

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)
AUSTRIA / UKRAINE
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2023-2024**

CLOSING DATE: 21 November 2022 – 12:00 noon

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation (WTZ) is carried out in the frame of international agreements with selected partner countries with the aim to stimulate international research.

Thematic priority areas

Open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Target group

AUSTRIA:

- **Researchers** at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research (minimum requirement Dr./PhD degree)
- **PhD/Doctoral students** (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

Minimum requirement for the Austrian Principal Investigator: PhD/doctoral degree

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers¹ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized².

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme³.

UKRAINE:

In Ukraine, the "Affiliated Institution" must be one of the following:

- a) An accredited institution and universities of higher education in Ukraine, according to the Law of Ukraine "On Education", 2014;
- b) Scientific and Research institutions, enterprises.

Projects in Ukraine should not include the use of sub-contractors.

Funding

Funding will be provided for the **mobility of researchers to carry out bilateral research projects**. In addition up to EUR 3,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for project-related material costs in Austria.

Project duration: April 2023 until 31 December 2024.

¹ Researchers with an experience of up to 10 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family or health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

² These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

³ (Follow-up-) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

Funding mode: The sending side covers the travel expenses whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting side (and vice versa).

Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory as long as the COVID-19 situation allows travelling. Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only.

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 11,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.⁴
- **Accommodation expenses:**
 - Researchers: **EUR 100.- per working day for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term stays **between 14 days and 3 months** maximum
 - PhD/Doctoral students: **EUR 100.- per working day for up to 12 days OR EUR 1,250.- per month** for long-term stays **between 12 days and 3 months** maximum.
- **Project related material costs:** max. EUR 3000.- as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁵

UKRAINE:

Project Duration: up to 24 Months

The earmarked budget:

- Ukrainian Side: 40.000 Euro

The maximum funding amount per project:

- Ukrainian side: 4.000 Euro

Ukrainian side reserves the right to fund bilateral projects for Ukrainian researchers in framework and possibility of adapted state budget:

- Travel expenses: Economy air-tickets for Ukrainian researchers travelling to Austria;
- Accommodation expenses for Austrian researchers travelling to Ukraine for up to 14 days;
- Salary for Ukrainian scientists, participants of the joint Ukrainian-Austrian research projects in accordance with applicable legislation of Ukraine.

The sending side will take all necessary steps to ensure that the scientists and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage.

⁴ Journeys of up to seven hours must be by bus or train. A subsidy for private car usage is only possible in exceptions and in accordance with the OeAD.

⁵ Only project-specific material costs will be reimbursed, that are essential to carry out the research project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's infrastructure. Infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions cannot be funded.

Application process and content

It is up to the applicants to find suitable partners in the respective country.

Applications must be submitted both in Austria to OeAD and in Ukraine to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU). Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

AUSTRIA: Electronic application only [[web-link](#)].

Content: (in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each project member from the Austrian side including their academic status (early stage researchers, PhD/doctoral students)
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the **Austrian** side
- Project description including methodology (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Ukrainian)
- Further cooperation perspective

UKRAINE:

The proposal should consist of the following parts:

1. Project title
2. Object of Funding
3. Contact details of the Ukrainian and Austrian coordinators
4. Contact details of the foreign project partners, if available
5. Summary of the content of the planned activity
6. Technical description of the application
7. Detailed timeframe and work plan (Appendix 1)
8. Detailed finance plan with detailed explanations on the individual items and presentation of planned self-financing (Appendix 2)

Both the printed and electronic versions of the application should be submitted in English. The application form can be downloaded from the official web-site of the MESU, under „Call for Papers“. The Austrian and Ukrainian sides will carry out the evaluation of the proposals separately via their national expertise norms.

Together with the written application, signed by the Ukrainian and Austrian coordinators, the draft proposal should be presented to the MESU:

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E-Mail: i_levytska@mon.gov.ua

Application form of the Project Proposal have to be filled in google form, given by MESU.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Scientific quality** of the proposed research project incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Qualification of the scientists/research teams involved **(max. 25 points)**

- Perspective for **further joint cooperation activities** **(max. 15 points)**

- Project applications will receive up to 10 points additionally,
 - Either if **submitted by early-stage researchers²** (+10 points)
 - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers²** (+5 points) and/or **female researchers** (+5 points) **(max. 10 points)**

Maximum score: 50 points

Funding decision

Based on national evaluations in Austria and in Ukraine, a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian-Ukrainian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by** April 2023.

Reporting and publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory:

- **Brief project progress report after one year** via the OeAD online tool as a precondition for further funding!
- **Final scientific and financial report** no more than 3 months after the end of the project incl.:
 - Output of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the application
 - Short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons⁶

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Intellectual property

The project partners 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 before **21 November 2022, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding.

⁶ This short report will be distributed to researchers within OeAD's WTZ-funding programme in similar disciplines to increase networking in the sector of international cooperation.

Further information

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