

Frequently Asked Questions

What does Vienna Business Agency look for in a startup?

The program looks for startups which can show already some traction in their home markets and are in their preparation for the next scaling phase (preferably already with Austria in mind).

Do I have to be in Vienna for the entire 8-weeks period?

Vienna Startup Package does not require startups to work full time out of Vienna. The program starts with various online sessions in order to get the most out of the program for you. Only four weeks of the program will be hosted in person in Vienna. Also here, we make sure that you have days where no program is scheduled. So, it's up to you to decide whether you want to stay in Vienna during that "free" days or not. However, it is highly recommended given the networking opportunities, and valuable encounters that come often by being present.

How do you choose which startup to accept?

Applicants go through a two-level selection process. Shortlisted startups will be invited for a short interview and the finalist with the best program-fit will be identified by our diverse expert judges.

Where will we live while we are in Vienna?

We will provide a private studio apartment in Vienna for one person/startup. Extra costs for additional persons, individual expenses such as cleaning service, food, laundry are not covered.

Where will we work while we are in Vienna?

We provide a flex desk in one of the many coworking spaces of Vienna.

Can my cofounder travel with me?

Co-founders or team members are welcome to join parts of the program. Please note that additional costs for second/additional persons are not covered within the program. Flight, accommodation, flex desk for additional team members can be arranged individually by the startup.

Do I need a travel health insurance?

Vienna Business Agency provides a basic health insurance for the four weeks in Vienna. Please inform yourself whether additional travel insurance is necessary for your specific needs. Once accepted, we will share the agreement including the information for basic health insurance.

Who will arrange my travel?

Once accepted, we ask you to book your own round trip. Selected startups are entitled to have their travel expenses reimbursed **up to 500 EUR** for flights within Europe and up to 1200 EUR for overseas flights. The reimbursement of the travel costs will be processed after your arrival in Vienna. Team will share the instructions how to claim your reimbursement. It usually takes around 14 days until the money is on your bank account.

Will you help me with my visa application?

Please make sure to clarify your visa situation as early as possible. Once accepted, we can provide you with a letter of acceptance but won't be able to provide additional support in the application process.

Do you fund companies?

Vienna Startup Package does not take any equity or provide investment to selected startups. If you consider opening an entity in Vienna, our grant scheme might be of interest. You'll get full access to this kind of information during the program.

What is your policy on intellectual property protection?

Protection of intellectual property rights (ex. patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, etc.) of your concept is your responsibility alone. If you have an idea or product that you might want to patent, we strongly recommend speaking to a lawyer before submitting information about this idea to the application platform.

Information you include in your application will be shared with our expert judges, involved colleagues from Vienna Business Agency and with our scouting agency Startus.cc that reviews your application.

Please make sure to read our guideline before starting your application process!