



**FFG**  
Promoting Innovation.

**FFG – YOUR PARTNER FOR  
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT  
AND INNOVATION IN AUSTRIA**

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The FFG supports to generate new knowledge to realise success at the market.



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## FUNDING ADDS VALUE

**Research means investing in the development of new knowledge and new technologies. The FFG is the right partner in this endeavour: FFG funding allows businesses to more effectively tap into their innovative potential and to enhance their competitiveness, while research and university institutes can broaden their competencies and address new topics.**

Every year the FFG approves funding for around 5,000 new projects, ranging from technical and scientific internships and feasibility studies to grants for industrial projects and support for cooperative projects in cutting-edge fields and top research centres. The FFG is also a service provider and agency for research and innovation. Directly or indirectly, the FFG influences, manages or awards a total of over three billion euros in research expenditure in Austria, making it the country's central hub for industry-related research and innovation.

### SIDE EFFECTS WELCOME!

Most FFG funding is awarded as a result of competitive procedures, and in doing so turns a funding commitment into an external seal of quality. FFG-funded projects also have many positive side effects, such as building up long-term research expertise and human resources, and strengthening international networks. Two out of three FFG-funded projects involve close collaboration between companies and scientific partners. This encourages the transfer of knowledge and technology, helps to turn basic research findings into industrial applications, and supports the realisation of flagship projects.

### PUTTING BUSINESSES ON AN "INNOVATION PATHWAY"

The number of companies in Austria undertaking research has almost doubled over the past 15 years. The FFG plays a key role in helping ever more businesses to boost their competitiveness through research and innovation. To this end, the FFG offers special funding as an incentive, such as the innovation voucher. For start-ups and scale-ups the FFG makes available a total of around 80 million euros every year.

### FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Every year Austrian businesses and institutes secure around 200 million euros of EU research funding. The FFG vigorously supports participation in European and international research programmes as well as networking across national boundaries. It acts as the National Contact Point for a variety of programmes, and is actively involved in a range of European and international initiatives including many ERA-NETs and the Enterprise Europe Network.

### SERVICES FOR YOUR SUCCESS

As well as direct funding awarded by the FFG, the research premium (tax incentive) is one of Austria's most important locational advantages for innovative businesses. The FFG undertakes the assessments required, quickly, and free of charge for businesses. The FFG service portfolio is complemented by the job exchange for research and technology, support in finding partners both in Austria and abroad, and a whole range of advisory and training measures. The FFG participates also in the European EURAXESS initiative and runs the Global Incubator Network start-up programme together with the aws.

# MAKING AUSTRIA A LEADING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LOCATION

**Research, development and innovation are central drivers for economic, technological and social development. Businesses that undertake research grow faster, achieve higher export rates and create more employment than those who don't. The FFG applies a wide variety of measures to support structural change in Austria.**

FFG funding schemes play an important role in generating new knowledge, developing new products and services, and enhancing competitiveness in the global marketplace. They make it easier, or possible, to finance research and innovation projects, and help to absorb the risks involved in research. The FFG supports international networking and encourages careers in science.



## PROMOTING INNOVATION PAYS OFF!

Around four fifths of all projects funded by the FFG would not have been carried out without this support, or only to a lesser extent. A third of all FFG funded projects lead to a patent. Within four years close to half of these projects have a direct impact on safeguarding and creating jobs.

The FFG adds value:

**€1 = €10**

in funding

in additional  
revenue over the  
medium-term



## FAST TRACK TO THE MARKET

A central aspect of FFG funding lies in encouraging cooperation between science and industry, and establishing Austria within international networks. The FFG provides support in all phases of development, from basic research through to market launch. More than a third of the funded projects are used to enter new fields of business or activity.

Each year

**200**

new products and  
services are created by  
FFG-funded projects



## A FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Many FFG funding programmes are investments in human capital. The portfolio ranges from educational projects for schools, funded internships and endowed professorships to joint staff development initiatives between businesses and universities. The FFG funds around 2,000 internships for school pupils and students annually, and around 600 doctoral theses originate in projects funded by the FFG.

The FFG adds value:

Around **10,000**

jobs in research, development and  
innovation are financed through FFG  
funding

# THE FFG: PARTNER FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Innovation and applied research in Austria have a strong partner: the Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG. We can help you tap into your innovative potential and exploit new market opportunities by putting new knowledge to work.



**The Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria. Our aim is to strengthen domestic companies in global competition to assure jobs and wealth sustainably.**

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