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Call for applications

# Christian Doppler Award 2026

Arts and Natural Sciences



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After its more than 50 years of existence, the Christian Doppler Award will be opened up and expanded to include the "Arts and Natural Sciences" category towards artistic research. In 2026, one award of € 5.000,00 will be awarded in this category.

The prize is awarded for research achievements at the interfaces of the natural sciences and the arts of excellent artistic and scientific quality. The field of artistic- (natural) scientific research is of particular importance in this context. Artistic practice plays a central role in judging a possible award, both with regard to the initial question and the knowledge gained. This new division aims to increase awareness of arts-based natural science research and the visibility of artistic and scientific research (STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) in a broader public and thus also of its potential application within the scientific and artistic communities.

The examination and selection of the submitted works is conducted by a jury of experts appointed by the Salzburg state government. In line with the women's advancement programme of the Salzburg state government, women are particularly encouraged to apply.

## Application guidelines

Applications must include evidence and documentation of ongoing or completed artistic-scientific research projects at the intersection of scientific approaches and the arts. It is essential that both scientific and artistic-scientific methods, practices, approaches, or expertise be brought together for a joint project in such a way that this interdisciplinary collaboration generates demonstrable added value; consequently, applications from teams are also permitted in this category. Individuals with a verifiable background and practical experience in both the arts and the natural sciences may apply as individuals and are expressly encouraged to do so.

### Applicants

The award is granted on the basis of an application. Eligible applicants are individuals between the ages of 25 and 40.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, applicants must have a connection to the state of Salzburg or to a university or research institution in Salzburg, or submit a project that is related to the state of Salzburg

### Connection to the province of Salzburg:

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

### Connection to one of the Salzburg research institutions:

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

The connection of a submitted work to the state of Salzburg must be explained in writing.

The submitted work must not have received an award from any other institution.

### The following documents must be submitted:

- Application form, completed and signed
- Submitted work(s): Evidence and documentation regarding projects currently in progress or already completed, and their results
- Proof of fulfillment of the "Salzburg connection" criterion

### Submission deadline

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

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### For more information

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<sup>1</sup> Documented career interruptions or delays, such as periods of parental leave, caregiving responsibilities, long-term illness, research work in a non-academic setting, or periods of military or civilian service, may increase the age limit for eligible applicants. Such information must be included in the artistic/scholarly CV to be considered and will therefore also be visible to the reviewers. Periods of child-rearing of up to three years per child will be taken into account.