Call Facts

> This is a call for **early career ME/CFS researchers to conduct a six month research stay** at a research organisation in Vienna or abroad.

Scope of the Call
This call is open to early-career ME/CFS researchers seeking to undertake a six-month research stay in Vienna, Lower Austria or abroad. The ME/CFS Fellowship programme aims to strengthen the ME/CFS community by supporting excellent young scientists and promoting the exchange of expertise. The programme provides a stipend for fellows to learn new methods and techniques in renowned laboratories in Vienna or abroad. The fellowship should help young researchers forge and strengthen international connections early in their career.

Who can apply?

- Early career researchers starting at PhD level (exceptions may be made for outstanding young researchers who show academic success at an earlier stage of education)
- Applicants must either: 1) be currently based at a university or non-university research institution in Vienna or Lower Austria and seek to conduct a research stay outside of Austria; or 2) be currently based outside of Austria and seek to conduct a research stay at a university or non-university research institution in Vienna or Lower Austria.

Project Duration

- 6 months

Funding

- Total call volume: € 200,000
- Fellowship budget: up to € 40,000 per person
- Personnel and non-personnel costs can be claimed
- Max. 30% non-personnel costs
- Max. 20% of the budget outside of Vienna
- No overhead costs

Timeline

- Deadline: February 3rd, 2026, 2pm CET
- Expected funding decision: late March, 2026
- Fellowship should start latest in June, 2026

Process

- Selection through an international jury
- Application via WWTF Funding Portal

> All interested parties (both potential fellows and hosts) are encouraged to register on the followingmatchmaking platform: https://www.b2match.com/e/me-cfs-fellowship/

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