

Call 2023

# **City of Vienna Anniversary Fund for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna**

By establishing the "City of Vienna Anniversary Fund for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna", the City of Vienna honours the cooperation with one of Vienna's most important universities on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) in the year 2023.

The synergy potential between science and economy is to be promoted through the joint and coordinated work on questions by BOKU and the City of Vienna.

## **The objectives of the 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 areas
- promote the link between economy and sustainable development and at the same time strengthen the economy and the quality of life in Vienna
- strengthen Vienna as a university and science location through targeted interlinking of activities of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna and the City of Vienna
- promote young scientists at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

## **The following funding instruments are announced:**

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

In 2023, "Stadt Wien-BOKU Research Funding" will fund research projects from all thematic fields of BOKU in connection with the topic "**(Viennese) Ways into the Future / Visions of a Sustainable Metropolitan Region: of Cycles and Interactions**"

For the "BOKU Best Paper Awards" and the "BOKU Talent Awards", **submissions from all thematic fields of BOKU** are awarded prizes.

## **I. Stadt Wien-BOKU Research Funding**

Research projects from all thematic fields of BOKU in connection with the 2023 topic “**(Viennese) Ways into the Future / Visions of a Sustainable Metropolitan Region: of Cycles and Interactions**” with a project sum of 35,000 to 90,000 Euro and a project duration of max. 2 years can be funded. In total, the funding budget is up to 175,000 Euro.

Submitted projects should contribute to the vision of a sustainable metropolitan region, with a particular focus on the diverse interactions between the city and the surrounding area. The research should also be in the context of the circular economy and can thus include a variety of topics, such as soil, space, mobility, food, energy or infrastructure. The projects must have a connection to Vienna and be set in the context of the SDGs. Projects that are related to the strategy "Vienna 2030 - Economy and Innovation" and the recently presented draft of the “Smart Klima City Strategie Wien” are particularly encouraged.

Research projects from all thematic fields of BOKU can be submitted. Interdisciplinarity is requested. Stakeholder involvement within an appropriate framework is considered positive and can take place in different forms. The relevance of the involvement must be briefly explained in the proposal.

In accordance with the strategic principles in the BOKU strategic plan, research projects should be planned and carried out with special attention to scientific quality and sustainability criteria.

As the fund aims to support young researchers, all BOKU researchers who fulfil the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- doctoral degree up to a maximum of seven postdoctoral years (not counting any parental leave periods)
- employment contract with BOKU of at least 20 hours per week
- documented previous scientific experience

Associate professors and appointed professors are NOT eligible to apply.  
The project must be carried out mainly at BOKU.

**Proposals** must be sent as one complete PDF document (max. 20 MB) to [researchfunds@boku.ac.at](mailto:researchfunds@boku.ac.at) using the application form.

Application form: download [HERE](#)

1) Project description consisting of:

- Popular scientific abstract for public relations in German (max. one A4 page)
- Scientific abstract in German and English (max. half a page each)
- Detailed description of the planned research project in English (five to max. eight pages excl. literature references): scientific research question, review of current research and own preliminary work, project objectives and innovation, detailed working plan incl. methodology, contribution of the research project to the SDGs
- If applicable, relation of the research question to the business areas of the city of Vienna (about 1 page); an expression of interest by the relevant business area is welcome
- Time and cost plan: The funding can be used to cover personnel, material and travel expenses related to the project.  
Transitional funding of PhD students is NOT allowed. If a PhD student is involved, they are expected to be committed for the whole/most of the project duration.

2) cost calculation table, see <https://short.boku.ac.at/9e6v4r>

3) Detailed CV in English including a list of publications and description of the scientific competence of the applicant and the previous societal impact of the applicant's scientific work in particular in the field of the application.

4) Suggestion of at least ten potential, exclusively international reviewers, whereby careful attention must be paid to avoid conflict of interest (for details see application form)

Please submit the internal pre-submission clearance (via ePM) two weeks before the deadline.

**ATTENTION: The completed ePM is absolutely necessary for a complete application!**

(please note the [„Richtlinie zur Planung und Einreichung von Forschungsvorhaben gem. §§ 26 und 27 UG“](#))

## **II. BOKU Best Paper Awards**

Every year, a maximum of **five outstanding BOKU publications** can be awarded a prize of 1,500 Euro each. Publications from all thematic fields of BOKU can be submitted.

All BOKU PhD students, BOKU graduates and young researchers at BOKU (max. seven years after successful completion of the doctorate) may apply. The 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 2021.

**Application Documents** must be sent as one complete PDF document (max. 20 MB) to [researchfunds@boku.ac.at](mailto:researchfunds@boku.ac.at) using the application form:

- 1) Application form: download [HERE](#)
- 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) Detailed CV including a list of publications
- 5) In the case of a multi-author publication, a clear description of the nature and scope of the submitter's own share of the work must also be submitted, as well as a signed confirmation that all co-authors have agreed to an application on the basis of this publication.

## **III. BOKU Talent Awards (for excellent Master's theses and Dissertations)**

Every year, prizes are awarded for outstanding scientific theses from all thematic fields of BOKU.

A maximum of **five Master's theses** will be awarded a prize of 1,500 Euro each. In addition, a maximum of **three dissertations** are awarded with 3,000 Euro each. The theses must have been approved at BOKU since 2021.

**Application Documents** must be sent as one complete PDF document (max. 20 MB) to [researchfunds@boku.ac.at](mailto:researchfunds@boku.ac.at) using the application form:

- 1) Application form: download [HERE](#)
- 2) German thesis abstract for public relations (max. one A4 page)
- 3) Detailed CV including a list of publications, if any
- 4) Thesis assessment documents (Master's thesis evaluation or dissertation assessment respectively)
- 5) Supervisor's statement on the prize-worthiness of the thesis
- 6) Master's or Doctorate degree certificate at BOKU
- 7) Master's or doctoral thesis

**Deadline:**

Applications are requested until **15.07.2023 (call extended)**.  
Please send your proposal to [researchfunds@boku.ac.at](mailto:researchfunds@boku.ac.at)

Applications for Stadt Wien-BOKU Research Funding: Please note that clearance via the internal pre-submission clearance system (ePM) must be completed at the time of submission.

The decision on the awarding of prizes and research funding lies with the board of trustees of the City of Vienna Anniversary Fund for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (expected in December 2023).

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