incomplete)' and 'Updated: Jan 5th, 2024'. A red circle highlights the role title 'Vienna Research Group Leader'.

Invite the proponent to the proposal

W|W|T|F Funding portal - Testsystem CALLS MY

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VRG Leader & Proponent

VRG Leader

● Vienna Research Group Leader

Invite a Vienna Research Group Leader. You will be notified when this person accepts or declines your invitation.

First name * Last name *

Email address * Status

Proponent

● Proponent and Host Institution

Invite a Proponent from the VRG host Institution. You will be notified when this person accepts or declines your invitation.

Future Viennese Host Institution *
please select

First name * Last name *

Email address * Status

The proposal can only be submitted once the proponent has accepted the invitation

The proponent has to complete the same steps as described earlier, i.e. complete his:her profile and complete his:her role

Roles | VRG Leader & Proponent

- ▶ VRG leader
 - ▶ Can fill out and edit all parts of the proposal
 - ▶ Can submit the proposal
- ▶ Proponent
 - ▶ Can fill out and edit all parts of the proposal
 - ▶ Can not submit the proposal

Proposal | Basic Information

- ▶ Project ID (will be set after submission), Project Title
- ▶ Keywords, Project Duration
- ▶ Scientific Disciplines (ÖFOS categories, must equal 100%)
- ▶ Suggested Peer Reviewers (5) and excluded peer evaluators (optional, up to 3)
 - **Please take care that the suggested reviewers do not have a conflict of interest with the group leader / the proponent**
 - Only visible for WWTF and jury
 - Note: only peer reviewers without CoI and with affiliation outside of Austria will be considered for peer review

Proposal | VRG leader & Proponent

✔ Basic Information

① VRG Leader & Proponent

② Host and Partner Institution(s)

③ Work Programme

④ Integration of the Proposed Group Leader





⑤ Budget

⑥ Uploads

- ▶ Details about VRG leader
 - ▶ Previous career steps
 - ▶ Highlights of recent work
 - ▶ Description of (scientific) leadership potential
 - ▶ Motivation for application as Vienna Research Group Leader
- ▶ Proponent
 - ▶ is the scientist at the Vienna host institution responsible for the coordination of the proposal and will support the applicant at every stage of the application. He/she is also responsible for the integration of the applicant in case of funding

Proposal | VRG leader & Proponent

Career Steps to Date *

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0 of max. 3500 characters

Elaborate on your most important career steps and achievements so far (e.g. groups where you have worked). Non-scientific landmarks might be added as well.

Note the light grey text outside the bottom of some of the boxes. You can also find this information in the Submission Guideline.

Proposal | Host & Partner Institution(s)

✔ Basic Information

❌ VRG Leader & Proponent

✔ Host and Partner Institution(s)

❌ Work Programme

❌ Integration of the Proposed Group Leader

❌ Budget

❌ Uploads

- ▶ Host Institution
 - ▶ Description (specific department or institute)
 - ▶ Motivation to bring the proposed Group Leader to Vienna
- ▶ Description and relevance of partner institutions
 - ▶ Note: these institutions must be different to those of the proponent and his/her host institution and must be of substantial relevance in the project (receiving or giving (monetary) contributions/funds)
 - ▶ Option to allocate resources to this institution in the “Budget” chapter
- ▶ Wider Research Network

Proposal | Work Programme

- ▶ Scientific abstract: will be used by different audiences. Jury, who may not be expert in your domain, as well as for expert reviewers.
- ▶ Work programme: one single PDF file upload (maximum 8 pages). **Please adhere to the format specifications provided in the template!**
 - 1) the state of the art in the proposed field and scientific challenges in the next years
 - 2) the research plan
- ▶ Potential ethical aspects
- ▶ Open science statement (check WWTF Open Science Policy)
- ▶ Disclosure of other applications for funding
- ▶ Relevant references (maximum 20; 10 most relevant references)

Proposal | Integration of VRG leader (I)

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- ▶ VRG candidate selection process at Vienna host institution, including gender mainstreaming measures
- ▶ Advertisement procedures
 - ▶ The international publication of a job announcement and/or distribution via mailing lists/professional societies is obligatory (upload only one!)
- ▶ Status and career advancement steps of the group leader during the funding period
 - ▶ Please explain in detail the steps leading to a tenure position (e.g. the exact process of reaching a “Qualifizierungsvereinbarung” including time frames). These details will form the foundation of contractual elaborations in the case of funding

Proposal | Integration of VRG leader (II)

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- ▶ Interim evaluation process of the Group Leader (preferably co-organised by WWTF and host institution)
- ▶ Career perspectives of the Group Leader after the funding period
- ▶ Integration of the Group Leader

Proposal | Budget

- ▶ The financial emphasis should lie on the **funding of scientific personnel**
→ should be balanced in relation to infrastructure/material costs
- ▶ **In-kind vs. overhead:** Basic infrastructure such as office equipment, rent, telephone, internet, basic lab equipment does NOT count as in-kind but is covered by the overheads (covered by WWTF)!
- ▶ The budget allocations with eventual partner institutions must already be specified at the application stage
- ▶ No funding of private companies: self-funded business partners possible; services relevant to the project can be calculated as consumables

Proposal | Budget (I)

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- ▶ Calculation tables (personnel costs, non-personnel costs, budget per region, cost overview): everything in whole numbers, e.g. EUR 780,000, everything in €
- ▶ Description of the envisioned group
- ▶ Description of the equipment and consumables
- ▶ Statement of the monetary and in-kind contributions
 - ▶ Please be aware that the cash and in-kind contributions are just the contributions from the host institution
- ▶ WWTF Overhead policy: max. 20% of the fundable direct costs

Proposal | Budget (II)

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- ▶ Please avoid short term employments! Minimum wage according to the „Kollektivvertrag“ (collective agreement) or following the standards of the Austrian Science Fund FWF
 - ▶ Attention: Wage for „Studentische Mitarbeiter*in“ is calculated by FWF for 20 hours and a „DoktorandIn“ for 30 hours per week
- ▶ Wages above “Kollektivvertrag” are possible and must be described. No additional wages for people who are already 100% employed. An increase of employment up to 100% through WWTF funding is possible
- ▶ Total funding applied for will automatically be calculated including a 3,5% annual salary increase (inflation adjustment)

Proposal | Signatures

● Basic Information

● VRG Leader & Proponent

● Host and Partner Institution(s)

● Work Programme

● Integration of the Proposed Group Leader

● Budget

● Uploads

- ▶ Affirmations and Authorization = signatures
 - ▶ One PDF file containing the scanned sheets with all the required signatures (digital signature possible)
- ▶ Signature sheet can be downloaded at any time (“Overview” must be inserted). Signatures do not have to be all on one sheet! Max of 3 pages can be uploaded, digital signatures possible.
- ▶ For signatures, please follow your institutional policies / ask the research service

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- ▶ Letter of references (you can invite experts to upload a Letter of Reference, they will not be accessible for the VRG leader)
- ▶ Photo of VRG leader
- ▶ Other (max 5 documents, max 3 pages per document)

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- ▶ Complete PDF of the proposal containing all information is generated automatically after submission
- ▶ Submit your proposal in time

Agenda

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- ▶ Details of the Call 2025 „Information and Communication Technology“
- ▶ Using the WWTF Funding Portal
- ▶ Q & A

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Any questions?

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