

# Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – Russian Science Foundation (RSF) 2019 Call for Austrian-Russian Joint Projects

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## 1. Introduction

On the basis of their cooperation agreement signed in 2016, the *Austrian Science Fund (FWF)* and the *Russian Science Foundation (RSF)* jointly announce their second call for proposals for bilateral Austrian-Russian Joint Research Projects<sup>1</sup>. Joint Research Projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners; the project parts

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<sup>1</sup> *The research institution of the Russian principal investigator has to be located within the internationally recognized borders of Russia.*

should be **closely integrated** so that one part could not be carried out without the other and there should be substantial scientific input from both sides. Proposals without strong interaction between the partners should be submitted as separate proposals in the standard funding schemes of FWF and RSF.

### 1.1. Call procedure

Project applications must be submitted **in parallel** to FWF (Austrian team) and to RSF (Russian team) **in accordance with each agency's application guidelines**. In cases where a joint project is approved, the two parts of the project are funded separately by FWF and RSF. Applications to FWF must include a **letter of intent** (letter or e-mail) in which the project partner confirms his/her intention to submit a matching parallel application to RSF. Austrian applicants should note that RSF expects a **letter signed by the Russian and Austrian institutions** (preferably by the dean of the faculty or the director of the institute). The Austrian project leader will receive the template for the letter from their Russian partners.

### 1.2. Deadlines

Proposals must be submitted at the same time to FWF and RSF no later than **11 March 2019 (FWF: date of postmark)** with due attention to the requirements of both partners.

### 1.3. Subject areas

The call is open to **all areas of scientific research**. Joint proposals in the area of clinical research with trials involving humans are not eligible in this call.

### 1.4. Project duration

Joint projects submitted in response to the FWF/RSF call are limited to **a maximum duration of 3 years**. The proposed project duration of both project parts must be identical.

### 1.5. Cost calculations/Eligibility

The budgets for the Austrian and Russian project parts must be calculated in line with FWF and RSF guidelines, and the two parts will be funded separately by FWF and RSF, respectively. Thus, the costs for the Austrian part must be calculated in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) (version published in August 2018). Only project-specific costs (including general costs) can be requested from FWF. Austrian applicants must meet the FWF eligibility criteria as stated in the above-mentioned guidelines. For the Russian project part, the RSF cost guidelines and eligibility criteria apply.

## 2. Proposal preparation

The Austrian team must prepare their proposal in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) (version published in August 2018), while the Russian applicants must follow RSF guidelines.

The Austrian proposal must describe **the entire Austrian-Russian project** in which the connection between the two project parts and the resources to be deployed on each side should be clearly described.

The project description (no more than 20 pages) submitted to FWF must include additional information on:

- A brief description of the **project partner** abroad along with an indication of their specific contribution to the project and/or relevant skills
- The **distribution of work** between the partners, as well as the **resources** to be contributed by the partners
- The **added value** of the co-operation

In order to be considered complete, the application must include:

- All of the necessary **administrative and financial data and forms** as well as **abstracts and enclosures** according to the FWF standards/guidelines
- An academic curriculum vitae (CV) and publication list, prepared according to FWF standards/guidelines, for the project team members in Austria and the project partner abroad
- **PDF cover sheet**, which has to be filled out, signed and sent to the FWF by conventional mail or as an e-mail attachment (PDF file with a qualified electronic signature) **by 11 March 2019 at the latest**

Applicants to FWF should also refer to the [Information Sheet for Joint Projects / Joint Seminars](#) for further details.

The RSF documentation for the call can be downloaded [here](#).

## 3. How to submit a proposal

Joint proposals must be submitted to FWF and RSF with due attention to the regulations and call deadlines of each partner. The titles of the two applications must be **identical**. Applications submitted by one side only will not be accepted.

Applications to FWF (project description and forms/abstracts/enclosures) must be submitted online using the **FWF elane system** (<http://elane.fwf.ac.at>).

When submitting the application, applicants must choose the **“I – International Projects”** programme. Online submissions must be completed by **11 March 2019**. Likewise, the **PDF**

**cover sheet** generated at the end of the online submission process must be printed out, signed and sent to FWF by conventional mail (Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria) by **11 March 2019 at the latest**. Alternatively, the signed/stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant's qualified electronic signature and sent to FWF by e-mail (office@fwf.ac.at) **by 11 March 2019 at the latest**. An online submission without a signed cover sheet will not be eligible for review. Please note that the cover sheet must bear the original signatures of the applicant and a representative of the host institution.

Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be processed. After submission, applicants to FWF are required to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office. Please note that the **FWF policy on the restriction of the number of ongoing projects and the submission of funding applications** applies (cf. [here](#)).

For further details on how to submit a proposal, please consult the [FWF Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) (version published in August 2018).

The RSF regulations for the submission of applications can be found [here](#).

#### 4. Evaluation and funding decisions

FWF and RSF evaluate the applications independently and take their funding decisions separately on the basis of the reviews received. At FWF, joint projects in co-operation with partner organisations abroad will be reviewed in competition with all other (national) proposals. A joint project can be funded only if it is approved by both funding organisations.

It is expected that the results of this call will be available by December 2019.

#### 5. Contact details

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