



## PRIZE QUESTION

# HOW DOES AUSTRIA MEASURE UP AS A RESEARCH LOCATION?

In recent years, Austria has produced two Nobel Prize winners. Additionally, excellent work in basic research has led to numerous other awards and ground-breaking research results.

Do these accomplishments allow us to conclude that Austria is a good research location? Or is it a question of the success of individuals who were able to succeed despite adverse conditions? How can the framework conditions for researchers be further improved? What about the financing of basic and applied research? To what extent does the administration inherent in submitting applications hinder researchers on their path to success? Have you spent any part of your career abroad and were you happier there? If so, why?

In keeping with the tradition of Prize Questions asked by academies of sciences (see [www.oeaw.ac.at/en/preisfrage/a-brief-history-of-prize-questions](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/preisfrage/a-brief-history-of-prize-questions)) the Austrian Academy of Sciences is asking:

### *How does Austria measure up as a research location?*

We are looking for texts in the form of an essay with references, subject to a limit of 10,000-15,000 characters (including spaces), that explore the topic succinctly, plausibly and with good readability and make suggestions for improvement. The core statements must be summarised in a short abstract. The competition is open to individuals and groups without restriction. Contributions will be accepted in German or English.

An interdisciplinary committee will select the best answers, and these will be awarded 8,000 EUR for the first, 6,000 EUR for the second and 2,000 EUR for the third place. The winners will be notified by the **end of 2024**.

Please send your submission to [preisfrage@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:preisfrage@oeaw.ac.at) by **1 May 2024** at the latest. Further information can be found in the terms and conditions of entry and on the OeAW website. The OeAW is looking forward to your submission!