Objective and general information
To increase the visibility of and to promote and recognize excellent young scientists of the Faculty of Life Sciences.

Each Focus of Excellence will be granted 5000 € per year for 3 years to support their research. Up to two new Emerging Fields may be awarded in 2012.

Requirement for an application is a PhD (or equivalent) and a minimum of two years, but not more than 8 years of postdoc experience (parental leaves can be added). Eligible are all young scientists, who accomplished essential parts of the work that shall be awarded at the Faculty of Life Sciences. They must be active scientists at the Faculty of Life Sciences (employment at the University of Vienna) at the time of application. Each faculty member is entitled to nominate candidates. In case of nomination, a recommendation letter (1/2 page max) of the proponent is required and has to be submitted with the application. Self-applications are possible, if a recommendation letter of a faculty member is provided.

Qualification
Successful candidates are expected (as guidance level) to have more than 10 publications in peer-reviewed journals (preferentially as first author) and to have more than 80 citations. A “habilitation” is not required. Prizes or appointments received from other institutions are especially acknowledged, as is the establishment of an independent research field.

Mode of Application and Selection
An application letter of the candidate (3 pages max) must contain the following points:
(i) main areas of and achievements in science and research, (ii) summary of the results that shall be awarded, and (iii) research plan for the next three years.

The following annex has to be enclosed:
• Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max)
• Publication list including impact factors (2010) and citations; the three most important publications shall be highlighted.
• The five most important talks or other „esteem factors“
• Third-party funds (project topic, contract period, funding organisation, volume)

The last date for submission of the application documents is April 15, 2012. The application should be submitted via Email to Dorothea Prenner (dorothea.prenner@univie.ac.at) at the Dean’s Office.

The Dean’s team will make the selection after consultation of the Scientific Advisory Board of the faculty.