

# STANFORD DISTINGUISHED VISITING AUSTRIAN CHAIR PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## General Information

The Distinguished Visiting Austrian Chair was established in 1976 as a donation of the Republic of Austria to Stanford University on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the United States. This generous donation goes to the Austrian Chair (a 6 month teaching and research appointment at Stanford University, between January and June) every academic year.

## Target Group

The Stanford Chair targets scholars at Associate Professor Rank or above (“Habilitation” or comparable qualification), who are employed at an Austrian university. Professors emeriti or retired professors cannot apply for this program. Scholars whose research interests overlap either with The Freeman Spogli Institute of International Studies and its Europe Center or with fields supported by faculty research in any of the seven schools of Stanford University are also invited to apply.

## Call for Applications

Applicants for the Austrian Chair will be invited every three years for three consecutive academic years. Thus, prospective Stanford Chair holders have more time to prepare their visit to Stanford University. The next call will be announced in 2018.

## Selection Committee

The selection committee consists of:

- the chairperson (*Vice Rector for Research and International Affairs* of the University of Vienna)
- a representative of the *Austrian Ministry for Science, Research and Economy*
- a representative of the *Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs*
- 4 scholars nominated by the Austrian University Rectors’ Conference („Österreichische Universitätenkonferenz“)
- one scholar of the University of Vienna who is in charge of the cooperation with Stanford University

The latter five persons form the jury and will evaluate the applications in their respective field.

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## Selection and Evaluation Procedure

### Bibliometric Analysis

As a first step, the lists of publications of every applicant will be subject to a bibliometric analysis. The international reviewers and the jury members will receive the results of the quality check for their field of research.

### Review by International Reviewers and Jury Members

The international reviewers will review the selected applications according to the *Stanford Chair Review Form*. The jury members will rank the applications in their field according to the international reviews for the meeting of the selection committee.

### Decision about Shortlist in the Meeting of the Selection Committee

The selection committee will compile a shortlist of 6-8 candidates who best meet the application criteria. There is no quota for individual fields of research. The selection is based exclusively on criteria of performance excellence.

### Selection by Stanford University

Finally, the shortlist with the applications of the selected candidates will be forwarded to Stanford University. Stanford University will make the final decision about the award of the Stanford Distinguished Visiting Austrian Chair.

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