

Life Sciences

Call 2020

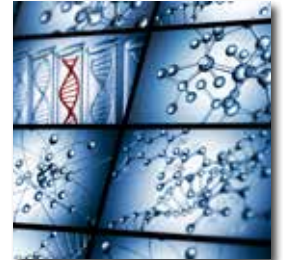
Precision Medicine 2020 is a project call within the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) Life Sciences Programme. It invites:

- researchers and clinical scientists at universities and non-university research institutions,
- who want to conduct a cutting-edge research project (2 to 4 years) with a major focus on precision medicine based on omics technologies and patient cohorts.
- Proposals should bring together scientists from different scientific disciplines such as biology, medicine and systems biology to foster interactive partnerships.
- Additional funding opportunities are available for collaborative projects between scientists in Vienna and Lower Austria. Details can be found in the Guide for Writing a Proposal and at wwtf.at/noe
- In total, € 5 million are dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is € 200,000 to € 900,000.

This is a two stage call. Short proposals have to be submitted by April 2nd, 2020. Full proposals have to be submitted by August 6th, 2020.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open **Proposers' Day and Networking Event** on **February 26th, 2020**, starting at 2 pm, at the Albert Schweitzer Haus, Schwarzspanierstraße 13, 1090 Vienna.

Please visit wwtf.at for further information.

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WWTF Project Call 2020

“Life Sciences – Precision Medicine”

Focus and Key Facts

This call targets cutting-edge research projects in precision medicine to improve diagnoses and/or prognoses of diseases as well as stratified therapeutic strategies in humans.

Funding: The overall budget allocated to the 2020 call is € 5 million, the funding range per project is € 200,000 to € 900,000.

Schedule: The call starts on January 20th, 2020 and the deadline for short proposals is April 2nd, 2020 at 2pm. Note, that this is a two-stage selection process; full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The submission deadline for full proposals is August 6th, 2020 at 2pm. The funding decision is expected for December 2020.

WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which should:

- address a clearly identified question in precision medicine that goes beyond basic biomedical research,
- be hypothesis-driven with anticipated results leading to better diagnoses and/or prognoses of diseases as well as stratified therapeutic strategies to develop novel patient oriented approaches,
- improve the understanding of the underlying mechanisms leading to human diseases or of drug failure,
- bring together scientific and clinical competences particularly in biology, medicine and systems biology.
- High quality omics data, disease- or therapeutic-oriented functional data and/or imaging data should be integrated with system medicine approaches to answer relevant clinical questions. The generation of new omics datasets, functional and/or imaging analyses must be justified.
- Access to well-characterised patient cohorts is mandatory, including solid sample size calculation and power analysis, and ethical approval. In particular, gender and sex related aspects should be considered. If justified, the enlargement of existing patient cohorts will be funded.
- Prospective clinical investigator initiated drug trials will not be funded.

Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- The project team should be headed by experts from the respective areas. A project core team can include up to three researchers, one of which needs to be the designated coordinator and be affiliated to a Viennese university or research institution.
- Young and/or female scientists are especially encouraged to apply as PIs.
- A researcher can appear in a key role (i.e. PI, co-PI/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 the funding budget may be allocated outside Vienna.
- As a new feature, WWTF also incentivises major collaborations between researchers from Vienna and Lower Austria. More information is available at wwtf.at/noe
- Requested funding for non-personnel costs may not exceed 40% of the total budget.
- No industry involvement is required. Industry partners are not eligible for funding.