

Completion Grant Call October 2021

The **Doctoral School for Ecology and Evolution (VDSEE)** invites applications for completion grants, aiming to support doctoral students in their final phase of their doctoral studies beyond their current thesis funding. The doctoral candidates should complete and submit their doctoral thesis within the funding period.

Funding Scheme

- **6 months** for graduate students with 4-year contracts expiring before 01 February 2022
- **12 months¹** for graduate students with 3-year contracts expiring before 01 February 2022
- **Amount:** monthly fellowship of € 1.100,-, plus study fee of € 363,36 + student health insurance of € 63,44/month (see www.gesundheitskasse.at)

Eligibility / Candidate Assessment Criteria

- You and your main supervisor are members of the VDSEE.
- You have successfully passed the public presentation at the Faculty, signed the doctoral thesis agreement and submitted the annual progress reports.
- At the time of the application, approximately two thirds of your doctoral thesis should be finalised and you will start the grant latest 6 months after submission deadline of specific call applied for.
- You can convincingly show that your doctoral thesis will be completed and submitted within the duration of the grant.
- You have an excellent study record (manifested in duration of studies and grades) and provide evidence of relevant academic activities (talks, conference presentations, publications, etc.)

Minimum requirements of publications:

- If you have 3-year contract: ideally at least 1 paper as first author published or accepted in a peer-reviewed journal.
- If you have a 4-year contract: ideally at least 1 paper published in a peer-reviewed journal and 1 paper under review.

Required Documents

- **Application (max. 5 pages)** including
 - 1) an abstract (1,000–2,000 characters without spaces)
 - 2) Summary of already accomplished highlights of your thesis work (including a tabular overview of chapters and information about the completion status of each chapter)
 - 3) Future work and time plan with a convincing explanation of how your scientific output and results would benefit from this grant, as well as a convincing explanation that you can complete your thesis within the requested funding period.
 - 4) References/bibliography

¹ Completion grant of 12 months has to be consumed due to legal situation over two calendar years, e.g. June - May (November calls) or July - June (March calls).

- Your **Scientific CV** including **publication list**, broken into publications part of your PhD studies and others, and into reviewed and non-reviewed (**max. 2 pages**)
- Your supervisor's **Letter of Support (LoS)** assessing your performance and the feasibility of thesis completion within grant period. Furthermore, the list of papers published by the applicant during his/her PhD studies has to be included in the LoS. The LoS has to be signed by the supervisor.
- Transcript of records ("Sammelzeugnis"), and annual progress reports.

All application documents (except transcript of records) are to be written in English.

Please send your application as a **single pdf file** (surname_completiongrant_2021.pdf) by email to isolde.prommer@univie.ac.at. **Only complete applications that fulfil all formal criteria will be assessed.** It is not possible to add or alter the documents once the application has been submitted.

Selection: Grants will be awarded competitively on the basis of the submitted documents and within the financial limits of the VDSEE budget. The awardees will be selected by a committee consisting of members of the Doctoral School. Members of the committee have confirmed that there is no conflict of interest.

Decision is expected before Christmas 2021