

## *PhD PDW Application Guidelines*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Open Strategy Workshop**

**Application deadline:** May 15, 2026, 23.59 GMT

**PDW date:** June 25, 2026, 9.00-11.30

**PDW location:** Faculty of Business (Sowi), 6020 Innsbruck, Austria

The PhD Paper Development Workshop (PDW) provides a dedicated space for doctoral students and early career scholars conducting research in Open Strategy to refine their academic papers with input from leading scholars and peers. This PDW is specifically designed for participants of the Open Strategy Workshop and aims to support the advancement of research papers at various stages – from early-stage drafts to submission-ready manuscripts or revision versions.

Participants will receive feedback from senior scholars in the field. The PDW is open to all submissions, but **priority will be given to doctoral students and papers that are beyond conceptualization stages as well as based on the quality of the submissions.** Participation is limited to a select group of doctoral students in advanced stages of their dissertation.

The PDW will take place on the morning of Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 9.00-11.30 before the main workshop.

### *What to Expect?*

The PDW is interactive and discussion-based. Participants will not be required to formally present their work. Instead, papers will be discussed in small roundtable sessions, where senior scholars will provide developmental feedback.

Additionally, participants are expected to engage in peer feedback, offering constructive comments on other attendees' papers to foster a collaborative and supportive learning experience.

### *Application Guidelines*

Applications must follow the guidelines below and be submitted as a single PDF document via email to [os2026@uibk.ac.at](mailto:os2026@uibk.ac.at) by May 15, 2026, 23.59 GMT.

Submissions that are late, incomplete, sent via other channels, or not adhering to the guidelines cannot be considered. Selection will be based on the quality of the application and the applicant's potential to benefit from the PDW.

#### **Required Application Sections (in order):**

##### ***First (Title) Page:***

- Title of your paper project
- First name + Surname
- Affiliation + email address

- Year of PhD study (out of total years) (e.g., 2nd year out of 5)
- Motivation to participate in the PDW (max. 250 words):
  - Indicate your (potential) connection to previous Open Strategy Workshops and the Open Strategy Community (e.g., presented as a poster, inspired by a panel discussion or personal exchange)
  - Specify the aspects of your paper for which you seek feedback (e.g., empirical salience, theoretical framing, methodology, contributions). If you have specific questions, list them here!
  - Describe the benefits you hope to gain from participating

### ***Second Page:***

- Title of your paper project
- All (co-)authors (First name + surname)
- Keywords (max. 6, min. 4)

### ***Following Pages:***

- Introduction (max. 250 words)
- Research questions (max. 3)
- Theoretical puzzle (max. 250 words)
- Research methods (max. 250 words)
- Preliminary findings & contributions (max. 500 words)
- References
- (If applicable: Figures and Tables)

### **Formatting Requirements:**

- Page format: A4
- Margins: Normal (1 inch)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12-point
- Spacing: 1.5
- Alignment: Justified text
- Numbering: Page numbers on all pages
- File format: Single PDF document
- Figures & Tables: Indicate positioning within the text, clearly label, and include them after the references

### ***Additional Information***

- Applications must strictly adhere to the required format and structure to be considered. They must not have been published
- The information provided in the application will be used to evaluate applications and allocate participants to mentoring roundtables
- Accepted participants will have the opportunity to submit a longer paper version prior to the workshop
- The number of participants is limited. Selection will be based on the quality of the submission and the applicant's potential to benefit from the PDW
- Participation is in-person only
- Please ensure your availability before applying – a late cancellation could block an opportunity for another candidate and may affect your eligibility for future PDWs
- Successful applicants will be notified by early June 2026
- For any administrative inquiries, please contact [os2026@uibk.ac.at](mailto:os2026@uibk.ac.at)