Your contribution

Up to EUR 1’280 million of funds will be made available through the Federal Government until 2026, two thirds of this amount guaranteed. By law IST Austria is required to actively raise one third of the budget through scientific research grants, the commercial application of scientific findings, and corporate and private donors.

Support IST Austria now and help forging the future. IST Austria thanks its donors in various ways:

Scholarships
Aspiring scientists receive support through endowed scholarships, like the OMV Scholarship and the Heinz Scholarship.

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Laboratories
Experimental research is conducted in the Bertalanffy Foundation Building.

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IST Austria’s administrative units are based in the voestalpine Building from where they support the work of IST Austria’s world class researchers.

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Advocate cutting-edge research through the endowment of a professorship.

“...is the excellent scientific environment IST Austria offers to basic researchers.”

Markus Reinhard
Managing Director of NOMIS

A Worthwhile Experiment

Cutting-edge research through innovation
Our Vision

The Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria) is a young international institute dedicated to basic research and graduate education in the natural and mathematical sciences, located in the historic town of Klosterneuburg on the outskirts of Vienna.

Its state-of-the-art research facilities and innovative management structures are based on world-class research institutes like the Max Planck Institutes, ETH Zurich and the Weizmann-Institute.

IST Austria is pursuing an ambitious plan. By 2026 roughly 90 research groups will be conducting interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research.

Our Principles

Our principles guarantee success and strengthen Austria as location for science.

Excellence
Independence
Innovative Research Management
Diversity
Autonomy and Creativity

Our Strengths

Rewarded Basic Research – Excellence made in Austria
IST Austria sets new standards. 60% of all professors have been awarded peer-reviewed research grants through the European Research Council (ERC), placing IST Austria on top of the list of ERC-recognized research institutes.

Rewarded Graduate Education Program – Excellence made in Austria
Graduate students receive comprehensive training in natural and mathematical sciences and are highly encouraged to work interdisciplinary. The EU is supporting IST Austria’s graduate program with EUR 4.6 million, the highest fund of its kind in Europe.

"I like the idea behind this institute:

The aim to bring some of the best researchers in the world to Austria, the complete independence from all political and economic interests, and the professional exploitation of scientific discoveries;

I think all of these are essential cornerstones for a world-class institute of basic research."

Peter Bertalanffy