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## Research Award of the Austrian Hail Insurance

The Austrian Hail Insurance VVaG will award one or more research prizes in 2026 totaling up to EUR 4,000 for outstanding scientific work such as dissertations or master's theses. The target group for the award is students at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). The prize will be awarded to one or more works from the following subject areas:

In the selection process, special attention will be paid to contributions that improve income or income security in austrian agriculture, as well as to measures for the preservation of agricultural land.

### Subject areas:

Crop Production: Impact of weather-related stress situations (hail, frost, drought, etc.) on crops and possible solutions

Risk Management Measures: Risk protection, risk balancing, measures for income stabilization, income security, etc.

Animal Husbandry: Measures to promote animal health

Finance and Management: Business planning, pricing and marketing systems, etc.

Spatial Planning and Soil Protection: Measures against land consumption, sustainable soil cultivation and management practices, promotion and preservation of biodiversity, avoidance of land waste (revitalization of town centers, reuse concepts, etc.)

### Application documents:

- Original scientific work
- Abstract
- Evaluation of the work (assessment form)
- Description of the merits of the work
- Detailed CV

Submissions should be sent by email to the Research Support Office at BOKU University, Vienna: [researchfunds@boku.ac.at](mailto:researchfunds@boku.ac.at). Please note that only dissertations and master's theses submitted to BOKU University in the years 2025 and 2026 will be taken into consideration.

**Submission period: March 16 until June 07 2026**

The decision on the award will be made by a jury composed of members of the Austrian Hail Insurance and the rectorate of BOKU University, Vienna.

All information about the Research Award of the Austrian Hail Insurance can also be found at [www.hagel.at](http://www.hagel.at) as well as on the BOKU-website <https://short.boku.ac.at/fos-preise.html>.

The prize will be awarded at an academic ceremony.

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Rector of BOKU University, Vienna

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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, mail address, address, phone number, bank details in case of winning, scientific papers/publications, evaluation of the scientific papers/publications, abstracts, CV

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

implementation of the selection process; determination of the award winners; organisation of the award ceremony; transfer of prize money

### 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 (Vice-rector Univ.Prof. Mag. Dr. Christian Obinger, Univ.Prof. Dr. Jochen Kantelhardt, Dr. Kurt Weinberger, Prok. DI Sabine Kamraner-Köpf, MAS, Magdalena Hofer, MA); in case of winning a prize: authorized internal staff for the organisation of the award ceremony and transfer of the prize money

**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:

**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 completed procedure: at the latest 12 months after the academic ceremony, or in the case of a funded project: 12 months after the final report has been accepted.

**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**  
Muthgasse 11/II  
1190 Vienna  
[datenschutz@boku.ac.at](mailto:datenschutz@boku.ac.at)

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).