



AUSTRIA / BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ Programme) CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2019-2020

CLOSING DATE: 30 September 2018

A MAXIMUM OF 15 JOINT PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED FOR THIS CALL

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on scientific and technological cooperation. The cooperation projects carried out on the basis of this call 2019-2020 will be funded the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) with support of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Aims of the Programme

- Funding researchers' mobility in the frame of joint research projects to stimulate international research cooperation;
- Providing an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers, especially for early-stage¹, mid-career² as well as female researchers.

Areas of Cooperation

The Call is open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Duration of projects

The projects will be supported for a period of max. two years from January 2019 until December 2020.

Who may apply?

AUSTRIA: Researchers working at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions are eligible for application.

Project proposals submitted by early-stage¹ or mid-career researchers² as well as project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage¹ and/or female researchers will have an advantage in the evaluation process.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

In the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, project proposals can be submitted by public scientific

¹ Researchers with an experience up to 5 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

² Researchers with an experience of 5 to 15 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

research, and research and development institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Competition for co-financing / financing of scientific and research, and research and development projects in the Federation of BiH in 2018 (published on the official website of the Federal Ministry of education and science: www.fmon.gov.ba).

In the Republic of Srpska, project proposals may be submitted by researchers and scientific research organizations in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Scientific Research and Technological Development, which are entered in the Register of Scientific Research Organizations conducted by the Ministry of Science and Technology of RS.

How do I apply?

It is up to the applicants to find their own research partners. **Proposals must be submitted both in Austria (OeAD GmbH) and in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina).** Proposals which have not been received in both countries are not eligible for funding. The call process is highly competitive therefore application does not guarantee funding.

AUSTRIA: The entire application for the research project must be submitted in English online at [[web-link](#)]. The application must include the following documents (in PDF format):

- Brief academic CV for each **Austrian** project member
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the **Austrian** side
- Project description including the methodological part (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Abstract
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian)
- Further cooperation perspective

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: Project applications for research projects are submitted in English and in one of the three official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The following documentation must be submitted along with the application form:

- Short CV for each member of the project team
- List of relevant papers published in the last five years for all members of the project team
- Brief description of partner institutions
- Proof of participation in international programs
- Perspective of further cooperation
- Researcher exchange plan
- A brief description of the project tasks for all members of the project team (Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Which activities may I apply for?

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers between the participating countries to carry out joint research projects. In this regard, funding will be made available for visits and exchanges of scientists conducting joint research.

Austria will cover the travel expenses for both Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers as well as the accommodation expenses for Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers staying in Austria. Bosnia and Herzegovina will whenever possible provide housing for Austrian researchers staying in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Where this is not possible, these costs will be refund by Austria too.

In well-justified cases and only within the granted maximum budget EUR 400.- per project may be applied for consumables (lump sum).

Funding Modalities

Funding will be available for a maximum of two years for **collaborative research projects** jointly developed and completed by researchers on both sides.

Funding Limits

AUSTRIA:

EUR 10,000 per project (**EUR 5,000** per project per year) can be applied for. The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian and Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers based on submitted invoices.
- Accommodation expenses for Bosnian-Herzegovinian researchers travelling to Austria: **EUR 100 per day for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,500 per month** for long-term visits **between 15 days and 3 months** maximum.
- Accommodation expenses for Austrian researchers travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina: Whenever possible housing will be provided by Bosnia and Herzegovina and a daily allowance of **EUR 20 for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 300 per month** for long-term visits will be granted. If housing cannot be provided by Bosnia and Herzegovina following amount will be granted: **EUR 60 per day for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,000 per month** for long-term visits **between 15 days and 3 months**.
- Consumables: **EUR 400** lump sum per project in justified cases as part of the granted maximum budget.

Please note:

- Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only;
- Scientific and financial reporting on the project is **OBLIGATORY**.
- Research stays in both countries are **OBLIGATORY**.

How are applications evaluated?

Following the closing date of the call indicated below, in Austria applications will be submitted to recognized national experts in the various fields of research represented by the proposals received. These experts will evaluate each application based on the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of the intended research project incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Competence and expertise of the scientists/research teams involved (max. 25 points)
- Plausibility of the described further cooperation perspective (max. 15 points)
- Project proposals submitted by early-stage or mid-career researchers (10 points) OR project proposals with the involvement of doctoral students, early-stage (5 points) or female researchers (5 points) will receive up to 10 points additionally. (max. 10 points)

A maximum of 50 points can be achieved.

Based on the results of national evaluations carried out in parallel in Austria and in Bosnia and Herzegovina a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project selection will be carried out by the Austrian - Bosnian-Herzegovinian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably by December 2018.

Projects follow-up and reporting

- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted in English by both the Austrian and the Bosnian-Herzegovinian project leaders no more than 3 months after the end of the project.
- The report has to mention outputs of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the proposal.
- The final report must include a short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons. The final report

will be made available to researchers within this programme in similar disciplines.

- Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Intellectual property

The researchers of each country must take adequate steps to ensure protection and sharing of the intellectual property that could result from the joint projects.

Closing date for applications

Applications must be submitted by **30 September 2018**. Applications received after this date are not eligible for funding.

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot be held responsible for applications that were not received. Researchers are also advised to ensure that their research partners' applications are submitted and have also been received in the partner country in time.

Further information

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