



Postdoctoral Researcher Seed Grant Application Guidelines

1. Introduction:

The Postdoctoral Researcher Seed Grant is a supporting measure for initial/pilot-studies and research experiments conducted by Postdoctoral Researchers. The purpose of this grant is twofold:

- (i) To obtain the necessary results needed for an application for external funding
- (ii) To foster collaboration among Postdoctoral Researchers from different departments across the faculty, ultimately contributing to the advancement of their academic careers. Proposals with clear interdisciplinarity are encouraged.

2. Funding Details:

- Five grants are available per year.
- Funding amounts:
 - up to 4,000 EUR for a single Postdoctoral Researcher application.
 - up to 8,000 EUR for an application involving two or more Postdoctoral Researchers.
- Projects are expected to start in October 2024, and extensions are not possible except for substantial reasons.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to all Postdoctoral Researchers with temporary contracts (global budget or third-party funded).
- Senior Scientists are not eligible.
- Employment throughout the funding period is required.
- In the case of collaborative applications, the postdocs involved must come from at least two different departments within the faculty, with interdisciplinary collaborations being rated more highly.
- Postdoctoral Researchers can only apply for either this grant or for Interdisciplinary Research Networks announced in the same year.
- Principal Investigator (PI) approval for application submission is mandatory, in case of self-financed employment the signature of the hosting PI is required.

4. Application Process:

- An annual call will be announced with a specified submission deadline.
- Projects are expected to have a maximum duration of 12 months.



- Proposals should be 2-3 pages long (in English, 11pt type, 1.5 line spacing) and include project background, aims, significance and impact, in case of collaborative applications, a description of the role and specific expertise of all partners.
- In addition, the following information needs to be submitted: Budget list, work plans and time schedule, and CVs (max. 2 pages) of the applicant(s)

5. Budget Allocation:

- The grant primarily covers consumables, travel, and other project-related costs.
- Personnel costs are only allowed in the form of independent service contracts and work contracts.
- Co-financing of the applicant's own employment is not possible.

6. Reporting and Presentation:

- A short scientific and financial report (1-2 pages) is expected within 3 months after project termination.
- Upon agreement with the Dean's office, project results may be presented at the annual Faculty Event or at the Postdoctoral Researcher Networking Event.

7. Evaluation Criteria:

- Scientific merit and innovation of the project.
- Feasibility of the project.
- Potential impact on the field and potential for future funding.
- Applications involving interdisciplinary collaborations between Postdoctoral Researchers will be favorably considered.

8. Submission deadline and Contact Information:

The deadline for submission is May 15, 2024. Please submit one PDF document containing all required information via the [submission portal](#).

For any inquiries regarding the Postdoctoral Researcher Seed Grant, please contact dekanat.lewi@univie.ac.at.