



HOUSKA PRIZE | 2024

SUBMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH CATEGORY

The B&C Private Foundation’s Houska Prize for Higher Education Research is awarded in recognition of outstanding research projects that combine exceptional research with findings that are relevant for business.

THE FOLLOWING AUSTRIAN INSTITUTIONS ARE INVITED TO ENTER SUBMISSIONS

- 22 public universities (incl. CD Labs)
- 16 private universities
- 21 universities of applied sciences
- Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
- Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria)

A detailed list can be found in the form Higher Education Research, Eligible Institutions 2024.

PRIZE MONEY

The Higher Education Research category of the 2024 Houska Prize has a **total prize fund of €250,000**, to be divided between five nominees.

1st prize	€150,000
2nd prize.....	€60,000
3rd prize	€20,000
2 nominees	each €10,000

There are no restrictions on the way in which prize money is used. Prize money will only be paid out to higher education research institutions (no payment can be made to private persons). In the event of a KEST obligation, this is withheld and transferred by the B&C Private Foundation to the tax office.

There are no further benefits or beneficiary rights from the B&C Private Foundation beyond the one-off payment of the Houska Prize money.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

1 September 2023 – 30 November 2023

TIMELINE

1 Dec 2023–20 Feb 2024	Evaluation of submissions by the Advisory Committee and the expert jury
21 Feb 2024	Announcement of nominees
25 Apr 2024	2024 Houska Prize award ceremony

CONTACT

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submission by project manager following internal coordination with rectorate
- Project description
- Presentation of research methodology
- Presentation of innovative content/potential
- Description of contribution to Austria’s status as a business location
- Details of current/intended Austria-based business partner or Spin-Off
- Projects involving multiple faculties/institutions are welcome (please name one project manager)
- Presentation of key project milestones if project not submitted for the first time
- Exclusion of up to two named assessors (for competition-related reasons) is permitted (brief explanation required)

Submission can only be made in one category – no double submissions!

Submissions can only be made electronically at www.houskapreis.at.

SUBMISSION DOCUMENTATION

- Project description: max. 10 A4 pages, font size min. 11 pt., line spacing 1.25 pt., **in English only**
- Abstract: max. 1 A4 page, font size min. 11 pt., line spacing min. 1.25 pt., **in English and German**
- Optional: max. 3 letters of recommendation from business partner enterprise, **in English or German**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The personal data provided will only be passed on to the members of the Advisory Committee and the expert jury for the purpose of assessment and for communication to our PR agency.

See [privacy policy](#).

The jury’s decision is final.



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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH CATEGORY

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE <u>HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH</u> CATEGORY OF THE HOUSKA PRIZE		WEIGHTING
SCIENCE	Science standard of project	35 %
	Scientific output (publications, dissertations, etc.)	15 %
	SUBTOTAL, SCIENCE	50 %
ECONOMY	Economic successes already achieved	5 %
	Economic feasibility (immediate and vision)	15 %
	Economic relevance for Austria as a business location	5 %
	SUBTOTAL, ECONOMY	25 %
INNOVATION	Innovative content of project (compared with previous state of the art, contribution to scientific and technological advances)	25 %
	SUBTOTAL, INNOVATION	25 %
	TOTAL	100%
EVALUATION PROCESS	<p>A positive assessment must be achieved for both science and business and innovation.</p> <p>The percentages denote the weighting applied to each point in the final assessment.</p> <p>There is a two-stage selection process. The advisory committee makes use of external assessors to provide a sound basis for evaluating the submissions. It proposes an initial ranking of the submissions, which is finally decided upon by the expert jury.</p>	
RATING SYSTEM	From 0 (not applicable) to 10 (excellent)	