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CALL FOR PAPERS

30 YEARS OF RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN AUSTRIA

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE FTEVAL JOURNAL FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY EVALUATION

1 CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite the submission of abstracts and articles for the special issue of **the fteval Journal for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation** by the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation (fteval). This special issue, commemorating the **30th anniversary of Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) in Austria** and IMC Krems, aims not only to celebrate but also to provide a forward-looking perspective on the role of these institutions, particularly in research and innovation.

Given the specific challenges in the field of research and development (R&D) at UAS, characterised by clear research mandates and different institutional and budgetary conditions compared to universities, this anniversary offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the **successes, challenges, and potentials of research at UAS**.

The focus lies on questions of evaluation and the impacts of research performance, including institutional evaluation, research and development processes, quality assurance, available funding, requirements for R&D, and the impacts of this research at UAS and in the broader society.

2 FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE

The aim of this collaboration between the fteval platform and IMC Krems is to acknowledge and reflect on the role of **Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) in the Austrian higher education, research, and innovation system** in the framework of a special issue of the fteval Journal, to be published by mid-2024. Core questions of this special issue revolve around the following themes:

- **History and development** of UAS in Austria and their performance requirements, especially regarding research activities and processes.
- The **role and impact** of UAS in research and innovation.
- Analysis of **political and societal conditions** for research and development at UAS.
- **Evaluation and quality assurance** concerning research processes at UAS.

- Role and **effectiveness of funding programs** with a specific focus on UAS.
- **Research organization and strategies** at UAS.
- **Integration of R&D results** into teaching.
- Successful **valorisation of UAS research** in technology transfer and knowledge production.
- Identification of **future trends and challenges** in UAS-related research and higher education policy.

3 CONTRIBUTION FORMATS

The fteval Journal positions itself at the intersection of research and technology policy and academic quality. It contributes to the exchange between various **stakeholder groups in research, technology, and innovation policy**. With regular issues and a broad spectrum of topics, the fteval Journal is **open access**. All articles in the special issue undergo an editorial and international **peer-review process**.

The fteval Journal aims to foster exchange with its audience on systemic reflection, evaluation experiences, and methodological developments. Therefore, classic academic **article submissions**, as well as **practice reports** or **discussion papers**, are accepted. Submissions can be in **German** or **English**, with a preference for submission or final translation into English for international reception and exchange in the evaluation community.

4 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND TIMELINE

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract submission deadline: **March 15, 2024**
- Manuscript submission deadline: **April 30, 2024**
- Review process: May/June 2024
- Final revision, approval, typesetting: June 2024
- Special issue **publication**: July 2024

FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts

- **Length**: approximately 500 words
- **Submission deadline**: March 15, 2024

Manuscripts

- **Practice-oriented reports**: 2000 to 3500 words
- **Academic manuscripts**: 3500 to 5500 words

- **Format:** MS Word, RTF, or Open Document Text, including:
 - Title and subtitles
 - Tables and figure captions
 - Footnotes at the end of the page
 - References at the end of the article
 - 5 keywords
 - Abstract in English and German
 - Author information: Name, Affiliation, email, [ORCID](#)
- **Manuscript submission deadline:** April 30, 2024
- **Submission and contact:** special-issue@fteval.at

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<https://fteval.at/en/for-authors/> . Publication is free of charge for authors.

5 THE FTEVAL JOURNAL FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY EVALUATION

The fteval regularly publishes the fteval **Journal for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation**. In 2024, IMC Krems and fteval have the opportunity to jointly create **Issue #56 as a special issue on "Research at Universities of Applied Sciences in Austria"**. This also provides an opportunity as IMC Krems organizes the 17th Research Forum of Universities of Applied Sciences in April 2024 as a scientific conference and showcase of R&D activities at UAS. Accordingly, results and discussion topics presented there should also be considered in the special issue.

The target audience of the fteval Journal includes members of the fteval platform, currently 26 institutional members - ministries, agencies, evaluation institutions, and research institutes. It reaches an audience interested in research and innovation from academia and research, as well as research policy, with approximately 800 national and 700 international subscriptions. More details and all previous issues of the fteval Journal for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation are open access: <https://fteval.at/en/journal/> .

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