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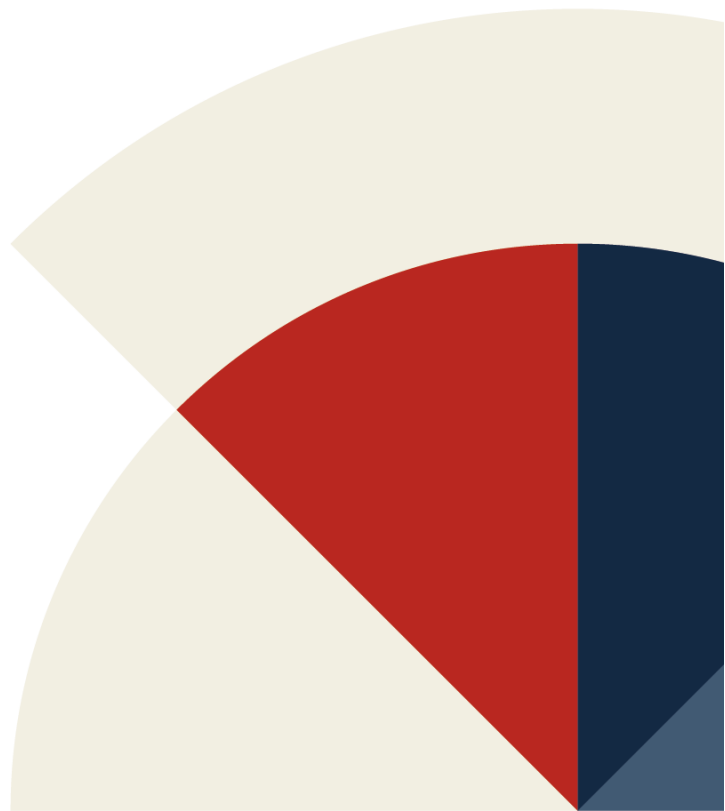
Information on Submission and Selection Process

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Research Year in Parliament

The Legal, Legislative and Research Services of the Austrian Parliamentary Administration invites researchers to conduct parliament-related research for one year in close proximity to the object of their research: in parliament.

A contract for a scientific research project on a parliament-related topic (total gross amount of EUR 28.500,00 for post-doc level and EUR 21.500,00 for prae-doc level) will be awarded. We are looking for a project that meets the following requirements:

- 1.) The selected contractor should use the knowledge resources of the Austrian Parliament for their research project (more details under "Selection criteria"). A methodically well-founded, critical examination of these resources, feedback (e. g. regarding completeness or usability for scientific research), etc. should contribute to their contextualization and further development.
- 2.) The research project aims to contribute to the further development of current scientific debates on parliament-related topics.
- 3.) The research project should be relevant for parliamentary processes, the information activities of the Austrian Parliament and the provision of knowledge in and by the Parliamentary Administration.

Representatives from all scientific disciplines who wish to conduct research on a topic related to the Austrian Parliament as part of the "Research Year in Parliament" are invited to submit their ideas. The selected researcher will receive support from experts of the Parliamentary Administration as well as access to the above-mentioned knowledge resources in order to implement the research project.

Documents to be submitted

To be considered in the selection process for the "Research Year in Parliament", the following documents must be sent in German or English in PDF format to parlamentsforschung@parlament.gv.at by March 9, 2026:

- ◆ Completed and signed form "Submission of project idea"
- ◆ Proof of the highest completed degree program
- ◆ Academic curriculum vitae (incl. list of publications)



The Parliamentary Administration reserves the right to request the submission of further documents in the course of the selection process.

The research project can be an independent, self-contained project or part of a larger research project, a thesis or similar. If it is not a self-contained project, it must be clear from the description of the research project which specific aspect or part of the project is to be carried out as part of the "Research Year in Parliament". In addition, the results of the "Research Year in Parliament" must be presented separately in the final report.

There is no restriction to specific subject areas or specific scientific disciplines. The "Research Year in Parliament" is not limited to Austrian citizens or researchers who are resident in Austria. Young researchers are explicitly invited to submit their ideas.

