



Research Services and Career Development Department
in a nutshell

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What we do

- We consider ourselves as the one-stop-shop for all questions related to third party funding nationally and internationally
- We support researchers who are interested to exploit their ideas further and who want to engage with society
- We provide legal advice to researchers in all aspects related to funding, partnerships and collaborative activities, transfer activities or cotutelle agreements.
- We give advice to doctoral candidates and supervisors, and we organize various trainings and information events e.g. welcome days for beginners.
- We offer a large variety of transferable skills trainings and support different initiatives which help candidates to network and increase their visibility.
- We monitor and analyse data, undertake surveys and are engaged in third party funded projects.





Who we are 28 people (9 males) from 6 countries.

- **EU Support:** Amy Radlberger, Stephanie Fogel, Helmut Schaschl, Alena Morrison
- **National Funding and Knowledge Exchange:** Lisa Grabner, Barbara Leitner, Tobias Reckling, Angela Meyer
- **Technology Transfer:** Jürgen Walkenhorst, Tom Withnell, Inma Sanchez-Romero, Sofiia Myklush
- **Doctoral Studies:** Christian Kolowrat, Lisette Schmidt, Bianca Lindorfer, David Zuser, Ursula Ziss, Katarina Spajic, Andrea Majnaric
- **Legal Advice:** Eva Neweklowsky, Vivian Rainer, Kamilla Trummer, Nathalie Thiel
- **Central Office and Reporting:** Gerda Lindermair, Jakob Puttinger, Michael Wimmer, Kerstin Pell
- **Head:** Lucas Zinner





Core Activities

- Research Services
 - » Awareness about funding opportunities
 - » Pre-award support
 - » Negotiations and Contracting
- Knowledge and Technology Transfer
 - » Commercialization, Patenting, Licensing...
 - » Entrepreneurship and Outreach
 - » Trainings
- Career Development
 - » Transferable Skills Trainings
 - » Advice and Funding
 - » Data Monitoring and Analysis
- Strategy Support





Our Target Groups

- University Management: Rectorate and deans
 - » Consulting
 - » Program Development and Implementation
 - » Strategic Advice
- Directors of Doctoral Study Programs
 - » Consulting
 - » Data monitoring and analysis
- Researchers
 - » Third party funding support
 - Identifying funding opportunities
 - Grant writing support
 - Legal support
 - » Trouble-shooting
- Early stage researcher
 - » f2f consulting
 - » Program management
 - » Outreach activities
 - » Trainings and empowerment





Take home message 1

Professional research services can make a difference in order to increase the success rate.

Professionals can help in particular in the following areas:

- Budget
- Management and implementation
- Impact and dissemination
- Linking the goals of the proposal with national and/or international policy
- Language polishing

Find a good mixture of mandatory control and offered services. Satisfied researchers will again ask for support so that it becomes a „team-actvitiy“.

Professional staff is a prerequisite for good service.





Knowledge and Technology Transfer, Innovation Policy

University of Vienna is supporting **application open basic research**. Knowledge transfer happens in many different ways, so it is important to raise visibility of our research, to open avenues for transfer opportunities and engage with stakeholders.

Main avenues for knowledge and technology transfer at the University of Vienna:

- 1. Our graduates!!**
2. Collaborative and Contract Research Projects
3. Direct commercialization through patenting and licensing
4. Spin-offs based on University IP
5. Entrepreneurial activities of graduates as career paths.
6. Public engagement and science communication





Take home message 2

Commercialization of research results and transferring the knowledge are parts of the university's mission.

We have to ensure that the knowledge gets out of the ivory tower for the benefit of society.

Technology Transfer is a highly non-linear complex and case by case process which needs time, know-how, commitment and communication.

We must help our students to develop their entrepreneurial skills so that they are better prepared for their future career.

Knowledge Transfer needs professionals to assist the process, but can hardly be done without the researchers' involvement.

