

2018 Call for the

City of Vienna Jubilee Funds for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

By establishing the "City of Vienna Jubilee Funds for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna", the City of Vienna recognizes the cooperation with one of Vienna's most important universities on the occasion of BOKU's 140th anniversary in the year 2012.

The joint and coordinated work on questions by BOKU and the City of Vienna should promote potential synergies in science and economy.

The objectives of the established funds are to:

- strengthen scientific cooperation in key issues for the City of Vienna and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna,
- intensify collaboration between science and economy in BOKU's fields of competence and entwined with the City of Vienna's business segments,
- promote the economic connections with sustainable developments and at the same time strengthen economy and life quality in Vienna,
- strengthen Vienna as a university and research location by bringing together activities of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna and the City of Vienna,
- advancing young academics at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

The following means of facilitation are announced:

- I. Stadt Wien-BOKU Research Funding**
- II. BOKU Best Paper Awards**
- III. BOKU Talent Awards** (for excellent Master theses and dissertations)

In 2018 the fund "Stadt Wien-BOKU Research Funding" promotes research projects from all BOKU-related fields in conjunction with one or more bioeconomic research or action areas. For the funds „BOKU Best Paper Awards“ and „BOKU Talent Awards“ papers from all BOKU-related topics are awarded.

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Research projects from all BOKU-related fields with reference to research or action fields of bioeconomy with a project sum of 25,000 to 70,000 Euro and a project duration of a maximum of 2 years can be promoted. According to the strategic objectives in BOKU's developmental plan, the research project should be planned and realized considering sustainability and scientific excellence. This year's topic once again provides the opportunity to promote a variety of Vienna-related projects. Bioeconomy – as a concept for sustainable supply and use of biological resources – has the potential to contribute to the transformation towards a more sustainable economic system. It connects rural, peri-urban and urban areas via material cycles as well as various economic sectors and can thus contribute to technical and social innovation. Bioeconomy's possible contributions to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the city of Vienna are the focus of this call. There is a special focus on SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 12 (Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns) with particular emphasis on the chances, risks, and possible conflicts of interest. For the definition of the Sustainable Development Goals see for example <http://www.un.org/depts/german/gv-70/a70-l1.pdf>

Since the fund wishes to promote junior scientists, all BOKU researchers with a doctoral degree, a maximum of seven postdoctoral years and documented previous scientific knowledge are entitled to apply. University professors are excluded. The project implementation has to be mainly carried out at BOKU.

Proposals (Send as one PDF file (max. 5MB) to researchfunds@boku.ac.at)

For submission the APPLICATION FORM has to be completed with the following content:

1) Project description in English or (depending on the topic selection and subject area, as well as the remark on a German or English speaking assessor) German, consisting of the following:

- Project abstract for public relations in German (max. one A4 page)
- Scientific abstract (in German and English, max. half a page each)
- Elaborate description on the planned research project (max. eight pages excl. literature): scientific question, review of current research and individual preliminary work, project objectives and innovation, elaborate working plan incl. methodology
- Time and cost schedule: the fund can be used to accommodate expenditure on personnel, material and travel related to the project. Project-specific costs of research partners from the Danube region are eligible for funding. Please note the reimbursement guidelines of the Rectorate: §27 - Kostenersatzrichtlinie.

The application form must enclose the following:

2) The table with calculation of costs. Please note the reimbursement guidelines of the Rectorate: §27 - Kostenersatzrichtlinie. Fr. Mag.a Tamara Zhuber (tamara.zhuber@boku.ac.at or extension -33012) is available for any questions related to the calculation of costs.

3) Detailed résumé including a list of publications and presentation of scientific competence of the applicant - especially in the field of application.

4) Suggestion of at least ten potential, exclusively international assessors (details see application form)

II. BOKU Best Paper Awards

Every year a maximum of three outstanding BOKU publications can be awarded a prize of 3,000 Euro. Publications from all BOKU-related fields can be submitted.

All BOKU graduates and young researchers (max. ten years after successful completion of the doctorate) may apply. Every author who has predominantly contributed to the publication is eligible for submission. The publication must have mainly been compiled at BOKU. It must also have been published or accepted for publication since 2016.

Application Documents (Send as one PDF file (max. 5MB) to researchfunds@boku.ac.at)

- 1) Application Form
- 2) An original scientific paper which was published or has been accepted for publication in a professional peer reviewed journal
- 3) Statement on the publication's prize-worthiness (max. one page)
- 4) Elaborate résumé including list of publications
- 5) In the case of a publication with several authors, detailed information on the applicant's own publication contribution has to be provided. In addition, the applicant has to provide signed agreements by all co-authors to use this publication for application.

III. BOKU Talent Awards (für exzellente Masterarbeiten oder Dissertationen)

Every year prizes for outstanding scientific theses from all BOKU-related fields are awarded.

A max. of five Master's theses are awarded with 1,500 Euro each. In addition, a max. of three dissertations are awarded with 3,000 Euro each. The theses must have been approved at BOKU in 2016 or 2017.

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- 1) Application Form (please click)
- 2) German thesis abstract for public relations (max. one A4 page)
- 3) Elaborate résumé including list of publications
- 4) Thesis assessment documents (Master's thesis evaluation or dissertation assessment respectively)
- 5) Supervisor's statement on the prize-worthiness of the thesis, especially regarding the funds' objectives
- 6) Master's or Doctorate degree certificate at BOKU
- 7) Master's or doctoral thesis (only as PDF document)

Please note: For the compilation of your documents, please do not use sheet protectors. Also do not bind your documents when you hand them in.

Deadline:

Applications are requested until **May 31, 2018**.

Please send your proposal to researchfunds@boku.ac.at

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