CALL 2022: Programme for female postdoctoral researchers

On behalf of the Rectorate, the Gender Equality and Diversity unit offers up to ten grants for female postdoctoral researchers at all faculties/centres of the University of Vienna for the year of 2021.

TARGET GROUP:

- Female postdoctoral researchers affiliated with the University of Vienna, who reduced or interrupted their research activities in the past 5 years due to family care obligations (children and/or adult family members in need of care and/or support).

- Upon meeting the first requirement, the following applicants are eligible to apply:
  - Postdocs without a long-term employment contract, i.e. project staff and academic staff, whose employment contract with the University of Vienna will expire in November 2022 at the latest.
  - Postdocs whose employment contract with the University of Vienna expired no more than 2 years ago (i.e. in November 2019 at the latest).

In the COVID19 pandemic women perform(ed) the majority of additional caring and educational duties required by changing (working) conditions. Multiple burdens may have an impact on research performance and lead to a competitive disadvantage, especially for female researchers. For this reason, this year’s grant call will take into account increased care pressures related to the COVID19 crisis.

OBJECTIVES:

Taking into account the steady decrease of the proportion of women from the postdoc-level onwards, the grant supports female researchers after career breaks due to family commitments.

The grant supports female postdocs to work on research proposals that aim at advancing their careers, and/or to write/complete publications.

APPLICATION:

In order to apply, please fill in the online application in German or English by 28 November 2021: https://personaladministration.univie.ac.at/en/gender-equality-diversity/career-advancement/

The following documents need to be uploaded separately to the application form (PDF format):
SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Applicants will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of five university professors, headed by the Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, based on the following criteria:

- scientific qualifications
- prospect of success of to continuing a scientific career by means of the Marie Jahoda Grant

DURATION AND FUNDING VOLUME:

- The grant is awarded for a funding period of at least 6 months and no more than 18 months. The funding period can be arranged individually.

- Successful candidates can begin receiving the grant between March 2022 and December 2022 at the latest. The starting date has to be arranged individually.

- The grant is set at EUR 30,000 (not including employer contributions) and takes the form of an independent service contract (freier Dienstvertrag) with flexible working hours.¹

- In addition, successful candidates can apply for a travel allowance of no more than EUR 3,000 for stays abroad.

- Moreover, we offer optional career development opportunities:
  - Funding is provided for a teaching assignment for 2 hours during or after the funding period.²
  - 1-2 individual coaching sessions (Human Resources Development)
  - Advice on project proposals (Research Services and Career Development)
  - Appointment training (Gender Equality and Diversity unit)

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¹ The freelance contract does not establish an employment relationship with the University of Vienna. Payment arrangements can be adjusted to be compatible with childcare allowance regulations where applicable. For more detailed information on freelance contracts see: https://intra.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=10618

² Since teaching is rarely provided for as part of third-party projects, project assistants may be faced with the problem of being unable to acquire the necessary teaching experience for their habilitation or an academic appointment. Thus, the grant is accompanied by funding for a 2-hour lectureship.