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Please note that the inclusion of figures and tables is not possible in the short proposal. These elements can be included in the full proposal phase.

Basic Information

This chapter contains basic information about the proposal, including title, scientific disciplines involved, keywords, duration, and type of project (i.e., regular WWTF Project or Joint Project). Fill out fields as required.

Please note:

- Scientific Disciplines: Fields will be suggested as you type. WWTF uses the ÖFOS classification system of Statistik Austria.
- Joint Project: Please indicate if this proposal is a Joint Project, i.e. includes partners from Lower Austria with a higher share possible from the overall project budget. For details regarding team composition and budget distribution, please see here.

Personnel and Institutions

This chapter contains information about the main parties in the project. Ideally, information about the PI&C and co-PIs have already been entered. However, this information can be changed at any time.

- **Co-PIs** can be added to the project. Please note the maximum of three PIs in the core team.
- **Additional partner institutions** beyond those of the core team members can be added under “Further Partner Institutions”. (The institutions of the PI&C and co-PIs are automatically added by the system.) Entering an additional institution provides the option of allocating budget to this institution in the “Budget” chapter. This may be important in case of collaboration with researchers at institutes other than those of the core team members
- A maximum of **five different institutions** may be involved in the proposal. This includes the institutions of the PI&C and co-PI(s).

Project

This chapter contains the bulk of the scientific information regarding the project.

> Please note that the character limit includes spaces

Abstract *(max. 1,500 characters)*

Provide an overall summary of the project. Clearly state the research questions and aims of the team. Summarise the most innovative aspects of the research, and its potential impact and contribution.

Proposal

Introduction, background and state of the art *(max. 2,000 characters)*
Provide a broad scientific introduction to the topic of the project. Describe the state of the art in this research field.

Research questions, objectives, and/or hypotheses *(max. 2,000 characters)*

Specify the research question(s) to be addressed in the context of the state of the art. Outline how the research objectives align with precision medicine approaches.

Methodology *(max. 3,500 characters)*

Describe the methods to be used to address the research questions. Provide sufficient information about the innovation, interdisciplinarity, suitability and feasibility of these approaches with respect to the project's objectives. Specify how the proposed work contributes to, or utilises, patient cohort datasets.

Scientific impact and contribution *(max. 2,500 characters)*

Outline the project's anticipated contribution to precision medicine. Describe how the proposed work will advance the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease. Specify how the project aims to contribute to understanding of disease pathogenesis or treatment-relevant biological mechanisms. Briefly explain how the data, resources and/or technology developed in the project will be managed and shared with the research community.

Interdisciplinary collaboration *(max. 1,000 characters)*

Describe how the project team brings the necessary interdisciplinary expertise to pursue the proposed research. Outline the plans for collaboration, communication and, if applicable, training across expertise fields.

Project Schedule / Overview

Upload a 1-page visual representation (e.g., table, Gantt chart, flow chart) to provide an overview of the milestones to be achieved during the project. Indicate the time periods and specify the respective PIs responsible for each milestone.

> Please note that **potential sex/gender aspects of the research topic** and **gender balance in the research team** should be considered throughout the application (see here). These should be briefly described where appropriate in the relevant sections. Further details will be required in the full proposal phase.

Ethical considerations *(min. 100 characters, max. 800 characters)*

Outline the potential ethical aspects of your proposed project. These may include, but are not restricted to human participants, human tissue, human embryonic tissue, personal data, animals, environmental safety, and artificial intelligence.

Please indicate if a formal ethical approval is necessary to conduct your research project in your institution. We advise reaching out to your institutional ethics boards prior to submitting your proposal. More detailed information regarding the ethical aspects of your proposed work and the timelines for ethical approval are required in the full proposal. Should your proposal be selected for funding, the submission of the required ethics votum for carrying out the work is a prerequisite for the funding contract. Further details about ethical requirements are available here.

If no ethical aspects are identified, please also provide an explanation. Note that only providing a cursory statement (e.g., "no ethical aspects") will not be regarded as sufficient consideration of ethical aspects by the applicants.

Use of generative AI *(max. 800 characters)*

Please describe if and how GenAI has been used in developing your research proposal. Please find further details here.

References

In this chapter, up to 15 key references relevant for the project can be added. Please use a continuous reference style.

> Please note that these references should focus on the content of the proposal and is not your personal publication list. The latter should be included in the CVs of the core team members.

Budget

The short proposal requires only an overview budget for each participating institution. All institutions added in the chapter “Personnel and Institutions” will be automatically listed in the budget table.

1. Enter the sum for personnel costs at each institution. Please consider that, in the full proposal, you will be required to enter the annual gross costs (employer and employee costs = gross costs / “Brutto-Brutto-Jahresgehalt”) of all individual researchers. If you are unsure about the annual gross costs, please consult your institutional research service. Due to projected inflation rates, the full proposal system will automatically calculate a 3.5% p.a. increase in salaries over the lifetime of the project.
2. Enter the total non-personnel costs for each institution. For details about eligible costs, please see here.
3. Enter the overhead costs for each institution. Note that up to 20% overhead costs may be claimed. Please consult your institutional research service also in this regard.

> The system will automatically calculate sums and ratios of the budget.

- Based on the information provided, the share of the budget allocated to the regions “Vienna” and “Other” will be shown for WWTF projects and to the regions “Vienna”, “Lower Austria” and “Other” for Joint Projects.
- For “regular” WWTF projects, at least 80% (i.e., ≥80%) of the requested funding must be allocated to the region “Vienna”. Up to 20% (i.e., <20%) may be allocated to other partner(s) (including partners in Lower Austria).
- For Joint Projects, the budget allocated to the region “Vienna” must be ≥50%. The share of the budget allocated to the region “Lower Austria” must be between 20–50% (i.e., >20% and <50%). Maximum 20% (i.e., ≤ 20%) may be allocated to further partner(s) located in other regions (“Other”).
- The proportions of the budget allocated to personnel and non-personnel costs are also shown. Please note that, in this call, non-personnel costs should not exceed 40% of the total budget.
- The system will display an alert if the inserted amounts exceed the permitted funding distribution across regions or cost types.
- Please note that changing the proposal between “WWTF Project” and “Joint Project” types will reset the budget table due to differing budget distribution requirements.

Explanation of Cost Planning *(max. 750 characters)*

Outline details about the planned allocation of resource allocation as requested in the budget.

> In the case of an invitation to submit a full proposal, there should not be significant changes in the requested budget compared to the short proposal. Exceptions are permitted but require justification.

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