

Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators

Call 2021

The 12th **Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators** call 2021 is issued for up to two group leader positions as part of the WWTF's Cognitive Sciences programme.

- It addresses Vienna-based universities and research institutions that intend to hire an excellent young researcher from abroad for setting-up and managing an independent research group. Active recruitment procedures are mandatory.
- This group must address substantial state-of-the-art scientific research questions in the area of Cognitive Sciences incl. Neurosciences and advance the systematic understanding of cognitive processes in humans, animals and/or artificial cognitive systems.
- WWTF especially encourages Vienna-based research institutions to propose female group leaders.
- WWTF takes unconventional research careers into consideration.
- WWTF in total grants up to two positions with up to € 1.6 million per research group for six to eight years of funding.

Please submit proposals online by 2 pm, June 17, 2021.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an online Proposers' Day on April 7, 2021, 10 am - 12 noon (please contact us for registration).

Detailed information is available online at www.wwtf.at



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WWTF Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators Call 2021 "Cognitive Sciences" Focus and Key Facts

The twelfth call of the Vienna Research Groups programme encourages scientific research in the field of Cognitive Sciences. The call addresses universities and research institutions in Vienna. The call is open for projects that address the phenomena of cognition (including but not limited to perception, reasoning, thinking, behaviour). The projects should include empirical data (i.e. purely theoretical approaches will be excluded). Research from the fields of (Molecular) Neurosciences or Brain Research that investigate the neural substrate underlying cognition and behaviour is also included. Research proposals may come from all fields and subdomains of the Cognitive Sciences. Interdisciplinary approaches and collaborations with other fields are highly welcome.

Main characteristics of a Vienna Research Group:

- A Vienna Research Group is typically the **first "genuine" group** led by a young researcher who undertakes leadership responsibility for several group members. It enables the group members to take the next step in their careers.
- Vienna Research Group leaders are in general **two to eight years** after PhD; care duties may extend this period up to four years.
- Vienna Research Group leaders are **independent** in designing their research and recruiting their staff.
- The prospective host institution in Vienna provides a **clear-cut career plan**. Particularly in the second phase (i.e. years 6, 6-7 or 6-8) the home institution supports the Vienna Research Group by way of **increased contributions** (in addition to the WWTF funding).

Important facts about the call:

- The call process comprises the submission of a concise proposal and a hearing of selected candidates.
- A job announcement—e.g. in a high impact journal that is relevant for the topic and/or via professional societies/ mailing lists—is obligatory.
- The successful appointment of a woman can be rewarded with a financial benefit for the Vienna host institution in order to support their gender mainstreaming activities. WWTF also offers support in dual career advice.

Schedule:

Submission Deadline	June 17, 2021, 2 pm
Hearings & Jury Meeting	November/December 2021
Announcement of Funding Decision	December 2021

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

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