

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)  
AUSTRIA / UKRAINE  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2025-2026**

**CLOSING DATE: 25th October 2024 – 12 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 areas**

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

**Target group**

**AUSTRIA:**

- **Researchers** at higher education institution (minimum requirement PhD degree) and researchers at non-university research institutions in areas of basic research (minimum requirement Master degree)
- **PhD/Doctoral students** as team members only (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

**Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers<sup>1</sup> as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized<sup>2</sup>.**

**Please note:** Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme. Follow-up applications of already funded partnerships are not eligible.

A maximum of two projects can be submitted per Principal Investigator.

**UKRAINE:**

Researchers at higher education institution and researchers at research institutions in areas of basic research

**Funding**

Funding will be provided for the **mobility of researchers to carry out bilateral research projects.**

**Funding mode:** The sending side covers the travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs of its researchers.

**Project duration: April 2025 until December 2026.**

**Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory.**

Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only.

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<sup>1</sup> *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).*

<sup>2</sup> *These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.*

In accordance with the Austrian University law, UG 2002 §26 (5) the funding will be transferred to an account managed by the institution. The reimbursement of all project-related expenses will be handled by the Austrian Principal Investigator.

#### **AUSTRIA:**

**Funding amount: min EUR 5.000, max EUR 10.000, per project over two years**

#### **Eligible costs:**

- **Travel expenses:**  
up to max EUR 1.200 Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.<sup>3</sup>
- **Accommodation expenses:**  
**EUR 120.- per working day for up to 12 days OR**  
**EUR 1.440.- 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.<sup>4</sup>

#### **UKRAINE:**

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine finances the expenses of Ukrainian scientists during their visit to the Republic of Austria, namely: travel, accommodation, per diem, visa if necessary and medical insurance (the amount of daily expenses and the maximum amount of expenses for renting a dwelling per day are calculated in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 02.02.2011 No. 98).

The financial support of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine also includes the salaries of Ukrainian participants in the research project. In addition, the contract for the implementation (transfer) of research work between the Ministry of Education and Science and the implementing institution of the project provides for items of expenditure for the purchase of materials and overhead costs to support the organization where the research project is being carried out.

#### **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 Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD) and in Ukraine - the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**

Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

**Content:**

- Brief academic CV of Principal Investigator incl. academic status (early-stage researchers) and language skills
- Abstract
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the Austrian side
- Project description including methodology (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions (incl. reason of choice of cooperation partner)
- Brief description of the project tasks of ALL project members (Austrian and partner incl. their academic status phd students/researcher and their competence in Austria) and project timeline (template)
- Further cooperation perspective
- Brief description: monitoring, exit strategy, added value for home institution and Austria
- Detailed budget plan (template)

**UKRAINE:**

Submission of documents is carried out in the functional module of the National Electronic Scientific and Information System (hereinafter referred to as the System). Documents for participation in the Competition are submitted in electronic form with an electronic signature, using the capabilities of the System in accordance with the provisions of the Procedure for the Operation of the National Electronic Scientific and Information System, approved by the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated January 8, 2024 No. 10, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine 05 March 2024 under No. 323/41668

- a cover letter
- application form
- a confirmation letter from the Austrian Team Leader of mutual cooperation in English language (scanned copy of the letter is allowed)
- Document on the absence of restricted information in the application and its annexes
- CV of Ukrainian and Austrian Team Leader

**Evaluation criteria in Austria:**

- **Scientific quality** of the proposed research project incl.
  - Feasibility of the joint research plan
  - Adequacy of the scientific method
  - Qualification of researchers **(max. 25 points)**
- Perspective for **further joint cooperation activities** **(max. 10 points)**
- **Added value for the institution and Austria, monitoring, exit strategy** **(max 5 points)**
- Project applications will receive up to 10 points additionally,
  - Either if **submitted by early-stage researchers<sup>2</sup> (+10 points)**
  - Or if **involving doctoral students (+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** end of March 2024.

## **Reporting and publications**

In Austria 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 persons<sup>5</sup>

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the 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 **25th October 2024 – 12 noon** to be eligible for funding.

## **Further information**

<b>In Austria</b>	<b>In Ukraine</b>
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<sup>5</sup> 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.