Additional information on applications for the awarding of an ASMET Research Award for Metallurgy

What types of projects may be submitted?
Funding is available for projects that are 1. defined precisely in terms of objectives and methods, 2. limited in terms of duration and budget, 3. meet the requirements of the FWF Stand-Alone Projects programme, and 4. deal with the field of metallurgy and materials development with a focus on the use of AI methods.

How to submit an application
Applications in response to the call for proposals for the ASMET Research Award are to be submitted using the guidelines and forms for submitting a stand-alone project. Applications can be submitted exclusively via the FWF’s electronic application portal (https://elane.fwf.ac.at). At the end of the online application process, a cover sheet is generated which must be sent to the FWF by no later than 30 June 2020 with the relevant signatures and stamps by conventional mail or with a qualified electronic signature (e.g., mobile phone signature) by e-mail. The date of the postmark or the receipt of the e-mail serves as proof of timely submission.

Please note: In addition to the application documents required for the respective programme, applicants must also upload an additional programme-specific form as a general annex explaining the project’s expected contribution. Please send the signed original form to the FWF.

On the basis of the information provided on that form, the FWF will decide whether the stand-alone project proposal actually meets the thematic requirements of the current call. If it is determined that it does not meet the requirements, the applicant acknowledges and agrees with his/her signature on the additional form that the application will be processed, reviewed and decided upon like a normal stand-alone project.

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 10 days of receiving notification from the FWF.

Applications which are received after the deadline will be handled according to the usual procedures of the respective programme.

Eligible costs
If a proposal is submitted to the Stand-Alone Projects programme, funding can be requested for project-specific costs (personnel and non-personnel costs) depending on the project. Please note that the number of reviews required depends on the amount of funding requested.

Decision-making procedure
Based on the recommendation of the FWF Board, the decision on the awarding of funding is made by the managing board of ASMET within four weeks of the FWF Board’s decision-making meeting in November 2020.
ASMET will provide €300,000 for the call.

If the funding necessary to carry out a project chosen by the foundation to receive funding exceeds the amount provided by the foundation, the FWF will finance the difference from its own budget.

Proposals which receive outstanding reviews but cannot be funded by the foundation will be funded directly by the FWF; in such cases, however, the special arrangement regarding general project costs will not apply.

Special aspects

The general project costs of stand-alone projects funded by the foundation are automatically increased to 10% and projects financed by ASMET can also be submitted and potentially funded in addition to three ongoing/submitted projects in the Stand-Alone Projects, International Programmes (bilateral projects), Clinical Research (KLIF) and the Programme for Arts-based Research (PEEK) programmes.