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Dates and deadlines

- ◆ Deadline for submissions: March 9, 2026
- ◆ Selection process: until mid-May 2026 (selection is made by the Scientific Advisory Board, see here: [Parliamentary Research | Parliament Austria](#))
- ◆ Public announcement of the selected researcher and their research project at the [Day of Parliamentary Research](#) on June 16, 2026
- ◆ Start of the research year: Following consultation with the contracting authority (Parliamentary Administration) flexible between August 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026 (duration: 12 months)
- ◆ Public presentation of the (preliminary) research results by the contractor on the Day of Parliamentary Research in June 2027
- ◆ Deadline for submission of the final report: no later than two months after the end of the research year



Selection criteria

- ◆ Mandatory requirements:
 - ◆ Completion of at least a bachelor's degree program at a university or university of applied sciences
 - ◆ Completely and timely submitted application documents
 - ◆ The submitted research project must be of relevance for the parliament
 - ◆ The applicant must not be in an employment or training relationship with the Parliamentary Administration (including temporary employment via a personnel service provider) at the time of submission or at any time within the preceding 24 months.
- ◆ Further selection criteria:
 - ◆ Scientific excellence (both of the planned project and of the submitting researcher)
 - ◆ Innovative nature of the planned project
 - ◆ Comprehensible research design – especially with regard to the use of the knowledge resources of the Parliamentary Administration and the Austrian Parliament (e. g. “Digital Bibliography of Parliamentary Research”, archives, library, databases, parliamentary materials, etc.)
 - ◆ Use of, critical engagement with, and development of the above-mentioned knowledge resources of the Parliamentary Administration and the Austrian Parliament
 - ◆ Feasibility within the planned duration
 - ◆ Benefits for the further development of parliamentary democracy
 - ◆ Target group-oriented dissemination strategy aimed at the scientific community and relevant stakeholders



Further information on the contract for work and services

The contractor shall receive the following services as part of the research year:

- ◆ Remuneration: researchers who have already completed a PhD (or equivalent) at the time of submission (post-doc level) will receive a total gross amount of EUR 28.500,00, and researchers who have not completed a PhD (or equivalent) at the time of submission (prae-doc level) will receive a total gross amount of EUR 21.500,00
- ◆ Access to knowledge resources of the Parliamentary Administration (archives, library, databases, parliamentary materials, etc.)
- ◆ Workplace in the parliamentary library without technical work equipment
- ◆ Scientific exchange with Department 3.2 – Research and Support in Parliamentary Matters including, if necessary, specialist and methodological support
- ◆ Contact with experts from the Parliamentary Administration
- ◆ Publication of research (results) via the channels of the Parliamentary Administration (website, social media, etc.)

The contractor must provide the following services during the research year:

- ◆ Implementation of the research project according to plan and in due time
- ◆ Regular exchange on the progress of the research project with the supervising Department 3.2 – Research and Support in Parliamentary Matters
- ◆ Public presentation of the research project (e. g. through brief reports on the progress of the project on the Parliamentary Administration's social media channels, participation in public events organized by the Parliamentary Administration)
- ◆ Timely and proper submission of an interim report after the first half of the research year
- ◆ Presentation of the research results achieved up to that point at the Day of Parliamentary Research 2027
- ◆ Timely and proper submission of the final report no later than two months after the completion of the research year



A claim only arises upon conclusion of the contract for work and services under the conditions stipulated therein. A total gross amount of EUR 28.500,00 (post-doc level) or EUR 21.500,00 (prae-doc level) has been budgeted. Payment of this remuneration shall be made in two parts – 50% of the lump sum remuneration each following submission of the interim and final report. The contractor is responsible for the taxation of the remuneration. Details on the provision of services and billing modalities shall be specified in the contract for work and services.

Following the selection of the Scientific Advisory Board, the researcher concerned will be informed of the decision and invited to sign the contract for work and services.

Contact details

Department 3.2 – Research and Support in Parliamentary Matters of the Parliamentary Administration is responsible for the organization, implementation and support of the “Research Year in Parliament”. Please address any questions to parlamentsforschung@parlament.gv.at.