

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)  
AUSTRIA / HUNGARY  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2022-2023**

**CLOSING DATE: 25 June 2021 – 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 the scientific disciplines and thematic areas as follows:

- Life sciences
- Natural sciences
- Engineering
- Social sciences

**Target group**

**AUSTRIA:**

- **Researchers** at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research
- **PhD/Doctoral students**<sup>1</sup>

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

**Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers<sup>2</sup> as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized<sup>3</sup>.**

**Please note:** Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme<sup>4</sup>.

**HUNGARY:** Any legal entities registered in Hungary or within the European Economic Area (having a branch in Hungary).

**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: January 2022 until December 2023.**

The maximum duration of the project is 24 months.

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<sup>1</sup> Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

<sup>4</sup> (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 as well as the accommodation costs of its researchers.

**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.<sup>5</sup>
- **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.<sup>6</sup>

#### **HUNGARY:**

The total budget is **20 million HUF (aprox 55.000 EUR).**

**Funding amount: max. 2 million HUF (aprox 5.500 EUR) per project.**

#### **Eligible costs:**

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed.
- **Accommodation expenses**
- **Daily allowance**
- **Other costs:** *Insurance; project related conference registration fee, project related translation costs, cost of translations related to the project.*

*On the Hungarian side there is a **flat-rate calculation system**, the above costs can be accounted for within the max. 2 million HUF project budget.*

#### **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 Hungary to the National Research, Development and Innovation Office.** Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

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<sup>5</sup> For trips up to seven hours bus and train shall be used. Travelling by private car will be reimbursement with the value of an economy class train ticket (proof of ticket price required).

<sup>6</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:** (in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each **Austrian** project member
- 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 Hungarian)
- Further cooperation perspective

#### **HUNGARY:**

The entire application for the research project must be submitted in Hungarian language online at [www.palyazat.gov.hu](http://www.palyazat.gov.hu) webpage, as stated in the Hungarian application guide.

Some original documents need to be submitted by post.

Address: NKFI Hivatal

1077 Budapest, Kéthly Anna tér 1.

#### **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 researchers**<sup>2</sup> (+10 points)
  - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers**<sup>2</sup> (+5 points) and/or **female researchers** (+5 points) **(max. 10 points)**

Maximum score: 50 points

In the Hungarian evaluation system the maximum score: 40 points.

#### **Funding decision**

Based on national evaluations in Austria and in Hungary a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian-Hungarian Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by** December 2021.

#### **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 persons<sup>7</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 National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary.

### **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 **25 June 2021, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding.

### **Further information**

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<sup>7</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.