

Call 2024

# **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 2024.

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 2024, "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: Create spaces, demand spaces – responsibility for the development of a sustainable metropolitan region**"

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: Create spaces, demand spaces – responsibility for the development of a sustainable metropolitan region**” 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 2022.

**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 2022.

**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 **16.06.2024**  
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 end of 2024).

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## Information on the processing of personal data

As of 25 May 2018 the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR) is directly applicable in all Member States of the European Union.

The GDPR, inter alia, provides for extended information requirements in regard to the processing of personal data. In fulfilment of those obligations (in particular Art 13 GDPR) we are hereby informing you about the processing of your personal data carried out by us.

### 1. What type of personal data (hereinafter "Data") will be processed?

Name, Surname, Address, Date of Birth, Telephone number, Email address, bank details in case of winning, date of the bestowal of the master degree, date of graduation, Publication, Project idea, Master's thesis, Dissertation

### 2. What is the purpose of the data processing?

Implementation of the selection process, determination of the award winners, organisation of the award ceremony

### 3. What is the legal basis for the data processing?

Art 6 (1) (a) GDPR – Consent

We would like to point out that the consent can be revoked at any time with effect for the future. This entails  no adverse consequences for you.

the following adverse consequences for you: participation in the call is not possible.

Upon revocation of consent we will in any case no longer process your Data for the above mentioned purpose from this time and, in particular, erase any Data (still) stored, unless the Data is processed on the basis of one of the following legal bases.

Art 6 (1) (b) GDPR – required for the fulfilment of a contract concluded with the data subject

Art 6 (1) (c) GDPR – required for the fulfilment of a legal obligation of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Art 6 (1) (d) GDPR – required to protect vital interests of the data subject or another natural person

Art 6 (1) (e) GDPR – the processing is in the public interest or is carried out in the exercise of official authority

Art 6 (1) (f) GDPR – required to safeguard the following legitimate interests of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna or a third party (the interests or fundamental rights or freedoms of the data subject do not prevail):

Please describe under this item the legitimate interests.

### 4. Is there an obligation for you as a data subject to provide your Data to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna?

No

No, but the provision of the Data is required for the conclusion of a contract.

If the Data are not provided, this will result in a situation where the contract cannot be concluded.

Yes, since the provision of the Data is a statutory or contractual requirement.

If the Data is not provided, this will result in the following: Please describe under this item the potential consequence(s) of not providing the Data.

### 5. Is automated decision-making (including profiling) part of the processing?

No

Yes, namely:

Please describe under this item the logic underlying the automated decision-making as well as the significance and the intended consequences of processing for the data subject.

### 6. Will the Data be transferred to other persons or entities in whole or in part?

No

Yes, in the course of processing your Data will be transferred to the following recipients for the above-mentioned purpose:

board of trustees, in case of winning: authorized persons for the further organisation of the process and consultants.

**7. Are the recipients mentioned under Item 6 located outside the EU/outside the EEA and/or are they an international organisation?**

- No  
 Yes, namely:

Recipient	Third country	International organisation	Level of security (Article of GDPR)
Recipient/category of recipients, e.g. ministry	State	Yes/No	<input type="checkbox"/> an adequacy decision of the European Commission pursuant to Art 45 <input type="checkbox"/> binding corporate rules pursuant to Art 47 in conjunction with Art 46 (2) (b) <input type="checkbox"/> standard data protection clauses pursuant to Art 46 (2) (c) and (d) <input type="checkbox"/> approved code of conduct pursuant to Art 46 (2) (e) in conjunction with Art 40 <input type="checkbox"/> approved certification mechanism pursuant to Art 46 (2) (f) in conjunction with Art 42 <input type="checkbox"/> contractual clauses approved by the data protection authority pursuant to Art 46 (3) (a) <input type="checkbox"/> derogation for a specific situation pursuant to Art 49 (1) <input type="checkbox"/> derogation for a specific situation pursuant to Art 49 (1) subparagraph 2

**8. How long will the Data be stored and/or what are the criteria for determining the storage period?**

The data will be deleted after the call is completed, 6 months after the academic ceremony.

**9. What are your rights as a data subject?**

Generally, you have a right to request from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna access to and rectification or erasure of your Data or restriction of processing concerning you or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability.

To exercise these rights please contact our data protection officer (for contact details see Item 10).

In addition, you have the right to lodge any appeals you may have with the data protection authority.

**10. Contact details of the controller and their data protection officer:**

- **Controller**  
 University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna  
 Gregor-Mendel-Strasse 33  
 1180 Vienna
- **Data protection officer**  
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General and more detailed information on the topic of data protection at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna can be found at [www.boku.ac.at/datenschutz](http://www.boku.ac.at/datenschutz).