

Newsletter Research, 01 July 2026

Calls:

The deadlines for the EU Horizon Cluster Health Call 2027 have been brought forward (from April to February 2027)

We were informed that the submission deadlines for 2027 are moved forward by two months!

[Health 2027 Call-01 single stage](#): from 16 April 2027 to 17 February 2027

[Health 2027 Call-02 two stage](#): first stage moved from 16 April to 17 February 2027; deadline for the second stage remains in September

[Health 2027 Call-03 single stage](#): only a slight postponement of a few days to 16 September 2027

Grants from the Dr. Johannes und Hertha Tuba Foundation 2025

Target group: scientists with a degree in human medicine or dental medicine and physicians working in aging research.

Applications are possible on rolling basis.

Further information:

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/Tuba-Stipendium.html>

https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/Tuba-Stipendium_en.html.en

Prize of the Brigitta Zollner Foundation 2026 – extended deadline

Award for (an) outstanding publication(s) in the field of gynaecology and the associated oncology.

The prize is endowed with Euro 5.000,--.

Target group: scientists with a degree in medicine or natural sciences

Application: 06 May 2026 – 31 July 2026

Further information and online application:

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/zollner-stiftung-preis.html>

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/zollner-stiftung-preis.html.en>

<https://fld.i-med.ac.at/public/garinfo.cgi>

Wellcome Prize for Mental Health Science with Nature

Target group: Students, PhD candidates and young post-docs in all areas of Medicine/Physiology, Chemistry, Physics and Economics

Deadline: 18 September 2026

Further information:

<https://www.nature.com/immersive/wellcomeprizementalhealth/index.html>

76th Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau

Target group: Students, PhD candidates and young post-docs in all areas of Medicine/Physiology, Chemistry, Physics and Economics

Deadline for applications: 21 September 2026

Further information: <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/lindau-nobel-laureate-meetings/lindau-nobel-laureate-meetings>

Stanisław Lem European Research Prize 2026

Target group: early-career researchers who have made significant contributions in the fields of natural sciences and engineering

Eligible to apply are young researchers working at a university or research centre in an EU Member State, in a country associated with the Horizon programme, or in Switzerland.

Applicants must not be older than 40; the cut-off date is 1 January 1986.

Deadline: 30 September 2026

Further information: <https://lemprize.pwr.edu.pl/>

Gilead Creating Possible Award 2026

Target group: all researchers working in the field of HIV & liver diseases

Deadline: 14 November 2026

Further information: <https://www.gilead.com/de-at/wissenschaft/creating-possible-award>

FFG: Digital Health Austria Flagship projects 2026

Deadline: 30 November 2026

Further information: https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/DigitalHealth_Leitprojekte2026

Events

Business Administration Basics 02 July 2026 (09:00 – 16:00 h),

Info and registration:


<https://meduni-ibk.atlassian.net/wiki/apps/f74a7224-3950-4abc-9ec5-17d49c67075e/94aae7a1-bec7-41fd-b577-cd0d41b9409d/mantra/workspaces/default/events/890765503>


Postdoc Coffee Hour 09 July 2026 (12:00 – 13:00 h, Faculty Club)

Drop-in to our monthly postdoc-only forum designed to help postdocs connect across institutes and disciplines. Get to know new people, build your network, ask questions, and find support, whether you're navigating daily challenges, career decisions, or simply looking to exchange experiences with peers.

Our guest this time is Maria Kucera-Totschnig, HR. She will drop by at 12:30 h to give a short overview over personnel development offers.

Postdoc Appreciation Week 21 – 25 September 2026

 Postdoc Appreciation Week (PAW) Austria is a national collaborative initiative that unites researchers and research institutions to celebrate and recognise the outstanding contributions of postdoctoral researchers across Austria.

 Throughout the week, participating partners offer a rich program of workshops and events, aimed at highlighting the essential role of postdocs in driving research and innovation.

Full program coming soon, stay up to date on LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/paw-austria/>

Program highlights at MUI include:

- **Inequality by Default: Care Work and Academia:** 21 September 2026 14:00 – 15:30 h (in person, info and registration: <https://meduni-ibk.atlassian.net/wiki/apps/f74a7224-3950-4abc-9ec5-17d49c67075e/94aae7a1-bec7-41fd-b577-cd0d41b9409d/mantra/workspaces/default/events/1140818103>)

- **Workshop on lateral leadership for postdocs:** 22 September 2026 10:00 – 12:00 h
(online, info and registration: <https://meduni-ibk.atlassian.net/wiki/apps/f74a7224-3950-4abc-9ec5-17d49c67075e/94aae7a1-bec7-41fd-b577-cd0d41b9409d/mantra/workspaces/default/events/1035011149>)

- **Postdoc Alpine Retreat:** 24 – 25 September 2026 - Jugend- und Seminarhaus Obernberg
By combining scientific exchange with community-driven activities, the retreat offers a unique opportunity for postdocs across departments to connect, share experiences, and build sustainable professional networks. The program will include postdoc lightning talks, peer-led skill-sharing sessions, and structured networking workshops focused on practical career development and collaboration. Info & registration: <https://meduni-ibk.atlassian.net/wiki/apps/f74a7224-3950-4abc-9ec5-17d49c67075e/94aae7a1-bec7-41fd-b577-cd0d41b9409d/mantra/workspaces/default/events/1100349609>

ÖGMBT Annual Meeting

When:

14 – 15 September 2026 (FEMS Regional COLLAB meeting)

15 – 17 September 2026 (FEBS3+ meeting)

Where: University of Vienna Biology Building (UBB), Carl Djerassi Platz 1, 1030 Vienna, AT

Further information & registration: <https://oegmbt.at/events/annual-meeting>

Further information:

Reminder!

