

1st Call: Research Infrastructure

1. Competitive Call for Research Infrastructure of the TU Graz

With this call, the Rectorate aims to strengthen research by funding the cost for infrastructure. Preference is given to infrastructure used by several institutes and faculties.

Applications for infrastructure that is mainly used in teaching must be submitted in the Call for teaching infrastructure, which is announced at the same time.

1.1. What is funded

Up to 50% of the costs of newly acquired infrastructure can be funded, with a maximum cap of 250,000€. 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 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 bear 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, Horizon Europe, ...) 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 verified prior to submission.

Processing:

- The requested infrastructure must be ordered in SAP within 18 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 relevant version of the procurement guidelines of the Federal Procurement Act (Bundesvergabegesetz) at the time of acquisition 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
- Necessity for the acquisition incl. currently 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

19th September 2022 by e-mail to ft-haus@tugraz.at.

The application forms are downloadable from <https://www.tugraz.at/go/infrastructurefunding>.

The Vice Rector for Research 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 Autumn 2022.

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