

## Supplementary instructions for the submission of applications within the call for proposals "Urgent funding SARS-CoV-2"

### Submission of projects to study humanitarian crises such as epidemics and pandemics with a direct reference to the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

#### Eligible projects

Funding is available for research projects with clearly defined objectives and methods as well as clearly specified limits in terms of duration and budget that deal with the prevention, early detection, containment, and research into the causes and effects of epidemics and pandemics such as SARS-CoV-2. This also includes projects that focus on the technical, ecological, economic, political, legal, medical, cultural, psychological, or ethical implications of SARS-CoV-2.

The submission of thematically appropriate research projects is possible from 6 April to 31 March 2021 (Joint Projects: 15 December 2020), 2:00 pm local time Vienna/Austria, in the following programmes:

- [Stand-Alone Projects](#)
- [Programme Clinical Research \(KLIF\)](#)
- International Programmes ([Joint Projects](#)), with the countries specified [herein](#) and only if the FWF acts as lead agency
- [Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships including a return phase](#)
- [Lise Meitner Programme](#)

Applicants may submit a maximum of one application to this call regardless of the funding programme.

#### How to submit an application

Applications under this call for proposals must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines and forms of the relevant programme by **31 March 2021** at the latest.

For proposals submitted in the funding programme Clinical Research, an approval from the relevant ethics commission or evidence of a fundamental approval/endorsement by that commission is required at the latest two months after the submission of the application.

Applications can only be submitted via the FWF's electronic application portal ([Elane](#)). Once the online application is completed, the elane system will automatically generate a cover sheet, which must be printed out, signed, stamped and sent to the FWF by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at the latest. The evidence of timely submission is the date of the postmark or the date of sending the electronically signed version of the cover sheet by e-mail to [office@fwf.ac.at](mailto:office@fwf.ac.at) (for information on the current regulation for signatures see "[General FAQ on Corona](#)").

**Please note:** In addition to the application documents required according to the guidelines of the chosen programme, applicants must also fill out a [call-specific form](#) detailing the expected contribution of the project to this call for proposals and must be uploaded with the application.

On the basis of the information provided on that form, the FWF will decide whether the application meets the requirements of the current call for proposals. If this is not the case, the application will be processed and decided on like a normal application in the respective programme.

### **Maximum funding amount**

The maximum funding amount varies according to the programme. Within the framework of Stand-alone projects, Joint Projects, Clinical Research or the Lise Meitner Programme, project-specific costs (personnel and material resources) can be applied for. Please note that the number of expert opinions required depends on the amount of the requested costs.

Within the framework of the Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships including a return phase funds can be applied for to finance the costs of living during the stay abroad and, if applicable, project-specific costs (personnel and material resources) for the return phase.

### **Decision-making procedure**

The FWF Board will make ongoing funding decisions for this call.

The respective decision-making procedures are described in the application guidelines for the various funding programmes. The FWF will give priority to application processing and quality assessment in the context of this urgent funding initiative in order to support promising projects as soon as possible.

### **Call-specific information**

Applications submitted within this call in the Stand-alone projects programme, Clinical Research programme and International Programmes (Joint Projects) are not subject to the limit on the number of ongoing projects (['3 projects regulation'](#)).