

Research Award of the Department of Communication

This Department of Communication's research award aims to support PhD students and post-docs to pursue, hone and enhance their own line of research. The main goal is to foster international visibility and impact of young researchers in our department. Any topic that advances communication research is eligible for the award. All methods, whether qualitative or quantitative, and all theoretical approaches are welcome. Successful recipients are given up to 1,500 Euro to complete a proposed research project. The committee may choose to present the award to several applicants, or to no applicant. The committee may also choose to split the award money among different projects.

All applicants' proposals should be submitted as a PDF with a maximum length of 5 pages. It should include the following sections:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) A brief literature review detailing the state of the art and a research gap
- 3) Proposed research method(s)
- 4) Proposed dissemination plan (international papers, conferences)

The proposed project must be completed within one year from the prize awarding date. The applicants are encouraged to submit the outcome of their research to international conferences and journals. As additional material, the applicants should submit a proposed timeline and a project budget.

Eligibility and Rules

Any PhD student and post-doc of the Department of Communication can apply, including project funded researchers. Researchers whose contracts end within one year after the awarding date cannot apply. The grant can also be used for the dissertation or habilitation. However, the grant cannot be used for research conducted with a professor. Traveling expenses towards ordinary conferences or associations' annual memberships will not be funded. The award is set up to enable research activities that would not be possible without additional money (i.e., a survey, focus group, interview, content analysis, etc.). Funding by additional sources (e.g., Marietta Blau, etc.) is strongly encouraged but needs to be mentioned in the application explicitly. One year after the receipt of the award, recipients must submit a one page document detailing how they have used the grant, and how the award has contributed to the internationalization of the department. Award winners must acknowledge that the project was funded by the Department of Communication in all publications resulting from the project.

Procedure:

The committee is comprised of three professors of the department, of whom one will serve as the chair. Proposals will be reviewed by two external reviewers and two committee members. The committee will change every year. The chair will report the review process and outcome to the Department's director. The winner will be announced at the Departments' full assembly.

Submission Deadline

All material must be submitted electronically to Martina Winkler (martina.winkler@univie.ac.at), by **September 1, 2015**.