

FWF - NSFC

2016 Call for Joint Research Projects (JP)

Deadline: **31 May 2016**

Project duration: **up to 3 years**

1. Introduction

The *Austrian Science Fund (FWF)* and the *National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)* jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Chinese-Austrian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners, the project parts should be **closely integrated** and there should be relevant **scientific input** from both sides. The two parts of the research project are **financed separately by the respective national funding agency**. NSFC finances the costs for the Chinese part while FWF finances the costs for the Austrian part. The respective costs thus have to be applied for at NSFC or FWF.

2. Eligible topics:

In 2016 proposals for Joint Projects in the following thematic areas can be submitted:

- ***Biodiversity, evolutionary biology, behavioural biology***
- ***Information and Communication Technology***
- ***Mathematics***

3. Cost calculations

Costs for the Austrian and Chinese project parts must be calculated **in accordance with the [guidelines of FWF](#) and [NSFC](#) respectively**. If a project is approved, the two project parts will be **funded by separately by FWF and NSFC**.

4. How to write a proposal

Applicants have to submit **identical applications to NSFC *and* FWF** using the **application forms by NSFC and FWF respectively** with a narrative text as an attachment). The **title and the text of the scientific part (narrative text) must be identical**. The narrative text must be written **in English** and must follow the formal criteria as set out in the [FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects](#). the following criteria:

All parts of the narrative text (scientific description of the project) must be submitted in 11pt type.

The **narrative text** must be composed of:

- **Project description: no more than 20 pages** including all tables and figures with no more than 9,000 words (including headings, footnotes, captions, etc.), but not including the table of contents;
- **Bibliography**¹ relevant to the project, including a list of abbreviations (no more than 5 pages);
- **Academic curriculum vitae** (CV; no more than three pages per person) and a **list of publications** for each person involved in the project (see also pp. 4 ff of the FWF application guidelines.; persons involved in the project include the applicant, research personnel² [where already known] to be employed in the project and funded by the FWF, and any national research partners);

The **project description** must include the following points:

- description of the **added value** to be expected from the collaboration
- **distribution of work** (working plan)
- **separate budget justifications** (justification of personnel costs and of non-personnel costs; please consult the respective application *guidelines for eligible costs*.)

5. Submission

5.1. Submission at FWF – 2 possibilities:

- **Via elane** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>): When submitting online, choose the **program category “1 – Internationale Programme”**. The online submission must be accomplished by 31 May 2016. The signed **cover sheet** which is generated at the end of the online submission process must be sent by mail (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) on 31 May 2016 at the latest. Please note that the **original signatures** by the applicant and the representative of the host institution must be included on the cover sheet.

¹Literature lists must include the following information: All authors, complete titles, journal, year and page numbers. For publications with more than 20 authors, an "et al." reference can be used.

² Where known project employees completed their medical studies in Austria, the corresponding CV must indicate the curriculum (*Studienplan*: N, O, Q, etc.) in which the degree was earned; see also the current version of "Personnel Costs and Salaries – Graduates of Medical Studies in Austria" at <http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Personalkostensaetze/personnelcosts-2014-medicine.pdf>

- **or by mail** (all documents hard copy and on CD-Rom/USB-stick): proposals must be sent by mail to FWF (Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) by 18 March 2016 at the latest. The **following forms** must be sent to FWF **in any case**:
 - Antragsformular/application form
 - Programmspezifische Daten/form “programme specific data”,
 - Beiblatt MitautorInnen/“attachment co-authors”
 - Kostenaufstellung/“itemization of requested funding” (including only the costs of the Austrian part)
 - other forms only if required

The forms can be downloaded [here](#).

For further details on how to submit the proposal, consult the [FWF application guidelines](#) as published in January 2015 (p.3-4). Applicants at FWF are required to rectify the errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office.

5.2. Submission at NSFC

Chinese applicants must send an identical copy of the proposal plus NSFC application forms directly to NSFC by the deadline. Details can be found on the [NSFC call website](#).

6. Evaluation – Funding Decision

FWF will be in charge of obtaining the international reviews. On the basis of the **reviews**, the two funding agencies take their funding decision. Only if **both funding organisations** decide to fund a joint project, the project can be financed.

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