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Intramurale Forschungsförderung Research Funding at the MUI

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Programs/Themes



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❖ MUI-START

❖ TWF

❖ Daniel Swarovski Förderungsfonds

❖ Jubiläumsfonds

❖ i-med Forschungsstipendien /i-med Auslandsstipendien

❖ Diverse Research Prizes

❖ Gender Monitoring Tool

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Since 2011 : follow-up program to the MFI!

Target group: high qualified scientists (Post-docs) at the beginning of their scientific careers

Objectives:

- ❖ Enable young researchers to collect preliminary data that might serve as basis for a third-party funding application (e. g. FWF /ÖNB)
- ❖ Help young scientists to launch their scientific careers

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Basic information (I)

Eligibility criteria

- ❖ Employment contract with the MUI
- ❖ Completed doctoral studies (applicants with a MD degree only if excellent track record/ no ongoing clinical PhD)
- ❖ **Age limit** (max. 35 yr)
- ❖ Experience in proposed research field (min. 2 publications as first author)
- ❖ Research proposal should be connected to the MUI **research focuses:**
a) oncology, b) neurosciences, c) genetics, epigenetics & genomics, and d) Infectiology, immunology, & organ and tissue transplant

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Basic information (II)

- ❖ **Deadline:** once a year (Spring)
- ❖ **Submission of applications:** online (<http://fld.i-med.ac.at/public/garinfo.cgi>)
- ❖ **Application language:** English
- ❖ **Duration:** max. 24 months
- ❖ **Grant amount:** € 30.000 per project – Costs for personal only in exceptional cases and under strong argumentation (marginal employment contract)
- ❖ **Approval rate:** 25-30%

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Formal aspects – What do I need?

- ❖ Curriculum Vitae
- ❖ Publication list (indicating IF)
- ❖ Academic abstract (ca. 450 words)
- ❖ Proposal
- ❖ Itemization of the requested fund ([link](#))
- ❖ Affirmation of the head of the department/division ([link](#))
- ❖ Affirmation of the head of the MUI animal facilities (if needed) ([link](#))

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“The proposal”

1. Cover sheet: Title, 5 Keywords, project duration
2. Background/state of the art
3. Objectives/Hypotheses
4. Working plan
5. Methodology
6. Outlook/perspectives
7. Project schedule
8. Project costs
9. Cooperation partners inside and outside the MUI
10. References
11. Studies subjected to regulations
12. GSP
13. Double funding



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Evaluation procedure

- ❖ **First step:** internal evaluation by members of the MUI-START Jury
- ❖ **Second step:** international peer-review (min. 2 reviews)
- ❖ **Third step:** personal interview with the MUI-START Jury (only for selected proposals/applicants)

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Evaluation procedure – Questions for the jury members

- ❖ Track record commensurate with applicant's academic age?
- ❖ Proposal is convincing/feasible?
- ❖ Proposal is connected to one of the MUI research focuses?
- ❖ Gender aspects are taken into account in the proposal?
- ❖ Proposal has potential to lead to an application for external funding?

- ❖ Do you recommend this proposal for external peer-review?

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Evaluation procedure – external reviewers

- ❖ Applicant
 - Professional qualities
 - Potential to realize the project
- ❖ Project
 - Originality
 - Clarity of the concepts/methods
 - Importance of the project
- ❖ Feasibility
 - Adequacy of schedule
 - Adequacy of the scientific environment/research institute



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Take-home messages

- ❖ Stick to the guidelines – if you do not fulfill the criteria don't apply
- ❖ Prepare your application with great care – applications are reviewed by international experts – Compulsory!!! External funding application!!!
- ❖ If you are not sure – Please call or write an e-mail: Better to ask in advance than to regret afterwards



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Thank you for your attention!!