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awards and financial awards

The Wissen schafft Zukunft Award 2021 comprises the following award categories:

Academic theses

Up to three theses will be awarded.

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| › Master or diploma theses | € 1.000,00 |
| › Dissertation or PhD theses | € 2.000,00 |

Pre-scientific or diploma works

of high-school graduates from schools in Lower Austria. Up to two theses will be awarded.

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| › All authors of an awarded thesis receive | € 200,00 |
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Ideas competition, call for concept

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| › One innovative concept of a project ready for implementation will be awarded with up to | € 3.000,00 |
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The awards will be presented in the context of the Science Gala of the Province of Lower Austria in the fall of 2021.

further information

www.wissenschaftszukunftspreis.at

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thematic focus 2021

"climate change & climate justice"

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 2021, submissions concerning the topic of **climate change & climate justice** will be considered for the Wissen schafft Zukunft Award. This choice of topics is intentionally broad in scope and includes domains of the Research, Technology and Innovation Programme of the Province of Lower Austria.

What we are interested in concerning **climate change & climate justice**: 2019 was the year of „Fridays for Future.“ This movement's demands for „climate justice“ and the postulate „to believe science“ achieved worldwide attention and approval. The scientific community responded with the creation of „Scientists for Future,“ an international initiative of scientists for the support of this school student movement. The issue of „Covid-19“ – due to its drastic effects on all of us – has almost overshadowed everything and pushed such initiatives into the background. With this choice of topic, we wish to again draw attention to other, equally urgent issues and discuss future perspectives connected to issues around „the climate“.

Climate Change & Climate Justice

- Climate policy
- Science communication and science communication in this thematic area
- Impacts and consequences
- Future developments
- Proposals for solutions or improvements
- Consumption
- Sealing & land consumption
- Energy & mobility
- Food safety

Submissions with a central reference to this thematic focus and a plausible relation to Lower Austria in terms of content will be considered.

requirements

General requirements pertaining to all awards:

- › Plausible relation to Lower Austria
- › Plausible relation to the thematic focus continuing **climate change and climate justice**
- › Submission in German or English

Requirements pertaining to the particular awards:

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

- › Age of the submitting person:
 - » for master and diploma theses: year of birth 1993 (and younger)
 - » for dissertations and PhD theses: year of birth 1986 (and younger)
 - » the thesis was certified no earlier than 2018.
- › The thesis was graded „magna cum laude” or „cum laude” and the corresponding course of study – a polytechnic degree course or a regular university course at an Austrian or European institution of higher education – was successfully completed.

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

- › The final project was successfully realized in the school years 2019/20 or 2020/21 at a school in Lower Austria
- › and graded “magna cum laude” or “cum laude.”

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

With this ideas competition the Wissen schafft 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 pertaining to the topic of continuing education and training
- › which has been submitted by an individual, a group of people or an institution
- › with non-for-profit intentions.

submission

Submissions for the Wissen schafft Zukunft Award 2021 are accepted exclusively through the submission system of the NÖ Forschungs- und Bildungsges.m.b.H. (NFB): www.einreichsystem.at. The funding guidelines are also found here. Please note that only complete and timely submissions will be considered.

application materials

Tender documents and funding guidelines can also be found at: www.wissenschaftszukunftspreis.at

Academic theses

(Master/diploma theses and dissertation/PhD theses)

A fully completed online application also contains the following uploads:

- › Executive summary of the master/diploma or dissertation/PhD thesis
- › Curriculum vitae
- › Publication list (if available)
- › The complete master/diploma or dissertation/PhD thesis in digital form
- › A letter of motivation describing the personal research motivation, the innovation content, the relation to Lower Austria as well as the relation to the thematic focus **climate change & climate justice**
- › 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 which documents the evaluation of the thesis as „magna cum laude“ or „cum laude”
- › Confirmation of the successful completion of the course of study related to the submitted thesis
- › Reports: internal and (if available) external written evaluations of the thesis
- › Signed form concerning the copyright and data protection regulations

Pre-scientific or diploma works of high-school graduates from schools in Lower Austria

A fully completed online application also contains the following uploads:

- › 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 “magna cum laude” or “cum laude”

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

A fully completed online application also contains the following uploads:

- › A letter of motivation describing the personal research motivation, the innovation content, the relation to Lower Austria as well as the relation to the thematic focus **climate change & climate justice**
- › Written concept (no longer than 10 pages): project description with goals, target audience, measures towards goal attainment and a time plan including an overview of the project costs, the relation to Lower Austria, the innovations as well as significance to and benefits for Lower Austria
- › Signed form concerning the copyright and data protection regulations

submission period

Your submissions are requested via www.einreichsystem.at during the following submission periods:

Academic theses and call for concept

April 29, 2021 to
May 31, 2021

Pre-scientific or diploma works

May 17, 2021 to
June 21, 2021