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Application guidelines for the Rückenwind funding Bonus of the alpha+ Foundation

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Rückenwind funding bonuses for Erwin Schrödinger fellows in the abroad phase

What is the aim of the Rückenwind funding bonuses?

The alpha+ Foundation, working through the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), awards a private and charitably funded Rückenwind funding bonus of up to €5,000 per person for Erwin Schrödinger fellows in the abroad phase.

The aim is, through private support, to further promote the career development, the international networking, and the knowledge transfer of FWF-funded Erwin Schrödinger fellows.

Who is eligible to apply for a Rückenwind funding bonus?

FWF-funded Erwin Schrödinger fellows can apply for a Rückenwind funding bonus for the abroad phase of their fellowship.

The number of persons receiving funding depends on the amount of funding made available by the alpha+ Foundation and can vary from year to year. The foundation may also set thematic priorities.

When can an application for a Rückenwind funding bonus be submitted?

In this call for applications, the alpha+ Foundation will award Rückenwind funding bonuses to researchers in the fields of biology and medicine who have received a Erwin Schrödinger fellowship in 2020 and have submitted an application to the alpha+ Foundation within the specified deadline.

What costs can be funded by the alpha+ Foundation?

The Rückenwind funding bonus may be used to fund the following career advancement activities:

- Attendance of international conferences
- Presentation of research work at the international level (conferences, symposia, etc.)
- Continuing education (e.g., specialisation courses, summer and winter schools)
- Travel to cooperation partners

Applicants can apply for a one-time funding amount of up to €5,000 per person to cover the costs of the activities listed above.

How should an application for a Rückenwind funding bonus be submitted?

An additional application for a “Rückenwind funding bonus” must be submitted via *elane*, the electronic application portal of the FWF ([LINK](#)). Please complete the relevant form and add this as an attachment in elane.

What is the decision-making procedure?

After the end of the application period and after a check of the formal eligibility requirements by the FWF, the applications are forwarded to the alpha+ Foundation. The decision as well as the notification on the award of a Rückenwind funding bonus are made by the Board of the alpha+ Foundation.

What documentation is required for awarded funding bonuses?

The recipients of Rückenwind funding bonuses are required to describe the effects of the funding bonus in the final report of the Erwin Schrödinger fellowship. Any relevant receipts must be kept and submitted to the FWF upon request.

Legal notice:

There is no legal claim to the award of a Rückenwind funding bonus.