

Cognitive Sciences

Call 2018

The third project call within the thematic programme **Cognitive Sciences** of the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) addresses:

- researchers at universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna, including researchers moving to Vienna as a result of this call,
- who want to conduct an innovative interdisciplinary research project (2 to 4 years) in the field of Cognitive Sciences.
- Proposals must bring together researchers from two to three different scientific disciplines to address innovative research questions in the field of Cognitive Sciences (incl. Neurosciences) in order to advance the understanding of cognition and behaviour in humans, animals, and/or artificial cognitive systems.
- In total, 3 Mio. € are dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is 200,000 to 600,000 €.

This is a two stage call: Short proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, April 12, 2018. Full proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, August 9, 2018.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open **Proposers' Day** on **February 27, 2018**, starting at 2 pm, at edu4you, Frankgasse 4 (entrance Garnisonsgasse), 1090 Vienna.

Please visit www.wwtf.at for further information.



WWTF Project Call 2018 "Cognitive Sciences"

Focus and Key Facts

The WWTF "Cognitive Sciences" programme targets excellent research projects addressing the phenomena of cognition (including but not limited to perception, reasoning, thinking, behaviour) from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Funding: The overall budget allocated for the 2018 call is 3 Mio. €. The amount of requested funding per project may lie between 200,000 and 600,000 € for a project duration of two to four years.

Schedule: The call starts on January 9, 2018. The deadline for the submission of short proposals is 2 pm, April 12, 2018. Note that this is a two-stage selection process. Full proposals will only be accepted upon invitation. The deadline for full proposals is 2 pm, August 9, 2018. The funding decision is expected for December 2018.

WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which should:

- bring together scientists from two to three different disciplines to advance the understanding of cognition and behaviour in humans, animals, and/or artificial cognitive systems,
- include empirical data (i.e. purely theoretical approaches will be excluded),
- improve the understanding of current substantial research questions in the Cognitive Sciences and demonstrate how the proposed work advances the Cognitive Sciences as a field.
- be characterized by a well-defined scientific research plan that includes clearly identified research questions and hypotheses, and a catalogue of sound methods to address the research questions,
- have a proposing team of researchers demonstrating a solid scientific track record according to the academic age and reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the call.
- Researchers from the fields of (Molecular) Neurosciences or Brain Research that investigate the neural substrate underlying cognition and behaviour from an interdisciplinary approach are also strongly encouraged to submit a proposal.

Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- Projects may come from all fields and subdomains of the Cognitive Sciences. Partners may come from areas and disciplines outside the Cognitive Sciences.
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. However, team members can be based worldwide. Up to 20% of the funding budget may be allocated outside Vienna.
- Requested funding for non-personnel costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget.
- A researcher can appear in a key role (PI, Co-PI, or Core Team Member) in two proposals at most.
- Young and/ or female scientists are especially encouraged to apply and to act as Principal Investigators.
- No industry involvement is required. Industry partners are not eligible for funding.

For more details kindly refer to the "WWTF Funding Guidelines" and to the "Guide for Writing a Proposal", both available online at www.wwtf.at

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