

awards

The Wissen schafft Zukunft Award 2019 comprises the following award categories

Academic theses

- › master or diploma theses
- › dissertation or PhD theses

Pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates

Call for concept: ideas competition for innovative concepts of a project ready for implementation

financial awards

Master and diploma thesis	€ 1.000,-
Dissertation and PhD thesis	€ 2.000,-
Pre-scientific and diploma works of high-school graduates:	
All authors of an awarded final project will receive	€ 200,-
Call for concept, up to	€ 3.000,-

All awards will be presented in the context of the Science Gala of the Province of Lower Austria in the fall of 2019.

Submission period

April 24 –
May 31, 2019

thematic focus 2019

Since 2016, the Wissen schafft Zukunft Award of the NÖ Forschungs- und Bildungsges.m.b.H. (NFB) is dedicated to the impact directions and subject areas defined in the Research, Technology and Innovation Programme of the Province of Lower Austria. For 2019, submissions of the following cross-sectional issues in research, technology and innovation will be considered for the Wissen schafft Zukunft Award:

awareness-building: science mediation and science communication

In the recent years, the Province of Lower Austria has supported various measures towards the mediation and the public presentation of science and research which the goal of increasing the appreciation of science in society. Additionally, young people should relate to science and research as early as possible in order to foster their interest and enjoyment of academic topics.

Science mediation and science communication in Lower Austria should nourish the intergenerational dialogue, result from innovative concepts and raise public awareness of science and research. Research projects as well as new project ideas will be elected this year.

Submissions will be considered from all topics among the Research, Technology and Innovation Programme of the Province of Lower Austria:

- › Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Sciences
- › Collections of Lower Austria
- › Ecological Systems and Ecosystem Services
- › Water
- › Renewable Resources and Bioenergy
- › Food Safety and Feed Safety
- › Sustainable Land Cultivation and Production Optimization
- › Medical Technology and Medical Biotechnology
- › Materials and Surfaces
- › Manufacturing Technology Automation Technology
- › Data



requirements

General requirements pertaining to all awards:

- › Plausible relation to Lower Austria, knowledge gain for Lower Austria.
- › Plausible relation to the thematic focus of 2019.
- › Submission in German or English.
- › Submission from all academic disciplines are eligible.

Requirements pertaining to the particular awards:

Academic theses (master/diploma theses and dissertation/PhD theses):

Up to three theses will be awarded.

- › Age of the submitting person:
 - ›› for master and diploma theses: year of birth 1991 (and younger).
 - ›› for dissertations and PhD theses: year of birth 1984 (and younger).
 - ›› the thesis was certified no earlier than 2016.
- › The thesis was graded „manga cum laude“ or „cum laude“ and the corresponding course of study – a polytechnic degree course or a regular university course – was successfully completed at an Austrian or European institution of higher education.

Pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates:

Up to two pre-scientific works („Vorwissenschaftliche Arbeiten“) or diploma works will be awarded.

- › The final project was successfully realized in the school years 2017/18 or 2018/19 at a school in Lower Austria.
- › The final project was graded “manga cum laude” or “cum laude.”

Call for concept: innovative concepts of a project ready for implementation

With this ideas competition the Wissen schaff[]t Zukunft Award grants an award for an innovative concept of a project ready for implementation, a measure, a project, an application tools or an initiative with non-for-profit intentions and pertaining to the topic of science mediation and science communication.

submission

Submissions for the Wissen schaff[]t Zukunft Award 2019 are accepted exclusively through the submission system of the NÖ Forschungs- und Bildungsges.m.b.H. (NFB): www.einreichsystem.at.

application materials

Tender documents: A detailed list of all necessary application materials is found here: www.wissenschaftszukunftspreis.at.

Academic theses (master/diploma theses and dissertation/PhD theses):

- › Executive summary of the master/diploma or dissertation/PhD thesis.
- › The complete master/diploma or dissertation/PhD thesis in digital form.
- › A letter describing the personal research motivation, innovation content and the relation to Lower Austria.
- › Mentioned collaborations with companies of Lower Austria must be verified by a confirmation of the respective company (works with a confidentiality clause will not be accepted).
- › Evaluation report, certificate or document recording the evaluation of the master, diploma or doctoral thesis as „manga cum laude“ or „cum laude.“
- › Confirmation of the successful completion of the course of study related to the submitted thesis.
- › Curriculum vitae.
- › Publication list (if available).
- › Reports: internal and (if available) external written evaluations of the thesis.

Pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates:

- › Summary of the final project.
- › The complete final project in digital form.
- › A letter describing the personal research motivation.
- › Curriculum vitae.
- › Written proof of the evaluation of the final project as “manga cum laude” or “cum laude.” Should such proof be impossible until the end of the submission period on May 31, it should be handed in via Email to b.pilsel@nfb.at until June 23.

Call for concept: innovative concepts of a project ready for implementation:

- › Written concept: project description with goals, target audience, stakeholders and relation to Lower Austria.
- › Implementation scheme with time horizon.
- › Cost estimation.

submission period

April 24 – Mai 31, 2019

(Exception: written proof of the evaluation of the pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates may be handed in until June 23).

further information

www.wissenschaftszukunftpreis.at

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preview to the call for submission of the wissen schaf[f]t zukunft award 2020

The thematic focus of the Wissen schaf[f]t Zukunft Award 2020 will be **„Education and Advanced Training”** as a cross-sectional issues in research, technology and innovation.

Submissions with a pivotal relation to this thematic focus which represent a knowledge gain for Lower Austria will be considered. The final projects will have to be graded with „manga cum laude” or „cum laude”.

The following awards will be granted:

Pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates:

Awards will go to up to two final projects on the topic of the Wissen schaf[f]t Zukunft Award 2020, which were completed at a school in Lower Austria in the school years 2018/19 or 2019/20 and graded “manga cum laude” or “cum laude.” All authors of an awarded final project will receive € 200.

Academic theses:

Awards will go to a total of three theses in the categories of master/diploma or dissertation/PhD thesis. Master/Diploma theses will be awarded with € 1.000 and dissertation/PhD theses with € 2.000.

The theses must not be certified earlier than 2017. Submissions of authors with year of birth 1992 (and younger) for master/diploma theses and year of birth 1985 (and younger) for dissertation/PhD thesis will be accepted.

Call for concept:

With this ideas competition the Wissen schaf[f]t Zukunft Award 2020 grants an award of up to € 3.000 for innovative concepts of a project ready for implementation, a measure, a project, an application tool or an initiative with non-for-profit intentions which concern the topic of education and advanced training in research, technology and innovation.

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