ANNOUNCEMENT of SIR-scholarship 2028

Purpose/Intention

The Scientist-in-Residence-program invites young scientists from different disciplines to a one-month work stay in Salzburg - "city of knowledge". A diverse cultural landscape as well as university and non-university research institutions significantly shape the profile of the city of Salzburg and give it international appeal. The SIR scholarship offers young scientists the space for interdisciplinary collaborations, intensifying the posing of questions and the exchange of perspectives and expertise.

The intention of the program is to give international young scientists access to Salzburg's knowledge institutions, to promote sustainable networking and thus to initiate and carry out new projects.

The willingness and curiosity for dialogue and cooperation with researchers, as well as with cultural and knowledge institutions is required. It is explicitly desired to present your own focus of activity to the interested public in the form of at least one publicly accessible event in cooperation with the knowledge institution and other means of knowledge communication (e.g. public relations activities, interviews, etc.).

Target group

Eligible to apply are young scientists who have a PhD or postdoc position at a university institution or are employed at a non-university research institution outside of Austria, or who can prove several years of scientific work. The applicant must not be older than 45 years and must have their main place of residence outside of Austria (certificate of registration). If a certificate of registration is not issued in your country, please validate your main place of residence with any other document.

Number of scholarships

Up to 10 scholarships annually

Duration of scholarship

Duration 1 month

The SIR scholarship is an attendance scholarship; the scholarship holders must spend at least three quarters of the scholarship period in the city of Salzburg.

Scholarship amount

Endowment of EUR 1,000 each, plus a contribution to travel expenses (EUR 200 for Europe; EUR 500 for other continents) and free accommodation in the apartment "Tobias" (35 m²).

Additional funding for the research stay must be disclosed before the start of the residency and can lead to a reduction in the scholarship.

Filing deadline

Call I/28: 31 May 2027 for a stay in the first half of 2028

Call II/28: 31 October 2027 for a stay in the second half of 2028

Submission

All documents must be submitted by email.

The application must include:

1. Completed and signed application form – download at https://www.stadt-salzburg.at/kultur/sir/
2. Motivation letter (max. 1 page DIN A4 format)
3. Short description of the research interest and the planned activity in the knowledge institution (max. 1 page DIN A4 format)
4. Letter of Intent (LoI) from the knowledge institution with which cooperation is to take place, including confirmation that a workplace will be made available.
5. Curriculum Vitae
6. A document which validates your main place of residence, e.g. a certificate of registration
7. If available: list of publications

Please note that applications can only be made by email.

Please state in the subject line: last name, first name, SIR scholarship 2028

All documents must be emailed to kultur.bildung.wissen@stadt-salzburg.at

Awarding

The awarding is based on the proposal of MA 2 – Kultur, Bildung und Wissen until

Call I/28: by 31 July 2027

Call II/28: by 1 December 2027

Only complete applications will be processed. All applicants will be informed of the result in writing. There is no verbal justification for the decision. Applications that are not submitted by the deadline or applications with incomplete documents cannot be considered.

MA 2 – Kultur, Bildung und Wissen reserves the right to make subsequent nominations in justified cases or in case there is free capacity.

Evidence

By accepting the scholarship, the scholarship holder undertakes to submit a short report (max. 3 pages DIN A4 format) on the work results to MA 2 – Kultur, Bildung und Wissen no later than three months after the end of the scholarship.

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The call for tenders can also be viewed at https://www.stadt-salzburg.at/kultur/sir/