



Call for applications

Christian-Doppler- Award 2026

Scientific work,
developments and
inventions in the
natural sciences



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The Salzburg state government has decided to announce the **Christian Doppler Award 2026** for the promotion of scientific work or inventions with a total amount of € 25.000,00. **Five awards** with an endowment of € 5.000,00 each will be awarded.

The examination and selection of the submitted works is conducted by a jury of experts appointed by the Salzburg state government. In principle, a prize should be awarded in each category. If no prize-worthy work can be found in one category, then the jury is authorized to use this prize to award another prize in another category. A division of the individual division prizes is not permitted. Legal recourse is excluded.

In line with the women's advancement programme of the Salzburg state government, women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Application guidelines

The Christian Doppler Prize is awarded in the following areas:

- **Division 1:** Basic Research in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry
- **Division 2:** Technical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Materials Science and Applications of the Doppler Principle
- **Division 3:** Life Sciences (e.g. Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Organismic Biology, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology)
- **Division 4:** Neuroscience, Medical Research and Psychology
- **Division 5:** Arts and Natural Sciences *

These prizes are awarded on the basis of personal applications. Eligible applicants are those who completed their doctoral degree¹ no more than ten years prior to the date of application. Justified, verifiable career breaks that have extended this period (e.g. due to parental leave², care obligations, long-term illness, professional activity in the non-academic field, periods of military or civilian service) must be stated in the curriculum vitae and can therefore also be viewed by the reviewers.

In addition, applicants must either have a connection to the state of Salzburg or to a Salzburg university or research institution or whose submission is related to the state of Salzburg regarding the content.

The following are considered to be related to the state of Salzburg:

- Place of birth in Salzburg (proof by birth certificate) or
- main residence in Salzburg for at least 2 years (proof by a registration confirmation).

The following are considered to be related to one of the Salzburg university/research institutions:

- Academic degree from a Salzburg university (proof by notice, certificate or award certificate) or
- current or at least two years of employment (proof by employment contract or confirmation of service)

The connection between the submitted work and the state of Salzburg must be explained in writing on the application form.

Prerequisites

High-quality work based on independent³ research, development or inventions that has been published or accepted for publication in internationally peer-reviewed journals can be submitted.

The work must not have first been published more than five years ago (as of the deadline for submissions). A maximum of one publication per applicant can be submitted. The submitted work must not have been awarded by any other body.

The following documents must be submitted:

- Application form Christian Doppler Prize 2026, completed and signed
- Submitted publication as PDF file
- Proof of fulfilment of the criteria according to point 2 of the call for applications
 - Place of birth or main residence in Salzburg or
 - Academic degree or employment relationship with one of the Salzburg universities/ research institutions
 - Explanation of the connection of the submitted thesis to the state of Salzburg

Submission deadline

The documents must be submitted by 15.6.2026 at the latest digitally.

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* See separate announcement

1 Submissions from persons who are in doctoral studies are also admissible.

2 Parental leave periods of up to three years per child are taken into account.

3 Review articles, opinion articles or commentary articles are not permitted, as these cannot be compared with the performance of a publication of one's own research achievements.