

**AUSTRIA / POLAND**

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

**CLOSING DATE: 29 June 2018**

**A MAXIMUM OF 20 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 Government of the People’s Republic of Poland on Co-operation in the areas of Culture and Science from 14 June 1972” and is financed equally by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMBWF) and by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

**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-stage<sup>1</sup> mid-career<sup>2</sup> 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 **1 January 2019 until 31 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.

Project proposals submitted by early-stage<sup>1</sup> or mid-career researchers<sup>2</sup> as well as project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage<sup>1</sup> 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.

**POLAND:** Project applications under the programme may be lodged by higher education institutions, research units of the Polish Academy of Sciences, research institutes and international research institutes

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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).

operating in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

### **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 Poland (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange)**. Proposals which have not been received 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 at [[Online Application 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 (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Short description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Polish Team Members)
- Further cooperation perspective

**POLAND:** Applications can be submitted from **16 April to 29 June 2018 closing at 15.00 Polish local time**. Applications can only be submitted through the NAWA's ICT system available at [www.nawa.gov.pl](http://www.nawa.gov.pl). The application form for Polish applicants is an attachment to the Polish call text. Applications submitted after the expiry of the above deadline will not be considered for funding.

Applications submitted in one country only will not be considered!

### **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 Poland (lump sum).\*
- \* In case the travel costs are at 50% of the lump sum or below, only the actual costs will be refunded on the basis of provided travel receipts. Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100. per day** for Polish 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.

#### **POLAND:**

The maximum grant amount assigned for a project cannot exceed **PLN 20,000**. This amount may be increased by the applicants by contributing their own funds.

Eligible costs include:

Travel expenses of the researchers from Poland – a maximum amount of **PLN 2,000** per person,  
Maintenance and accommodation expenses of the researchers coming to Poland:

- in case of visits which last up to 12 days – **PLN 350 per day**;
- in case of longer visits – **PLN 4,200** per month, if a stay lasts longer than 12 days in a given month.

Cost of research activities and other cost related to the joint projects are ineligible. The requested budget of the project may be reduced following the evaluation procedure.

***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 following criteria:

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- 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)

Following national evaluation, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD GmbH and the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange based on the results of the national evaluations. The project selection will be carried out by the Austrian-Polish Working Group for 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 Polish 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 BMWFW and NAWA.

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

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange 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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