

VRG26 / Submission process and deadline

The application process for the Vienna Research Groups program includes the following steps:

- **Submission of a proposal:** concise proposal demonstrating the candidate's qualifications and proposed research
- **Participation in a hearing:** presentation of proposed research and Q&A with jury (online participation by the VRG candidate)

Proposal Deadline: 10 March 2026, 14:00 CET

Hearings: September 2026, date will be communicated as soon as possible (check <https://fundingportal.wwtf.at/> regularly)

Important information for the submission of your proposal

- Applications must be submitted via the **WWTF Funding Portal** at <https://fundingportal.wwtf.at/> within the deadline stated above.
- The structure and content of the application are described in more detail in the [Submission Guideline](#).
- Important: The application process requires the signature of an authorised person from the future host institution ("authorization"). Please contact the host institution you're applying with to find out about their internal processes and timelines.
- We recommend registering and creating a proposal to find out what the requirements are, even if you are not yet sure whether you want to submit one. Any proposals that are not submitted will be deleted shortly after the deadline for the call.
- The application must be written in English.
- Please check with the host institutions for information on any pre-selection deadlines.

Applications must be submitted via the online Funding Portal at the deadline indicated in the call specifications. Submissions after the deadline will not be considered.