

# Information and Communication Technology

## Call 2019

The fifth project call within the thematic programme Information and Communication Technology of the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) aims at strengthening Vienna as research location and *capital of digitalization*. It addresses

- researchers and scientists at universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna, including those moving to Vienna as a result of this call,
- who want to conduct a multi-annual (2-4 years) scientific project in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application in other fields.
- Projects should aim to improve the understanding of current fundamental scientific research questions (disciplinary, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature) in the field of Information and Communication Technology with potential medium-term economic or societal benefits.
- Young and female scientists are especially encouraged to apply and act as Principal Investigators
- In total, 5.5 Mio. € are dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is 200,000 to 800,000 €.

**This is a two stage call: Short proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, January 17 2019. Full proposals have to be submitted by 2pm, May 16 2019.**

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open Proposers' Day on 4th December 2018, 2-4pm at Schlickgasse 2/8, 1090 Vienna.

Please register via [www.wwtf.at](http://www.wwtf.at).

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## WWTF Project Call 2019 "Information and Communication Technology"

### Focus and Key Facts

The WWTF "Information and Communication Technology" (ICT) programme funds high-quality scientific projects with no guaranteed short-term payoff but targeting an area where there is a recognized problem affecting society, economy and/or technology. This funding programme underpins the City of Vienna's aim to become a major European *digitalization capital*.

**Funding:** The overall budget allocated for the 2019 call is € 5.5 million.

**Schedule:** The call starts in October 2018. The deadline for short proposals is 17 January 2019. Note, that this is a two-stage selection process. Full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The deadline for full proposals is 16 May 2019. The funding decision is expected for October 2019.

#### WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which should:

- be characterized by a well-defined scientific research programme addressing clearly identified, promising, medium-term research questions with specified hypotheses and a catalogue of sound methods to address these questions,
- aim to answer current fundamental scientific research questions in the field of Information and Communication Technology and its application in different fields (e.g. health, energy, industry, transportation, finance, society, ...),
- address research questions in either Information Technologies, Communication Technologies or both,
- have a proposing team of researchers with solid scientific track records according to their academic age,
- include a clear statement on the perspective medium-term economic and/or societal benefits.

#### Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- In principle, the scope includes all areas of ICT research, including projects combining methodological ICT developments with applications in other research fields. Projects that address interdisciplinary aspects are welcome, however, a clear focus must always be on furthering the state-of-the-art in the ICT field.
- Proposals may come from all fields of applied informatics and related scientific disciplines. Projects focusing on purely theoretical aspects have to be justified in terms of medium-term application perspective.
- The development of source code, systems, or prototypes should not be the main goal of the project; however, it is encouraged if it demonstrates the practical applicability of the new scientific results. Development activities should only aim at proving the developed concepts or assessing the performance of the derived solutions.
- No industry involvement is required. Industry partners are not eligible for funding and the development of business applications will not be funded.
- A researcher can appear in a key role (PI, Co-PI, or Core Team Member) in two proposals at most.
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. However, team members can be based worldwide. Up to 20% of funding for researchers may be allocated outside Vienna.
- Requested funding for non-personnel costs should not exceed 25% of the total budget.

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](http://www.wwtf.at)

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