Supplementary information on the submission of "netidee SCIENCE" research proposals to be funded by the Internet Foundation Austria (IPA)

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 Lise-Meitner programme. This call is specifically intended for projects that aim to promote the Internet in Austria as well as the technologies and methods necessary for that purpose.

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 or Lise Meitner programme by 13th April 2020 at the latest. 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 signed, stamped and sent to the FWF by 27th March 2020 at the latest. The evidence of timely submission is the date of the postmark.

Please note: When applying, applicants are required to fill in a programme-specific form explaining the project's expected contribution to the improvement and advancement of the Internet in Austria as well as the technologies and methods necessary for that purpose. Applicants are required to upload this additional form as an attachment using the FWF’s online application system. Please send the original form to the FWF.

On the basis of the information provided on that form, the FWF will decide whether the proposed stand-alone project or the Lise-Meitner project meet 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 programme or the Lise Meitner 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 programme or Lise-Meitner 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 IPA on the basis of the FWF’s recommendations within four weeks of the FWF Board meeting in October 2020. The IPA will make a total amount of €500,000.00 available for the call. Where the resources required for an excellent project to be funded by the IPA exceed the funding amount provided by the IPA, the FWF will fund the difference from its own budget. Grant proposals which receive outstanding reviews but cannot be funded by the IPA will be financed by the FWF; in such cases, however, the special arrangement regarding additional general project costs will no longer apply.

Programme-specific information

In stand-alone projects funded by the foundation, general project costs will automatically be increased to 10%. Proposals in this call can be submitted and approved in addition to three ongoing/submitted projects in the FWF’s Stand-Alone Projects programme, International Programmes (bilateral projects) and Clinical Research (KLIF) programme.