

AUSTRIA/MONTENEGRO

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

(WTZ Programme)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2019-2020

CLOSING DATE: June 29, 2018

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 Government of Montenegro” on Scientific and Technological Co-operation of 10 June 2009 and financed equally by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and by the Ministry of Science.

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 other legal entities (e.g. higher education and research institutions, companies) planning to carry out a non-profit-oriented research project within the frame of this call are eligible for application.

¹Researchers 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).

²Researchers 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).

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 be particularly considered.

The focus of the programme lies on new international partnerships. Follow-up proposals with the same research partners will not be eligible for funding if they have already been funded under this programme.

MONTENEGRO: The researchers from Montenegro, participating in this Programme, should be Scientific researchers who are registered in the Register of the Ministry of Science of Montenegro can apply for this call.

Criteria which have to be fulfilled for application in this Programme is that the project be in accordance with the Law on Scientific Research Activity as well as the established criteria of the Ministry of Science of Montenegro.

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 Montenegro (Ministry of Science). Proposals which have not been submitted in both countries will not be considered 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 under [[Online application link](#)]. The application has to 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 (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Short description of the project tasks of ALL project members (Austrian and Montenegrin)
- Further cooperation perspective

MONTENEGRO: The entire application for the research project must be submitted in Montenegrin language online through the link www.mna.gov.me , while in English language it is delivered as an attachment, and contains the following elements:

- a) A completed application form
- b) Brief biography of all Montenegrin and Austrian participants on the project
- c) List of relevant published scientific papers in the last two years of all Montenegrin and Austrian participants
- d) Project description, including methodology (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- e) Brief description of the partner institution
- f) Signed and stamped approval of the applying institution

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.

The sending state will pay the travel expenses whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting state (and vice versa).

In Austria 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:

The total sum of **EUR 8,000.-** per project (**EUR 4,000.-** per project per year) can be applied for. The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: **EUR 400.-** per trip for Austrian researchers travelling to Montenegro (lump sum)*
*In case the travel expenses are 50 % of the lump sum or less, only the actual expenses will be refunded upon submission of the travel receipts.
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per day** for Montenegrin researchers travelling to Austria **for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,500.- per month** for long-term visits **between 15 days and 3 months** maximum.
- Consumables: **EUR 400.-** lump sum per project in justified cases as part of the granted maximum budget.

MONTENEGRO:

The total sum of **EUR 8,000.-** per project (**EUR 4,000.-** per project per year) can be applied for. The funds can be calculated as follows:

- Travel expenses: **EUR 400.-** per trip for Montenegrin researchers travelling to Austria
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per day** for Austrian researchers travelling to Montenegro **for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,500.- per month** for long-term visits between 15 days and 3 months maximum .

Please note:

- Should you be successful you will be funded only for the activities within the scope of the guidelines
- 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, applications will be submitted to recognized national experts in the various fields of research represented by the proposals received. These experts will evaluate each proposal based on the national criteria:

AUSTRIA:

- Scientific quality of the intended research project includes:
 - 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)

MONTENEGRO:

Evaluation of the Scientific Research project application includes:

- Evaluation of the project based on actuality and relevance of the program
- Evaluation of the planned results of the project and the scientific objectives (for 2 years)
- Complementarity evaluation of project partners
- Quality score and originality of the research approach
- Evaluation of expected implementation of project results and common interest
- Evaluation for supporting young researchers
- Evaluation for stimulating bilateral cooperation and multilateral networking
- Evaluation of the project based on references from Montenegrin and partner leaders

Each Scientific Research project can receive maximum 40 points for the overall project evaluation (5 points per each bullet above).

Following national evaluation, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Science based on the results of the national evaluations. The project selection will be carried out by the Austrian-Montenegrin 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 Montenegrin 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 available for researchers within this programme working in similar disciplines.
- Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from BMBWF and Ministry of Science .

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 **June 29, 2018**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the Ministry of Science will not 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 countries in time.

Further information

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