

Call 2022 Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators



The 13th Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators call 2022 is issued for up to two group leader positions as part of the WWTF's **Environmental Systems Research** 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 environmental systems research.
- 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.
- This call is being co-funded by the City of Vienna.

Please submit proposals online by 2pm, June 16th, 2022.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an online Proposers' Day on 6th of April, 10am–12 noon (please contact us for registration). Please check wwtf.at for further information.

More details on the reverse

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Environmental Systems Research

The 13th call of the Vienna Research Group program is centered on Environmental Systems Research. It is open to universities and research institutions in Vienna. The call encourages proposals that address fundamental questions in environmental and climate-related research. Research should aim to significantly expand current knowledge and views of fundamental challenges in this field. They should be addressed with a systems approach and preferably address question beyond individual disciplines. The inclusion of quantitative methods and modelling approaches that go beyond pure monitoring is strongly encouraged. Equally important as the research question in this call is the willingness of the candidate to actively participate in the larger inter/transdisciplinary research community of the host institution and to contribute to overarching research topics. The call is open to all topics and areas in Environmental Systems Research, and proposals from all disciplines (e.g., natural sciences, engineering, social sciences) are welcome.

Schedule Submission Deadline: 16 June 2022 at 2pm
Hearings and Jury Meeting: November / December 2022
Funding decision: December 2022

The exact dates will be communicated as soon as possible.

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.



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