

Life Sciences

Call 2016

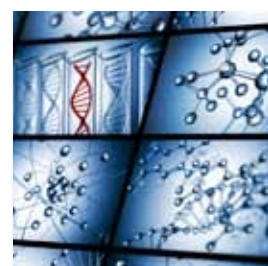
Precision Medicine 2016 is a project call within the Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF) Life Sciences Programme. It invites

- researchers and clinical scientists at universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna, including those moving to Vienna,
- 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 must be human-disease related.
- Proposals should bring together scientists from different scientific disciplines such as biology, medicine and systems biology to foster interactive partnerships across Vienna. If justified, one partner can come from outside of Vienna or abroad.
- A total of € 5 million will be dedicated to this call. The funding range per project is limited to € 1 million.

This is a two stage call: Short proposals have to be submitted by January 15, 2016. Full proposals have to be submitted by May 13, 2016.

All interested parties are cordially invited to an open **Proposers' Day** on **November 26, 2015**, 2-4 pm, at the Albert Schweitzer Haus, Kapelle (4th floor), Schwarzspanierstraße 13, 1090 Wien.

Please visit www.wwtf.at for further information and networking events.



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WWTF Project Call 2016 "Life Sciences – Precision Medicine" Focus and Key Facts

This call targets cutting-edge research projects on precision medicine to improve diagnoses and/or prognoses of diseases as well as stratified therapeutic strategies in humans. High quality Omics data (e.g. genomics, epigenomics, proteomics, metabolomics, microbiomics), disease- or therapeutic-oriented functional data and/or imaging data should be integrated to answer relevant clinical questions. All projects should be complemented by a research concept considering system medicine approaches for a better understanding of disease and therapeutic response.

Funding: The overall budget allocated to the 2016 call is € 5 million.

Schedule: The call starts on November 6, 2015 and the deadline for short proposals is January 15, 2016. Note, that this is a two-stage selection process; full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The deadline for full proposals is May 13, 2016.

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,
- improve understanding of the underlying mechanisms of diseases as well as of drug failure,
- bring together scientific and clinical competences particularly in biology, medicine and systems biology at the universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna,
- promote international visibility of innovative translational research activities in Austria between researchers and clinical scientists,
- have a duration of 2-4 years and will require funding in the range of € 200.000 to € 1 million.

Please also consider the following Dos and Don'ts:

- The project team should be headed by experts from the respective areas. A project team can include up to three principal investigators. One principal investigator needs to be designated as coordinator.
- If justified, one partner can come from outside of Vienna or abroad. However, the coordinator has to be affiliated to a Viennese university or research institution.
- A researcher can appear as principal investigator in two proposals at most.
- Well phenotypically characterised patient cohorts are mandatory including ethical approval.
- Establishment of novel Omics data sets as well as functional and/or imaging analyses must be justified in the proposal.
- Under specific conditions, the enlargement of already existing patient cohorts will be funded.
- Prospective clinical investigator initiated drug trials will not be funded.
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. However, team members can be based world-wide. Up to 30% of the funding budget may be allocated outside Vienna.
- Requested funding for non-personnel costs should not exceed 40% of the total budget.
- No industry involvement is required. Funding for industry partners is not eligible.

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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