

Research and Teaching Infrastructure 1st Call

1. Competitive Call for Research and Teaching Infrastructure of the TU Graz

The Rectorate aims to strengthen both research and teaching with this call. Preference is given to infrastructure used by several institutes with a coherent usage in research and teaching.

1.1. What is funded

Up to 50% of the costs of newly acquired infrastructure can be funded, with a maximum cap of 150,000€. Applications for infrastructure with less than 50,000€ total cost are not eligible.

The following costs are eligible:

- Costs for infrastructure:
 - Technical equipment and machinery
 - Clusters, if several purchases made at the same time to form a logical unit and only make sense in the combination
 - Laboratories
 - Components for the construction of defined infrastructure
- Delivery costs incl. taxes and fees (e.g. transportation costs, customs duties, additional customs costs, transport insurance)
- Additional costs (e.g. installation costs, energy connections, costs for the removal of wastewater, safety-related testing and approval costs)

The participating institutes or faculties must carry the remaining costs. Available funds from the R-, L-, F- and D-account can be used for this purpose. Furthermore, it is possible to involve companies or other partners taking over partial financing.

Infrastructure that is partly funded by other funding programmes (e.g. FFG, H2020, ...) is not eligible (double funding).

Personnel costs, travel costs, training costs, continuous operating, maintenance and service costs are not eligible. The institutes must ensure the financing of these costs and present them in the usage concept.

All necessary framework conditions (e.g. available space, necessary structural alteration works, any conditions of use with external partners, completion of the financial structure, i.e. financing of running costs, personnel required to operate the infrastructure) must be demonstrably clarified prior to submission.

Processing:

- The requested infrastructure must be ordered in SAP within 12 months from the moment of approval of the grant.
- For the processing of the grant, an internal account will be set up.
- If the acquisition is cheaper than planned, the grant will be recalculated on the basis of the costs incurred. Once procurement has been completed, the grant of a maximum of 50% of the total costs will be remitted to the internal account.
- Approval is granted exclusively on the basis of the infrastructure applied for. Reallocations of the grant are not possible at all.
- The at the time of acquisition relevant version of the procurement guidelines of the Federal Procurement Act (Bundesvergabe-gesetz), have to be complied with.

1.2. Application and selection criteria

The application and allocation of funding requires the approval of the respective heads of the institutes and the deans.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Research fields / research projects that benefit from the infrastructure
- Improvements in teaching resulting from the infrastructure
- Necessity for the acquisition incl. current existing / comparable infrastructure at Graz University of Technology / in Styria / in Austria
- Demand and utilisation of the infrastructure
- Inter-institutional use and coherent use in research and teaching
- Operational concept
- Financing plan

1.3. Submission of applications

Complete application documents may be submitted until

15th September 2019 by e-mail to ft-haus@tugraz.at.

The application forms are downloadable from www.tugraz.at/go/infrastrukturfoerderung.

The Vice Rectors for Research and Academic Affairs will take the funding decision according to the above criteria. Furthermore the heads of the Fields of Expertise are involved in the decision making process.

The announcement of successful applications and granting of infrastructure funds is planned for December 2019.