Call overview and facts

Data | Research (DARE) Call 2025 - Applications for Research

Scope of the Call

This call is open for projects that engage with current needs in the promotion of good data practices in a defined context as **"executable applications" for data in research**.
"Applications" should be understood widely as, e.g., transferable use cases, software prototypes, modelling, information/data models (metadata, schema definitions and ontologies), data environments.
"Executable" means that the applications developed should be easily integrated into code or software environments in due course. They should be transferable and scalable.

Projects should provide applications delivering **useful services to research,** either by rendering existing data processes more efficient or by providing tools that allow for new approaches. The outcomes of the projects shall support data collection for research and the further use of research data, however, should not be tied to a specific research project but be of wider relevance also supporting interoperability.

Projects can tackle research data related challenges in **any scientific area**, i.e., are not limited to computer science. However, the nature of the projects requires the integration of IT competences into the projects.

Who can apply?

- Core teams with up to three key collaborators with a coordinating PI assuming also managerial tasks
- The coordinating PI must be based at a university or non-university research institution in Vienna
- Co-PIs may be based outside of Vienna (funding limited to 20% of the overall budget)
- All applications must be pre-screened and authorized by the PI's institutions, otherwise, submission of proposals to this call is not possible (see "Pre-selection by institutions"

Funding

- Project duration: 12-24 months
- Budget for individual projects: € 50,000 - 100,000

- Overall call volume: € 800,000
- Personnel and non-personnel costs can be claimed; max. 70% non-personnel costs
- In-kind contributions are not mandatory; no overhead costs will be paid

Timeline

- Proposal deadline: November 18, 2025, 2pm CET. Please regard the internal deadlines at your institution.
- Formal Decision by WWTF Board of Directors: March 31, 2026
- Announcement of results: April 8, 2026
- Project start until: July 1, 2026

Evaluation and decision process

- Application via WWTF Funding Portal
- Pre-selection by institutions
- One-stage call process
- Selection by a jury composed of international and national experts

Online Info Session

October 23, 2025.

Link to the Video: https://vimeo.com/1129819785/57df83d808?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci#t=6

DARE Info Session Slides.pdf

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News

The call is closed. WWTF received 69 submissions by November 18.

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