

Call for Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes 2023

The Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft (LBG) is **inviting proposals** for new Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes.

Thematic focus on Health Sciences

The aim of this call is to set up two Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes (LBI) in the field of Health Sciences. Health Sciences is an overarching description of all disciplines dealing with health and is interpreted widely by the Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft. Health Sciences include all aspects from (bio-) medical to healthcare systems research, from basic science to the practical application of research findings. The focus lies on human health as it is impacted by real factors, such as the predisposition, environmental and social factors, communication, health care system, etc.

Scientific excellence and translational research

A guiding principle is the focus on “People, not projects”. In the foreground are outstanding scientists (Institute Directors) who are able to introduce new areas of research and conduct research permanently of a high quality. Specific criteria must be met to apply to become an Institute Director. For more information, see the application guidelines on the website.

Research work undertaken at all Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes takes a scientific approach to solving societal problems and issues. Excellent basic science with strong aspects or potential for research application should be the leading driving force. Latest by the end of a Ludwig Boltzmann Institute’s lifetime, the results of excellent research should reach an application or implementation in society.

Partnerships

Research at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institutes is conducted in a partnership between organisations traditionally conducting research (universities, private universities, non-university research organizations, etc.) and organisations traditionally applying research (e.g. companies, public administration, medical and social care institutions, insurance companies, interest groups and umbrella organisations, NGOs, charitable institutions, etc.).

The consortium of a Ludwig Boltzmann Institute is composed of the units Host Institution, Partner Organisations and Network Partners, and creates synergies also through close cooperation with the LBG.

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute model

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute is headed by an excellent Institute Director and staffed by about 15 persons (full-time equivalents) to research a coherent research programme consisting of about three programme lines in interface topic areas such as (bio)medicine, health sciences and public health, with a strong basic science core with transdisciplinary and societal links.

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute is established at a host institution (i.e. an Austrian university or private university) and administered by the Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft as the operating organisation.



Financing and duration

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute budget amounts to a maximum of 1.5 million euros per annum and is financed 80% by the Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft and 20% by the partner organisations (in exceptional cases jointly with the host institution).

A Ludwig Boltzmann Institute has an initial lifespan of 7 years and, after positive evaluation, may be extended by a further 3 years.

Important dates

Call Start: 1 February 2023

Deadline for proposals: 2 May 2023

On-site Interviews: September 2023

Contact and further information

Information, call documents and webinars:

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