

Information and Communication Technology

Call 2015

The fourth project call within the thematic programme **Information and Communication Technology** of the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) addresses

- universities and non-university research institutions as well as scientists and researchers in Vienna, including researchers moving to Vienna as a result of this call,
- that would like to conduct a multi-annual (2-4 years) scientific project in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application in other research fields.
- Projects should strive to improve the understanding of substantial current scientific research questions in the field of Information and Communication Technology with potential medium term economic or social benefits.
- Young and female scientists are especially encouraged to apply and act as Principal Investigators.
- In total 5 Mio. € are dedicated to this call. Funding range per project is 200.000 to 800.000 €.

This is a two stage call: Short proposals have to be submitted by 19 December 2014. Full proposals have to be submitted by 24 April 2015.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open **Proposers' Day** on **11 November 2014**, 1-5 pm, at edu4you, Frankgasse 4, 1090 Wien, Entrance Garnisongasse.

There will be a special section at this event for female applicants.



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WWTF Project Call 2015 "Information and Communication Technology" Focus and Key Facts

The WWTF "Information and Communication Technology" programme targets 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.

Funding: The overall budget allocated for the 2015 call is € 5 million.

Schedule: The call starts mid October 2014. The deadline for short proposals is 19 December 2014. Note, that this is a two-stage selection process. Full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The deadline for full proposals is 24 April 2015. The funding decision is expected for September 2015.

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
- improve the understanding of substantial current scientific research questions in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application fields,
- address either Information Technologies or Communication Technologies or both. Proposals may come from science, engineering and application fields,
- have a proposing team of researchers documenting a solid scientific track record according to academic age,
- include a clear statement of the perspective for medium term economic and/or societal benefits,
- last two to four years and will typically request between 200.000 € to 800.000 € funding.

Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- The scope in principle includes all areas of ICT research including projects combining methodological ICT developments with applications in other research fields. Projects may address interdisciplinary aspects, a clear focus must be on furthering the state-of-the-art in ICT.
- The development of source codes, systems, or prototypes must not be the major goal of the project; but it is encouraged to demonstrate 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.
- Neither development of business applications nor purely theoretical projects will be funded.
- No industry involvement is required. No funding for industry partners can be provided.
- Projects from all fields of applied informatics are encouraged to apply and take part in the scientific competition.
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. However, core team members can be based world-wide. Up to 20% of funding for researchers may be allocated outside Vienna.

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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