Since the beginning of this year, the MUI is an official member of KeyInnovations/OpenCosmos platform. The platform offers a wide variety of support and training opportunities relating to international and EU project applications. If you are interested in these services, which are now completely free for all our researchers, please contact sc-forschung@i-med.ac.at.

We will then create a personal account for you on the platform to give you full access.

Gender- and diversity-sensitive medicine and research – a guide

What does equal opportunity have to do with excellent research? Taking into account factors such as sex/gender, age, social differences, language proficiency, etc. as influencing factors in medicine and access to medicine leads to more precise and targeted results and thus to improved health solutions for patients.

The guide provides insight into how these aspects can be integrated into research projects.

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/koostelle/gender-mainstreaming/leitfaeden-fuer-forschung-und-lehre.html>

New ERC eligibility rules in 2027

ERC President Maria Leptin explains (<https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/erc-president-explains-stricter-application-measures-amid-rising-demand-funding>) stricter application measures amid rising demand for funding. The ERC will launch a new round of grant competitions from July 2026 to June 2027, with changes to eligibility rules.

Background

- 91 panels meet twice yearly—first to shortlist, then to interview and rank proposals.
- Panels efficiently handled 50–150 proposals; now some panels face 250+ applications, a trend expected to continue.
- Process improvements to streamline evaluation have been made, but reviewer burden remains high.

- Soft measures (encouraging applicants to apply at the right time with mature proposals) had limited impact.

Key changes

- Extend existing resubmission restrictions by one year; adopted after extensive discussion and lack of viable alternatives.
- Immediate impact: changes will affect 2027 call applicants who were unsuccessful in previous calls.
- Possible future impact: similar restrictions may be imposed for 2028 and 2029, which would exclude unsuccessful 2027 applicants from those calls.
- Advice to applicants: carefully assess whether 2027 is the optimal time to apply; postponing to further mature the proposal may improve funding chances.

Reminder Calls

JESH – Joint Excellence in Science and Humanities

Target group: early career researchers with a maximum of 10 years of research experience following completion of their doctorate/PhD

Deadline: 07 July 2026

Further information: <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/stipendien/jesh>

BMFWF - Staatspreis zur Förderung von Ersatzmethoden zum Tierversuch

Deadline: 31 July 2026

Further information:

<https://www.bmfwf.gv.at/forschung/forschung-oesterreich/services/tierversuche/stptv.html>

Helmut-Sinzinger-Preis 2026

Prize for the best publication in 2024 in the fields of lipid metabolic disorders, atherosclerosis diseases and their latest diagnostic and treatment methods. Therapy options including lipoprotein apheresis.

Deadline: 31 July 2026

Award: EUR 5.000,00

Further information:

<http://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/files/Call-for-applications-Helmut-Sinzinger-Award-2026.pdf>

and <http://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/files/Helmut-Sinzinger-Prize-Foundation-deed-2025.pdf>

Eduard-Wallnöfer-Preis der Tiroler Industrie

Deadline: 24 August 2026

Further information:

<https://eduard-wallnoefer-preis.at/> and <https://eduard-wallnoefer-preis.at/einreichen/>

FFG: Internships for pupils - Four weeks in science and technology

The talents internships offer pupils from 15 years of age the opportunity to get an insight in the fascinating universe of natural sciences & technology.

Pupils can do an internship in various companies and scientific research institutions for four weeks during the summer time (01 June – 30 September).

Deadline: 26 August 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Further information:

<https://www.ffg.at/praktika2026>

The funding application must be submitted before the start of the internship (no later than the first day of the internship).

ERC Work Programme 2026

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2026/wp_horizon-erc-2026_en.pdf

Deadline:

ERC Advanced Grant: 27 August 2026

DOC [Doctoral Fellowship Program of the Austrian Academy of Sciences]

The application for a DOC fellowship is open to highly qualified doctoral candidates who are pursuing their doctoral/PhD studies at a university in Austria and meet the application requirements.

Next submission deadline: 17 August – 15 September 2026

Further information: <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowships/doc>

Horizon Europe - Mission Cancer Call 2026 – single stage

Deadline: 15 September 2026, 17:00 h

Further information: <https://www.ffg.at/en/europa/heu/mission-cancer/call2026>

Austrian Life Sciences: Permanently Open Calls

The Austrian Life Sciences Programme offers a number of options for research projects - whether digitalization in the healthcare sector, the development of medical products and drugs or the implementation of clinical studies.

Highlights:

- Submission possible at any time until 18 December 2026 at the latest
- Maximum funding amount: 3 million euros per project and research category
- Amount of the grant depends on the type of organization and research category

Further Information:

<https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/AustrianLifeSciences-2024-2026>

Publishing Services

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/publikationsservices.html.de>

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/publikationsservices.html.en>

1. Publishing agreements

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/openaccess.html#foerderungen>

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/openaccess.html.en#funding>

2. Open Access Publication Fund (new terms!)

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/Open-Access-Publikationsfonds.html>

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/Open-Access-Publikationsfonds.html.en>

3. FWF Open Access Block Grant

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/oa-pauschale.html>

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/oa-pauschale-en.html>

4. Recommended iMooX course on

- integrity and quality in scientific publications and
- predatory publishing: fraudulent business models in scientific open access publishing

<https://imoox.at/course/predatory>

Applications possible on rolling basis to apply via GAR:

<https://fld.i-med.ac.at/public/garinfo.cgi>

i-med scholarship for short stays abroad for graduated young scientists

Further information: <https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/as/>

i-med Research Scholarships for graduated young scientists

Further information: <https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/fs/index.html>

Grants from the Dr. Johannes and Hertha Tuba foundation

Further information: <https://www.i-med.ac.at/forschung/foerderungen/Tuba-Stipendium.html>

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