

Guidelines on the Maximum Number of ASTRA Applications

Based on the results of the first call for ASTRA proposals in 2024, it is strongly recommended that the number of applications submitted per research institution be limited in order to ensure the quality of proposals and to reach a suitable approval rate for a career program (see recommendations in the table below). Please note that 50% of the grants are awarded to women (see also section 3.4 of the [Application Guidelines](#)). The maximum number of ASTRA applications per call recommended for each research institution is based on the individual institution's average approval rates over the last five years. If the number of applications submitted in 2025 deviates significantly from the recommendations listed here, the FWF's decision-making bodies reserve the right to define a maximum number of applications for each research institution in 2026.

Recommended maximum number of ASTRA applications per call

Research institution	Maximum number of applications
Public universities	
University of Vienna	23–31
TU Wien	12–16
Medical University of Vienna	10–14
University of Innsbruck	8–13
University of Graz	6–9
BOKU University	4–7
Graz University of Technology	4–7
Medical University of Innsbruck	3–6
Medical University of Graz	3–6
University of Linz	3–4
University of Salzburg	3–4
University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna	3–4
University of Klagenfurt	1–2
Vienna University of Economics and Business	1–2

University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna	1–2
Montanuniversität Leoben	1–2
University of Applied Arts Vienna	1–2
Austrian Academy of Sciences	
Institutes without separate legal status	6–8
CeMM – Research Center for Molecular Medicine	1–2
IMBA – Institute of Molecular Biotechnology	1–2
Non-university research institutions	
Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA)	3–4
St. Anna Children's Cancer Research Institute	1–2
IMP – Research Institute of Molecular Pathology	1–2
Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft	1–2
Private universities	
Central European University	1–2
All other research institutions	0–1