Externally funded projects | Support in project implementation:

Project leaders or university personal working in research projects can gather information about administrative steps starting from the submission of a new project, of project accounting until the closing of the project. The given support ranges from the project application phase until the final closing steps and duties.

Marie Curie:

The Marie Skłodowska Curie actions ensure excellent and innovative research training as well as attractive career and knowledge exchange opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility of researchers and innovation staff at all stages of their career, irrespective of age. They are open to all domains of research and innovation.

Center for Doctoral Studies

General Information:

The Center for Doctoral Studies supports doctoral candidates to successfully pursue and complete their doctoral projects. Candidates can seek general advice concerning the doctorate at the University of Vienna or inform themselves about funding possibilities.

Uni:docs Fellowship Programme for Doctoral Candidates:

The uni:docs fellowship programme offers individual scholarships which aim at financing excellent doctoral candidates. Successful fellows will be employed at the University of Vienna for a period of three years. The fellowship will provide outstanding early stage researchers with conditions that allow them to focus exclusively on their research and thus make substantial contributions to science.
Cultivating Talents - Development of Human Resources

- Schrödinger Fellowship: Promotion of scientific work at leading foreign research institutions; gaining experience abroad during the postdoc-phase.

- Firnberg-Programme: Career development programme for post-docs, which aims to support women at the start of their scientific careers.

- Richter-Programme: Career development for advanced post-docs, which aims at providing the necessary qualifications to apply for professorial positions within Austria or abroad.

- Meitner-Programme: Incoming for highly qualified scientists who could contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution

Exploring New Frontiers - Funding of top-quality Research

Stand-alone Projects:

Funding of individual research of any discipline in the area of non-profit oriented scientific research.
The EU Programme for Research and Innovation: Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the world’s largest transnational collaborative funding programme for research and innovation, ranging from basic research to the development of innovative products. In particular, Horizon 2020 supports individual researchers, companies, and collaborations between science and industry.

Vienna Science and Technology Fund

The Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) is a private non-profit organisation established to promote science and research in Vienna. Within defined fields (thematic programmes) two funding instruments are available:

1. Project funding: Major scientific projects in basic research. The funding volume ranges from a minimum of 200,000 € to a maximum of approximately 1 million € and the project duration is typically two to four years.

2. Research Group Funding: Supported by the City of Vienna the programme "Vienna Research Groups for Young Investigators" aims at attracting promising young researchers from abroad to give them a long-term perspective at the research location Vienna and to build up their first "own" research group. Funding is provided for a period of six to eight years and the maximum sum available per research group is 1.6 million €.

Current thematic programmes are:

- Life Sciences
- Mathematics and …
- Information and Communication Technology
- Cognitive Sciences
- Environmental Systems Research
Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

Anniversary Fund

The OeNB’s Anniversary Fund in a nutshell

The Anniversary Fund of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) was established in 1966 to mark the bank’s 150th anniversary. Since then, it has provided a total of 9,900 projects in basic research – and up to 2003 also in applied research – with funding of some EUR 775 million. Furthermore, since 2004, the Anniversary Fund has contributed up to EUR 75 million a year to the endowment of the National Foundation for Research, Technology and Development (National Foundation). This contribution enables other important domestic organizations that support research activities, including the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), to provide reliable long-term funding frameworks.

At present, the OeNB Anniversary Fund is promoting high-quality scientific work in economics and the medical sciences (clinical research) as well as projects in the humanities and social sciences.
The **Austrian Academy of Sciences** is Austria’s central non-university research and science institution. Its statutory mission is to “promote science in every way”. Founded in 1847 as a learned society, today the OeAW has over 770 members and 1,600 employees in 28 research institutes in the field of innovative basic research in the arts and humanities and the social and natural sciences. The OeAW is especially committed to the sustainable support of promising young talents and supports highly qualified young scholars from beyond its own institutes by awarding fellowships and prizes. The OeAW offers seven fellowship programs for

- pre-docs  DOC, DOC-team, Chemical Monthly Fellowship
- pre- and post-docs  L’ORÉAL Austria, ROM, ATHEN
- post-docs  MAX KADE

The OeAD is Austria’s central organisation for mobility and cooperation programmes in education, science and research in Europe and worldwide.

- **Erasmus+ Teaching Assignments, Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility**: The Erasmus+ programme supports teaching periods and training periods at higher education institutions abroad.
- **Marietta Blau Grant**: The programme provides financial support for research visits abroad that are part of a doctoral programme at an Austrian university.
- **CEEPUS**: The Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies is a multilateral exchange programme within Central and Eastern Europe.
- **"Aktionen" Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary**: The programme allows lecturers in higher education and researchers from Austria to collaborate in specific projects with their counterparts in the partner countries.
- **Scientific & Technological Cooperation (S&T Cooperation, WTZ)**: The programme aims at intensifying the international scientific cooperation of Austrian researchers and researchers from the partner countries by funding mobility expenses within the framework of a bilateral or multilateral project.
- **EURAXESS** provides a job database with constantly updated job vacancies for researchers throughout Europe and offers various services, information and assistance to mobile researchers.
- **grants.at** is Austria’s biggest online database for scholarships and research grants for all academic areas.
INiTS universitäres Gründerservice Wien GmbH

INiTS is Austria’s largest and most successful business incubator. Founded in 2002, INiTS helps entrepreneurs accelerate the growth and success of their businesses.

The core offering of INiTS is the „Startup Camp“. Using the Lean Startup Approach, the founders are encouraged to further develop their product, team, and market. In addition, they are guided through the process of refining their business model, achieving product/market fit, and finally scaling the startup into a high growth business. The program culminates with „Demo Day“ where the best startups are able to present their business to a selected audience of investors.

In addition, INiTS is a part of iHub, a pan-European incubator network which gives access to investors, corporations, research centers, and other players in the European startup ecosystem.

The Vienna Business Agency

The Vienna Business Agency is the first point of contact for national and international companies. It offers financial support, real estate and urban development incentives as well as free service and advice.

The objective is to strengthen Viennese companies and their innovative force. As a result, the business location is sustainably developed and strengthened in international competition.

Funding available for universities

Support and funding is offered for

- research and development projects for product, service or process innovations within specific calls (upcoming call on co-creation planned for end of November) OR
- projects that inform the public about new technologies or research services or improve the image of Vienna as a modern technology location OR
- national and international activities for the initiation and design of research and development agreements and the development of a research strategy.