



Research and Live in Vienna



MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
OF VIENNA

PhD Made Personal

- Fully funded
- English language
- Research-driven
- PhD programmes

www.meduniwien.ac.at/phd

A structured, individualized PhD pathway

At MedUni Vienna, you will enjoy the best of both worlds: independence and support for your PhD. You will design and carry out your own research project, guided by experienced supervisors and embedded within a structured programme.

Students join us from a variety of backgrounds, including medicine, life sciences, computer science, public health, psychology, mathematics, physics, engineering and more. No matter whether your research is clinical, experimental or data-driven, you will be part of an international scientific community.

All PhD positions are salaried. You will live and work in Vienna.

Living in Vienna

Vienna combines a strong research environment with excellent quality of life. It's a safe and clean city with reliable public transport. Most importantly, it is affordable with a rich cultural life and an international community.



Research areas and programmes

Our 18 PhD programmes encourage interdisciplinary research across a range of settings, from theoretical and computational labs to experimental, translational and clinical environments, bridging medicine and science.

Each programme has a scientific focus, regular seminars, and opportunities for collaboration across fields. Our core research areas include immunology, cancer biology, neuroscience, cardiovascular medicine, and medical imaging.

Full programme list:
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Supervision and Support

Each PhD candidate is supported by a primary supervisor who guides the development and execution of their individual research project. Alongside personalized supervision, you will have access to:

- Scientific training and methods courses
- Elective skills workshops and mentoring programmes
- Research retreats, colloquia, field placements, and conferences
- A broad network of partner universities, industry collaborators, and research institutions
- State-of-the-art equipment and facilities

You'll be part of a vibrant, supportive research community with international peers.

Scan to Connect: Philipp Matten's Leap from Academia to Industry

His doctoral research focused on developing 4D OCT for novel surgical applications in translational ophthalmology. Alongside his scientific work, he served on the Young Scientists Association board – gaining leadership experience he now brings to industry.

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Funding and Employment

PhD positions at MedUni Vienna are fully funded. You will be employed by the university for the duration of your studies (up to six semesters).

Employment conditions:

- Monthly salary based on the university pay scale or funding organization
- Part-time (30hrs/week) employment
- Full health insurance
- No tuition fees within the standard duration of study
- Student union fee (rd. EUR 51) must be paid each semester
- Job ticket for Vienna

This support allows you to focus fully on your research and academic training.

Application and Admission

PhD applications open twice a year in March and October. Applications are submitted online to individual projects that are advertised in each PhD call.

Application requirements:

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in a relevant field
- English language proficiency at minimum level B2 – formal proof is only required upon admission
- Any project-specific qualifications, as described in the call

Additional for Admission:

Confirmation of supervision by a MedUni Vienna faculty member upon admission.

A step-by-step application guide and current open PhD projects are available on the university website.

More information

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