**Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna**

**for the Austrian Academy of Sciences**

**- Call 2021 -**

Digital Humanities: New Potentials through Artificial Intelligence in the Humanities, Cultural Studies and Social Sciences

# Preamble

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, which was celebrated in 1997, the City of Vienna established the Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna for the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Daniel Löcker, Secretary General of the Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna for ÖAW, and Prof. Dr. Anton Zeilinger, President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, are inviting you to submit project proposals to the Anniversary Fund.

# Objectives

In recent years a vast number of new tools and methods have developed in modern information technology, in particular in the area of artificial intelligence (AI), such as data mining, deep learning, machine learning, natural language processing, neural networks, etc., which have a great potential for new research approaches in the digital humanities, social sciences and cultural studies (HCS), i.e. the digital humanities (DH).

Under this call for proposals it is intended to fund projects **having Vienna-related topics** which use artificial intelligence and contribute to the methodological and technological enhancement and the obtaining of new research findings in the area of the digital humanities, and thus to the strengthening of basic digital research in the humanities, social sciences and cultural studies.

# Target group

The call addresses scientists/academics in the humanities, social sciences and cultural studies who (further) develop and/or apply methods and tools of artificial intelligence to work on their research question.

Its principal aim is to fund research projects pursuing experimental approaches of AI by making the new tools and methods useable for their purposes and/or by adapting them to their needs and enhancing them, and at the same time being open to interdisciplinary exchange.

# Funding term

* 1 year

# Amount of grant

The budget for each of the projects is a maximum of **EUR 85,000.** The total amount available is EUR 250,000. The following direct costs may be applied for:

* staff costs
* costs for consumables
* other costs (e.g. fees for use of infrastructures, travel expenses)
* Overheads will not be paid.

# Application requirements

* The project must take place at an Austrian research institution.
* A research institution may support multiple applications.
* Applicants must hold an academic degree.
* Several applicants may submit a joint application.
* Each applicant may submit one application only.
* Projects must have topics related to Vienna.
* The applicants must be prepared to pro-actively contribute to the public presentation of the programme and attend associated events.

# Procedure

Please submit your application to the following email address: [programmmanagement@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:programmmanagement@oeaw.ac.at) **by 15 June 2021**.

Applications must be made in **English** by submitting the following documents:

* application form, completed in full (name: project acronym\_Proposal),
* budget sheet (name: project acronym\_Costs)
* CVs of all participating applicants (1 file, name: project acronym\_CVs),
* publication list(s) of all participating applicants (1 file, name: project acronym\_Publications),
* declaration of consent, completed and signed, for all participating research institutions   
  (1 file, name: project acronym\_Signatures).

# Downloads

* Call for proposals
* Application form (Proposal)
* Budget sheet (Costs)
* Declaration of consent (Signatures)

# Procedure

* Call begins: **March 2021**
* All submissions meeting the necessary formal requirements (see application requirements) will be checked for plagiarism. If academic misconduct is found, the application will be rejected automatically.
* An independent jury will make an award recommendation on the basis of their expertise and other expert opinions obtained, if necessary.
* The award decision of the Board of the Anniversary Fund is expected to be made in **October 2021**. Applicants will be notified promptly.

By their submission for this call for proposals the applicants acknowledge that the related data and documents will be forwarded to the members of the jury and to experts. The data and documents will be forwarded for the purpose of evaluation of the application and decision-making with regard to the award of grants.

# Funding modalities (excerpt)

* The selected projects should start not later than 4 months after transmission of the grant letter and will have a project term of 12 months. Provided that no extra costs arise, the project term may be extended by up to 6 months in well-founded cases.
* After conclusion of the project a comprehensive final project report plus a statement of accounts for the funds used must be presented.

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