

## CALL: Young Scientists Mentoring Programme 2025/26

Interested early career researchers are invited to apply for funding within the scope of the Young Scientists Mentoring Programme up to and including **28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

The Young Scientists Mentoring Programme (YSMP) financially supports one-year mentoring partnerships between early career researchers of the University of Klagenfurt and internationally recognised scholars from foreign universities (or research institutions) as well as any associated research stays. As part of this programme, mentees spend extended periods of time at the host institutions. Furthermore, their mentors are warmly invited to visit the University of Klagenfurt for short-term research stays (e. g. guest lectures).

The focus lies on advancing one's research project, acquiring knowledge concerning structures, processes and the rules of the game within the sphere of international science, as well as personal career development. Early career researchers are integrated into the respective scientific community at an early stage, resulting in new contacts and cooperation opportunities. In order to plan and execute concrete projects and take the next steps in the academic career, early career researchers can additionally attend career-relevant workshops and coaching sessions.

Launched in 2016, the programme is announced annually, each spring. The Research Council reaches a decision following a competitive selection procedure. Particular consideration is given to whether the choice of mentor and host institution is conducive to the research project and personal career development. The number of participants is limited.

**Amount of funding:** a maximum of € 4,000

### Funding requirements

- Applicants are high-performing doctoral candidates or postdoctoral researchers whose research project has reached an advanced stage (after approx. two years).
- Doctoral candidates must be registered at the University of Klagenfurt as their primary affiliation; postdoctoral researchers must be employed by the University of Klagenfurt.
- Mentee and mentor must have agreed on entering a one-year mentoring partnership.
- Participants should plan for an extended time at the host institution.
- In terms of the subject, the research project must match the academic profile of the mentor and the host institution.

### Application documents

- letter of motivation (including rationale for the choice of mentor and host institution as well as information on planned activities and goals of the one-year mentoring partnership)
- curriculum vitae of the applicant (including list of publications, if applicable)
- description of the thesis or habilitation project (3-4 pages; esp. title, research question, research design/methods, current state of the work)
- expressive written declaration of commitment by the mentor
- letter of recommendation from one of the supervisors or the head of department at the University of Klagenfurt
- list of estimated costs

### Application & further information

- The application must be submitted to the Research Council by e-mail ([doc.service@aau.at](mailto:doc.service@aau.at)).
- Detailed information on eligible costs, the funding procedure, project completion and settlement is provided in the [YSMP guideline](#).

### Contact

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