

Supplementary Application Guidelines on applications for the

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1 Eligibility

Funding is available for projects with clearly defined objectives and methods as well as clearly specified limits in terms of duration and budget. The requirements are analogous to those applicable to the FWF's [Principal Investigator Projects](#) (PAT), [ESPRIT](#)-program (ESP) or [Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships](#) program (J).

In this call, funding is available for projects that address meteorology and meteorology-related research questions in the following contexts:

- Climate Research / Climate Crisis / climate impact research;
- Atmospheric Research;
- Environmental Research / Environmental Problems / Sustainability.

2 Application process

In this call, applicants are to submit proposals based either on the guidelines and forms provided for the programs

- [Principal Investigator Projects](#);
- [ESPRIT-program](#)
- [Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships](#) (including a return phase).

Applications can be submitted online at [elane](#).

Please note that Erwin-Schrödinger projects are submitted ad personam and ESPRIT projects, Principal Investigator Projects via [PROFI](#) and must thus be selected under different positions when submitting an application via elane. When creating an application, applicants must first select the type of application (Application ad personam or Application PROFI). Applicants must next select the appropriate funding category (PAT, ESP or J) and then select the call "Weiss-Preis" from the drop-down menu.

In addition, a program-specific form must be filled out in elane. On the basis of this program-specific form, the FWF will decide whether the submitted Principal Investigator Project, ESPRIT project or Erwin-Schrödinger project actually meets the thematic requirements of the current call. If this is not the case, the applicant agrees that the application shall be processed and decided upon as a Principal Investigator Projects, an ESPRIT project or an Erwin-Schrödinger project according to the standard procedure.

Erwin-Schrödinger projects: Once the application process has been completed in the application portal, a cover sheet is generated which must be sent to the FWF with the relevant signatures and stamps by 31 May 2024 at the latest. The evidence of timely submission is the date of postmark or the date on which the email with the cover sheet is received.

Principal Investigator Projects and ESPRIT-Projects: The application must be approved and submitted by the research institute by 31 May 2024 at the latest.

Once the application has been received, applicants may only make changes or provide supplementary information if requested to do so by the FWF; any such changes or supplementary information must be submitted within a defined period of time of receiving notification from the FWF.

Applications which are submitted after the deadline will be handled according to the usual procedures followed in the Principal Investigator Projects program, KLP program, ESPRIT program or Erwin-Schrödinger program.

3 Eligible costs

Depending on the project, project-specific funds (personnel and non-personnel costs) can be applied for. Please note that the number of reviews required is based on the amount of funding requested.

For submissions to the ESPRIT program, the maximum amount is based on the program's current funding limit per project.

4 Decision-making process

Decisions on grant awards will be made by the Weiss Foundation on the basis of the FWF's recommendations within four weeks of the FWF Board meeting in November 2024.

The [Weiss Foundation](#) will make a total of approximately €200,000.00 available for this call.

Where the resources required for an excellent project to be funded by the Weiss Foundation exceed the funding amount provided by the foundation, the FWF will fund the difference from its own budget.

Grant proposals which receive outstanding reviews but cannot be funded by the Weiss Foundation will undergo the FWF's usual procedures; in such cases, however, the special arrangement regarding additional general project costs will no longer apply.

5 Specific information on the call

For Principal Investigator Projects funded by the Foundation, the general project costs are increased to 10%. ESPRIT projects and Erwin Schrödinger projects receive 5% more budget.

Applications submitted for this call are not subject to the restriction on the number of projects in progress ([“3 projects regulation”](#), PDF, 79 KB).