

## EPoS YOUNG SCHOLAR RESEARCH FUNDING 2026

The Research Area EPoS (Economy, Politics & Society) announces a grant/seed money for research activities related to EPoS in 2026. The call exclusively addresses young scholars in the late stages of their PhD and early-stage PostDoc careers (non-tenured), who are members of the Research Area. The call specifically invites innovative research ideas that are timely, and contribute to a responsible economy, politics & society. In this broad field, all research topics and methodologies are invited. Sustainable, interdisciplinary and cooperative research projects are particularly encouraged and will be given priority over other applications.

### Eligible for funding:

- Field research: Support of travel costs and procurement of materials and resources for the implementation of specific research projects in Austria and abroad.
- Data collection and analysis: Funding for the recruitment of test subjects and financing of technical aids (software).
- Seed money: Funding of preliminary studies for the submission of larger project proposals.
- Training: Research stays and workshops to strengthen methodological and subject-specific skills, which are directly related to the project and not offered in-house, or as part of your PhD studies.

The research grant aims to push research projects that are early-stage and should help researchers to apply for an external research grant. The proposed research activities are expected to be accomplished within one year.

### Funding requirements and duties:

- Applicants must be members of the Research Area EPoS
- Novelty – research projects, which are not already part of a funded project
- Costs of € 2.500,- at maximum (a total of € 25.000 is available; any amount is eligible; proposals with higher costs are not considered; the proposed amount of costs is not considered as a quality criterion in the review process)
- A poster presentation of funded research at an EPoS Summit in 2026/2027
- The project must be completed and deducted within 18 months; otherwise, the funding will be forfeited.

### Proposal format:

Fill out the attached application form **EPoS YOUNG SCHOLAR RESEARCH FUNDING 2026**. Submit your proposal form, including attachments (short bio, list of publications), to [epos@uibk.ac.at](mailto:epos@uibk.ac.at) by **15.12.2025** at the latest. Submissions of female applicants are particularly encouraged.

The proposals will be reviewed by the managing team and approved by the Advisory Board members of the Research Area EPoS within one month.

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