Supplementary information on the submission of research proposals to be funded by the Herzfelder’sche Familienstiftung (Herzfelder Family Foundation)

Eligible projects

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 Stand-Alone Projects programme or to the Clinical Research programme. Projects should aim to influence the human ageing process (prevention of senescence, prolongation of life in good health). This call is intended for projects in the field of biochemical/medical cell research that address the following topics:

- Research on and ageing as well as the search for new means of influencing these processes;
- Research on cell diseases and malignancies.

How to submit an application

In this call, applicants are to submit proposals based on the guidelines and forms provided for the Stand-Alone Projects programme or for the KLIF programme by 19th April 2021 at the latest. (Note: For proposals submitted in the funding programme Clinical Research, an approval from the relevant ethics commission or evidence of a fundamental approval/endorsement by that commission is required at least by September 1st);

Applications can be submitted online at https://elane.fwf.ac.at. Once the online application is completed, the elane system will automatically generate a cover sheet, which must be printed out, signed, stamped and sent to the FWF by 19th April 2021 at the latest. The evidence of timely submission is the date of the postmark.

Please note: In addition to the application documents required for the Stand-Alone Projects programme or KLIF programme, applicants must also fill out a programme-specific form explaining the project’s expected contribution to the improvement and advancement of biochemical/medical cell research. Applicants are required to submit this additional form in using the FWF’s online application system. The additional form is to be uploaded as an attachment. Please also send the original form to the FWF.

On the basis of the information provided on that form, the FWF will decide whether the stand-alone or KLIF project application meets the subject-specific requirements of the call. If that is not the case, by signing the additional form, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that the project submitted will be processed and reviewed along with other applications for the Stand-Alone Projects or KLIF programme.

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 ten days of receiving notification from the FWF.

Applications which are submitted after the deadline will be handled according to the usual procedures followed in the Stand-Alone Projects or KLIF programme.
Maximum funding amount

Depending on the individual project project-specific costs (personnel and non-personnel costs) may be requested. The number of reviews required depends on the level of funding requested.

Decision-making procedure

Decisions on grant awards will be made by the foundation's management on the basis of the FWF's recommendations within four weeks of the respective FWF Board meeting in November 2021.

The Herzfelder'sche Familienstiftung will make a total of about €900,000.00 available for the call.

Where the resources required for an excellent project to be funded by the Herzfelder’sche Familienstiftung 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 foundation will undergo the FWF’s usual procedures; in such cases, however, the special arrangement regarding additional general project costs will no longer apply.

Programme-specific information

In stand-alone projects or KLIF projects funded by the foundation, general project costs will automatically be increased to 10%.

Proposals in this call can be submitted and approved in combination with up to three ongoing/submitted projects in the FWF's Stand-Alone Projects programme, International Programmes (bilateral projects), Clinical Research (KLIF) programme and Arts-Based Research (PEEK).