

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

CLOSING DATE: 30 June 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
- **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.

CZECH REPUBLIC:

Researchers at research organisations in the Czech Republic as defined in Art. 1.3. (ee) of the Communication from the Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01).

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

Funding

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

In Austria up to EUR 2,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for **project-related material costs.**

Project duration: 1 January 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 basic funding of the cooperation project must be provided on both sides.

Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory.

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

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 7,000.- 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 2000.- as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁵

CZECH REPUBLIC:

Maximum funding: **CZK 200,000** per project (**CZK 100,000** each year)

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses for Czech researchers travelling to Austria: max. CZK 7,000 per 1 travel
- Per diem (accommodation and meals allowances) for Austrian researchers travelling to the Czech Republic:
 - CZK 2,000 / per day for short-term stays (1 - 15 days)
 - CZK 30,000 / per day for long-term stays (1 - 3 months)
 - CZK 1.000 / per day for stays of 16 days to 1 month

Application process and content

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

Applications must be submitted according to respective rules in each country simultaneously: to OeAD by the Austrian research team and to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports by the Czech research team.

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

⁴ For trips up to seven hours bus and train shall be used. If travelling by car you will get a transport subsidy (Beförderungszuschuss).

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.

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

Content: (in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each **Austrian** project member⁶
- 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 Czech)
- Further cooperation perspective

CZECH REPUBLIC:

Grant application of the Czech applicant must be filled in Czech language on the forms for this call, which are available on the website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS): www.msmt.cz. The grant application with all mandatory annexes must be submitted in one data message preferably via the data box of MEYS: **vidaawt**

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 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 researchers**² (+10 points)
 - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers**² (+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 the Czech Republic, a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian- Czech Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by** December 2022.

⁶ In order to receive the additional points in the evaluation the academic status (early-stage researchers, PhD/doctoral students) must be clearly mentioned.

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 persons⁷

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

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 **30 June 2022, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding.

Further information

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⁷ 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.