

Post-DocTrack Program

ÖAW Post-DocTrack fellowships are intended to support holders of a doctorate or PhD in the humanities, social and cultural sciences who are pursuing an academic career in the transition phase immediately after completing their doctorate. In particular, the aim is to support:

- the completion of publications resulting from a doctoral thesis,
- the development of an applicant's own research project for applying to national or international funding bodies,
- the establishment of (international) networks and cooperations in connection with one or both of the above-mentioned goals

Applications are invited from outstanding young scholars who have completed their doctoral or PhD studies in the field of the humanities, social sciences and cultural sciences at a university in Austria no more than six months before the submission deadline.

Duration: 3 – 12 months

Amount: EUR 50,568 per year

In addition, a travel allowance of max. EUR 2,000 can be applied for to fund project-related participation in scientific meetings/conferences or research stays abroad.

Guidelines for Processing

1. Start of the Fellowship

The earliest possible date for starting with the fellowship is **1 January 2026**; it should be started by 1 April 2026 at the latest. Commencement of the fellowship is in any case the first of the month.

Please inform us at the latest four weeks prior to the date of commencement and send us the form *Statement of Obligation* or the *Employment Form*, filled out and signed, by e-mail, as well as the signed confirmation of Data Protection Information.

You may avail yourself of the fellowship as a new self-employed ("Neue Selbständige") or in connection with employment at a university or non-university institution in Austria.

1.1. New Self-employed

1.1.1. Personnel Costs

The Department for Fellowships and Awards must be informed at the latest four weeks in advance on the form intended for this purpose (*Statement of Obligation*), including information of the bank account (**signed by e-mail - we also accept digital signatures by ID-Austria**).

Payment of the fellowship (EUR 50,568 per year) is made by ÖAW in equal instalments per calendar year.

Payment of the fellowship will only be made to a domestic bank account or to a bank account in the EU/EEA area.

The amounts transferred are super gross amounts. The fellowship is subject to income tax. The fellowship holder must take care of taxation and social security contributions on their own.

Information on *Sozialversicherung für Selbständige* (SVS) can be found at www.svs.at.

Fellows are required to send confirmation of their registration with SVS at the latest three months after commencement of the fellowship by e-mail to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

1. 1. 2. Travel Expenses

Post-DocTrack fellowship holders have the option of applying for a travel cost allowance up to a maximum amount of EUR 2,000.

Please notify the Department for Fellowships and Awards (regina.kamauf@oeaw.ac.at) prior to travelling of the tentative costs by using the form for travel costs application (*Reisekostenantrag*).

After the travel has been completed, the form for travel cost billing (*Reisekostenabrechnung*) should be sent by e-mail with copies/scans of the original receipts (boarding passes, bills, cost printout) to regina.kamauf@oeaw.ac.at. The costs will subsequently be reimbursed.

Any lodgings costs are reimbursed on the basis of lodgings rates (cf. list of overnight fees).

You can find the forms and the list of overnight fees here:

<https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowships/post-doctrack/post-doctrack-unterlagen>.

1. 2. Employment Contracts

(employment at a university or non-university research institution in Austria)

1. 2. 1. Personnel Costs

The Department for Fellowships and Awards must be informed at the latest four weeks in advance on the form intended for this purpose (*employment form*), including an indication of the internal grant number and the bank account of the research institution (**signed by e-mail - we also accept digital signatures by ID-Austria**).

The statutory regulations applicable at the time of signing the employment contract as well as the university guidelines apply. Duration of employment corresponds to the duration of the approved funding period.

The fellowship holder is required to send (via e-mail) a copy of the employment contract to the Department for Fellowships and Awards at the latest three months after commencement of the fellowship.

The personnel costs granted by ÖAW (EUR 50,568 per year) are to be understood as super gross amounts and include the statutorily provided indirect salary costs (including the employer's portion), taxes and charges.

ÖAW transfers the personnel costs in equal instalments per calendar year directly to the payroll office indicated by the fellowship holder. Please take into account that the personnel costs approved by ÖAW are not increased during the term of the fellowship.

After the end of the fellowship, a billing for personnel costs and travel expenses for the entire fellowship period is to be sent (for instance as an SAP cost item list) by e-mail to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

Personnel costs may not be converted into travel costs.

1. 2. 2. Travel Costs

The amount of EUR 2,000 approved at the time of awarding the fellowship is transferred by the ÖAW directly to the institution with the beginning of the fellowship.

The approved travel expenses can be used for research stays and for active participation in conferences/meetings.

The travel expenses must be billed directly with the institution where you are employed according to the guidelines applicable there. In the general final billing, to be sent to the Department for Fellowships and Awards, travel costs used up must be itemised.

2. Report

At least one month after the end of the fellowship period, a final report must be sent by e-mail to the Department for Fellowships and Awards (Stipendien.Berichte@oeaw.ac.at). Please use the *Reporting Form* for this purpose.

Publications resulting from the fellowship as well as any eventual evidence of submission of an application to a national or international grant organisation must likewise be attached.

You can find the reporting form here: <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowships/post-doctrack/post-doctrack-unterlagen/post-doctrack-bericht>

3. Public Relations

In all publications resulting from the fellowship, the notation “funded within the Post-DocTrack Program of the OeAW” must be indicated.

4. Data Protection Information

The legal basis for the processing of your data is your applying for and, in case of an award, your acceptance of the fellowship in the framework of the Post-DocTrack program (article 6 (1) b EU GDPR and § 2g FOG). We process your personal data for the purpose of processing the fellowship, for documentation purposes and to meet the reporting obligations.

The recipients of your personal data are the members of the committee (application documents, reports), the administrative departments of ÖAW as well as, where applicable, government offices (e.g. the relevant ministries, the Court of Audit, EU).

In addition to that, we wish to point out that the following types of data may be displayed on an ÖAW internet page or published in publicly available reports (§ 2g, par 1, numeral 2 FOG): first names, last names, academic titles, gender, where applicable institution of origin and institution of destination as well as title, description, duration and further information about the fellowship project.

We save your data as long as this is required or legally allowed for processing the fellowship, for documentation purposes or for reporting obligations in regard to the public administration.

You have the right to information about the personal data relating to you as well as to rectification or restriction of processing, a right to object to processing as well as the right to data portability.

In addition, you have a right to appeal to the Austrian Data Protection Authority, Barichgasse 40-42, 1030 Vienna, telephone: + 43 1 52 152-0, email: dsb@sb.gv.at or to the competent data protection authority in another EU Member State.

You will find more precise information on your rights and the contact data of ÖAW's data protection supervisor in the ÖAW Data Protection Declaration (cf. <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/oeaw/data-protection>)

For information on organisational questions in connection with receiving your fellowship, travel costs and billing, please contact:

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