2023 Vienna Cognitive Science Hub Seed Grant Call

The Vienna Cognitive Science Hub (Vienna CogSciHub) invites applications for the Vienna CogSciHub Seed Grants 2023.

The Vienna Cognitive Science Hub of the University of Vienna promotes and fosters excellent interdisciplinary research in cognitive sciences in Austria. As part of these activities, we support researchers in taking the next career steps to more excellent independent researcher status. The 2023 Vienna CogSciHub Seed Grants Program provides funds for applicants to develop, write, and submit an interdisciplinary research proposal in the broad field of cognitive science that will help them move their career forward.

Prerequisites

Research proposals must address an interdisciplinary research question. They must include empirical methods and present an innovative research perspective (high risk/high gain). The proposals shall match one or more of the University of Vienna's Key Research Areas and Strategic Priorities, in particular the Key Research Area "Cognition, Communication and Systemic Reflection" (see https://rektorat.univie.ac.at/en/strategy/development-plan/ and https://www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/at-a-glance/strategic-priorities/)

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who are not currently or recently (within the last 12 months) employed at the University of Vienna need one or more Co-PIs at the University of Vienna. During the grant writing phase, they will receive a Werkvertrag (service contract) with the University of Vienna. Any employment will only occur via the successful third-party-funded project developed using the Seed Grant.

Applicants employed at the University of Vienna will use the Seed Grant to cover costs for pilot studies or literature reviews (employment of study assistants), data analysis, or similar. Any changes in the existing employment during the project's development must be in accordance with the existing contract, the chain contract rule, and the provisions of labor law.

Applicants shall carefully consider which faculty they would like to be associated with (currently associated with the Vienna CogSciHub: Faculty of Computer Science, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Philosophy and Education, Faculty of Psychology). As part of the assessment process, the Vienna CogSciHub Coordination Office will obtain a letter of approval from the appropriate Faculty.

Funding schemes

- Seed Grants up to 7,500€ for the **preparation of standalone project applications**

Pre-doc and postdoc researchers are eligible to apply. Projects must be interdisciplinary and address cognitive sciences in a broad sense (disciplines may include, for example, cognitive psychology, cognitive linguistics, cognitive biology, cognitive neuroscience, philosophy of mind, anthropology, education, computer science/artificial intelligence, cognitive economics, etc.).

Typical funding agencies for the proposal that to be written would be the FWF, WWTF, or FFG.

- Seed Grants up to 15,000€ for the **preparation of cooperation project applications**

Applicants must have a scientific track record with great promise and an excellent application. They must have a background, training or degree in cognitive science or experience in interdisciplinary cognitive science.

Researchers who want to redirect or expand their research program toward cognitive science may apply. They must be excellent in their core discipline and experienced in collaboration with cognitive sciences. With the funds, a Post Doc may be hired and supervised, for the grant writing, who will act as a Co-PI if the grant is successful.

Typical funding agencies for the proposal that will be written would be SFB/FWF, Horizon Europe, ERC, EU networks.

Successful applicants will receive support in the competitive formulation of their interdisciplinary research design by the service staff of the Coordination Office. This includes planning the use of research methods from the Vienna CogSciHub service portfolio (EEG, fMRI with brain stimulation, fNIRS, EyeTracking, and others), incorporating the latest data science analysis methods in cognitive science, and access to these methods and subjects for pilot studies via the Study Participant Platform (SPP).

Procedure

There will be an online Info Webinar on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 13:00. Register here: https://cogsci.univie.ac.at/services/seed-grants/2023-seed-grant-call/registration-info-webinar/
Submission deadline: Sunday, 21 January 2024.
Successful applicants will be notified in February 2024.

Contact

For more information, visit https://cogsci.univie.ac.at/services/seed-grants/.

Application

Proposals (letter of motivation, abstract of research proposal, CV, publication list) must be submitted electronically via https://cogsci.univie.ac.at/services/seed-grants/2023-seed-grant-call/, no later than 21 January 2024. Applications must be submitted in English.