Supplementary information on applications for the Gottfried and Vera Weiss Prize

1. 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, ESPRIT-programme or Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships programme (including a return phase).

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. 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 (P), ESPRIT programme (ESP) or Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships programme (J) by 31 Mai 2022 at the latest.

Applications can be submitted online at elane.

Please note that stand-alone projects and Erwin-Schrödinger projects are submitted ad personam and ESPRIT 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 (P, ESP or J) and then select the call “Weiss-Preis” from the drop-down menu.

In addition, a programme-specific form must be filled out in elane. On the basis of this programme-specific form, the FWF will decide whether the submitted stand-alone 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 stand-alone project, an ESPRIT project or an Erwin-Schrödinger project according to the standard procedure.

Stand-alone projects and 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 2022 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.
**ESPRIT:** The application must be approved and submitted by the research institute by 31 May 2022 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 Stand-Alone Projects programme, ESPRIT programme or Erwin-Schrödinger program.

### 3. 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.

For submissions to the Erwin Schrödinger programme or ESPRIT programm, the maximum amount is based on the programme’s current funding limit per project.

### 4. Decision-making procedure

Decisions on grant awards will be made by the Internet Foundation on the basis of the FWF’s recommendations within four weeks of the FWF Board meeting in November 2022.

The Weiss Foundation will make a total amount of €200,000.00 available for the call.

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

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

### 5. Specific information on the call

In stand-alone projects funded by the Internet Foundation, general project costs will automatically be increased by 10%; projects in the ESPRIT programme and Erwin Schrödinger programme receive 5% more budget.

Applications submitted under this call in the Stand-Alone Projects programme are not subject to the limit on the number of ongoing projects ("3 projects regulation", PDF, 79 KB).