



HOUSKA PRIZE 2025

SUBMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CATEGORY

The B&C Private Foundation's Houska Prize for the Non-University Research category 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 SUBMISSOINS

Austrian non-university research institutions (a detailed list can be found in the form Non-University Research Institutions – Eligible Institutions 2025 list.

PRIZE MONEY

The Non-University 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 towards the B&C Private Foundation beyond the one-off payment of the Houska Prize money.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED SUBMISSION DEADLINE

1 September – 31 October 2024

TIMELINE

1 Nov 2024 – 10 Feb 2025	Evaluation of submissions by the Advisory Committee and the expert jury
11 Feb 2025	Announcement of nominees
Wednesday, 09 Apr 2025	2025 Houska Prize award ceremony

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Maturity level of project: The economic implementation of the project has already taken place**
- Submission by project manager following internal coordination with rectorate (project involving multiple faculties/institutions are welcome) (please just name one project manager)
- Mandatory contents of the project description:
 - Presentation of research results incl. the research methodology
 - Presentation of innovative content/potential
 - **Details of current Austria based business partner and explanation of the planned economic implementation**
 - Description of contribution to Austria's status as a business location
- 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 incl. short abstract: 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 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.

CONTACT

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CATEGORY

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE <u>NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH</u> CATEGORY OF THE HOUSKA PRIZE		WEIGHTING
SCIENCE	Science standard of project	25 %
	Scientific output (publications, dissertations, etc.)	15 %
	SUBTOTAL, SCIENCE	40 %
ECONOMY	Benefits for the economy (economic successes already achieved) through the project	15 %
	Economic feasibility (immediate and vision)	10 %
	(Future) intensity of collaboration or already achieved successes between science and industry/business partners	5 %
	Economic relevance for Austria as a business location and within the business branch	10 %
	SUBTOTAL, ECONOMY	40 %
INNOVATION	Innovative content of project (compared with previous state of the art, contribution to scientific and technological advances)	20 %
	SUBTOTAL, INNOVATION	20 %
	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)	



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NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION LIST

The following Austrian institutions are eligible to participate:

- 4ward Energy Research GmbH
- ABC | Austrian Blockchain Center GmbH
- ACIB GmbH - Austrian Center of Industrial Biotechnology
- ACMIT GmbH | Austrian Center for Medical Innovation and Technology GmbH
- ACR – Austrian Cooperative Research
- AC2T research GmbH | Österreichisches Exzellenzzentrum für Tribiologie
- AEE Institut für Nachhaltige Technologien
- AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH
- alpS - Zentrum für Naturgefahren und Risikomanagement GmbH
- BEST - Bioenergy and Sustainable Technologies GmbH | BE2020-2.0 | BIOENERGY 2020+
- BTI Bautechnisches Institut
- CBMed | Center for Biomarker Research in Medicine GmbH
- CDP | Austrian Center for Digital Production GmbH
- CEST | Centre of Excellence in Electrochemical Surface Technology and Materials
- CHASE | Chemical Systems Engineering GmbH
- Complexity Science Hub Vienna
- FFOQSI | Austrian Competence Centre for Feed & Food Quality, Safety and Innovation GmbH
- Forschung Burgenland GmbH
- Fraunhofer Austria Research GmbH
- GeoSphere Austria
- GET Güssing Energy Technologies
- HFA Holzforschung Austria
- HyCentA Research GmbH
- IBO Österreichisches Institut für Baubiologie und -ökologie
- IBS Institut für Brandschutztechnik und Sicherheitsforschung
- Institut für Höhere Studien Wien - Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS)
- IWI Industriewissenschaftliches Institut
- Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH
- K1-MET | Competence Center for Excellent Technologies in Advanced Metallurgical and Environmental Process Development
- KMU Forschung Austria (KMFA)



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EINREICHBEDINGUNGEN „AUSSERUNIVERSITÄRE FORSCHUNG“

- KNOW | Know-Center GmbH Research Center for Data-Driven Business & Big Data Analytics GmbH
- Kompetenzzentrum - Das virtuelle Fahrzeug Forschungsgesellschaft mbH
- Kompetenzzentrum für Holz.Bau Forschungs GmbH
- KOV Österreichischer Kachelofenverband
- LCM | Center for Symbiotic Mechatronics GmbH
- LEC GmbH | LEC EvoLET | LEC Evolutionary Large Engines Technology for the
- Next Generation of Gas and Dual Fuel Engines
- Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
- LVA Lebensmittelversuchsanstalt
- Materials Center Leoben Forschung GmbH
- OFI Österreichisches Forschungsinstitut für Chemie und Technik
- ÖGI Österreichisches Gießerei-Institut
- ÖIAT Österreichisches Institut für angewandte Telekommunikation
- PCCL-K1 | K1-Center in Polymer Engineering and Science GmbH
- Pro2Future | Products and Production Systems of the Future GmbH
- RCPE | Competence Center for Pharmaceutical Engineering GmbH
- RISC Software GmbH
- SAL Silicon Austria Labs GmbH
- Salzburg Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH
- SBA Research gemeinnützige GmbH
- SCCH | Software Competence Center Hagenberg GmbH
- V-Research Industrielle Forschung und Entwicklung
- VASCage-C | Centre for Promoting Vascular Health in the Ageing Community
- VG Versuchsanstalt für Getreideverarbeitung
- Virtual Vehicle Research GmbH | K2 Digital Mobility Context-Embedded Vehicle Technologies
- VÖZ Vereinigung der Österreichischen Zementindustrie
- VRVis K1 | VRVis K1 Centre for Visual Computing
- wood-kplus
- WPZ Research GmbH