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# STEM Call 2026

# Information Session for Applicants

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# Today's session

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# What is the STEM Call?

- 40+ doctoral positions
- STEM Sciences
- 6 participating STEM **doctoral schools and faculties**
- **Employment** at the university of Vienna
- Structured doctoral training as part of a **doctoral programme**
- Supervision & research environment as part of a **doctoral school**
- Joint application for job and admission through the new University of Vienna PhD Selection Tool - **NO separate application for admission via u:space!**

# Eligibility

- **Diploma or Master's degree** in a field covered by one of the [participating doctoral schools](#) or a closely related discipline
  - Assessed on case-by-case basis by Admissions Office and respective Director of Doctoral Studies (*no prior individual assessment possible*)
  - **All degree requirements** (including thesis grading and, where applicable, defense) need to be **completed before employment/enrolment**
  - Please be aware of possible **legalization/translation requirements** for your degree documents, depending on the issuing country (**see: [Legalisation](#)**)
- **No confirmation of supervision** needed for applying
- All applications must be submitted in **English**

# Application process

- Familiarise yourself with the Call website and FAQs
- Choose from the list of open positions
  - Please note:
    - Only one application can be submitted. Within that application, you may indicate interest in up to two positions or supervisors
    - Edits to your already submitted application are possible until March 27, 12 pm CET
- [Set up a u:account](#) (needed for login to the application portal)
- Continue with the “Apply now”-button on the Call website
- Please refer to the [User Guide](#) for instructions on how to create and submit your application

# Structure of the application form

- Candidate information
- Education
- Research & Professional Experience
- References (contact details only, may be contacted later in the selection process)
- Additional Trainings & Courses
- Supervisor & Position
- Enrolment Information
- Further Information

# Required documents

- Upload the following PDF files (where indicated in the application form):
  - Motivational letter (no layout requirements, usually 1 page)
  - Master, Bachelor and/or Diploma degree certificates (or official confirmation of expected date of completion, e.g. signed by supervisor)
  - Transcripts of records or diploma supplements
  - Official identification document (passport or ID card) for enrolment
  - If applicable and available: Residence permit
  - If applicable and available: language certificates

**Note:** Language certificates are **not mandatory**

# Tips for applicants

- **Start early**
- Familiarise yourself with the open positions on the Call website to find the **best fit**
- **Read the application form carefully** (step-by-step guide with explanation text)
- Take into account **character limits** of open text fields!
- Get **feedback** and **proofreading** of your application texts (e.g. from peers)
- **Do not wait with your submission until March 27th** (in case of technical issues)

# Helpful resources

- **STEM Call website:** [Call for Applications: Doctoral Positions in the Life Sciences and Natural Sciences](#)
- **FAQs:** [FAQs to the STEM Call](#)
- **Technical support for u:account:** <https://zid.univie.ac.at/zid-helpdesk>
- **For further questions:** [phdcareers@univie.ac.at](mailto:phdcareers@univie.ac.at)

# Further questions?



Or afterwards at:

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