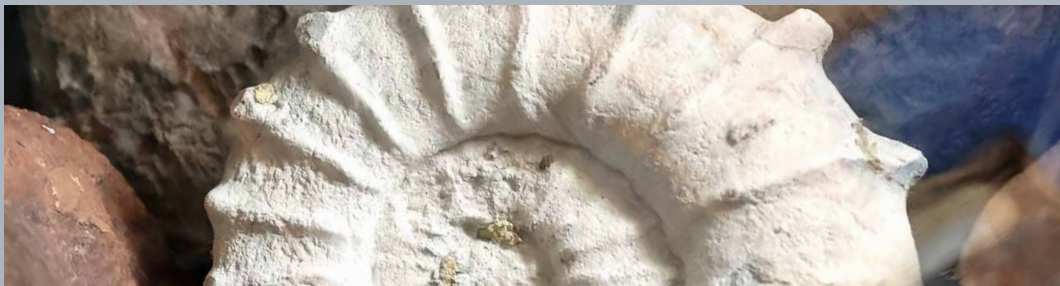


CORE

CORE (Collection Research)
grant announcement 2026

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PURPOSE

The CORE program invites applications of scientists for short term visits to study the globally and regionally important biological and paleontological collections of the Oberösterreichische Landes-Kultur GmbH (OÖLKG), Austria. The program aims at further enhancing the institution's role as a center of collection-based biodiversity research (e.g. taxonomy, phylogenetics etc.). It also complements the OÖLKG's engagement in CETAF (Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities) and DiSSCo (Distributed System of Scientific Collections) at the European level.

TARGET GROUP

Eligible applicants include PhD students, post-docs and other scientists based outside Austria with documented research record.

GRANT SCOPE

The grant includes:

- free accommodation at OÖLKG guest rooms for the duration of the research stay
- travel costs
- daily allowances of €400 per week (only for applicants not permanently employed or freelance)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

see

<https://www.oookultur.at/wettbewerbe-und-stipendien>



COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE

The OÖLKG natural history collections comprise over 15 million historical and recent objects covering the fields of botany, zoology, and palaeontology.

- **Botany** collection: Over 1.2 million objects of plants and fungi, with focus on (Upper) Austria, Costa Rica, Europe, the Mediterranean region and Turkey.
- **Invertebrate** collection (excluding insects): Approximately 8.5 million objects, including extensive global collections of Mollusca and Protista as well as smaller ones representing a range of other invertebrate taxa.
- **Entomology** collection: Around 5.5 million objects, with a strong focus on the order Hymenoptera.
- **Vertebrate** collection: More than 45000 objects with a focus on Upper Austria, especially birds and mammals.
- **Geosciences** collection: Core collection of over 60,000 objects with focus on vertebrate fossils from the Northern Alpine Foreland Basin, as well as Mesozoic cephalopods from the Northern Calcareous Alps; a highlight acquired recently is the collection Schaffer.



□ IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadlines:

31 December 2025/31 May 2026

Notifications of Award:

January 2026/June 2026

Project Period:

Projects should start from January/ June 2026 and must be completed within the calendar year 2026 (within that period, visits can be arranged freely in accordance with the host at OÖLKG).



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