

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

CLOSING DATE: 21 May 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 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**¹

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

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers² as well as project applications with **involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized**³.

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme⁴.

POLAND:

Applications for financing may be submitted by entities classified to one of the following categories:

- 1) HEIs⁵;
- 2) scientific institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences⁶;
- 3) research institutes⁷;
- 4) institutes operating within the Łukasiewicz Research Network⁸
- 5) international institutes or other entities whose core activities are scientific⁹.

¹ Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding.

² 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).

³ These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

⁴ (Follow-up-) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

⁵ As referred to in the Act of 20 July 2018 - Higher Education and Science Law (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2020, item 85, as amended), hereinafter referred to as "HES".

⁶ Within the meaning of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1183, as amended).

⁷ Within the meaning of the Act of 30 April 2010 on research institutes (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1350, as amended).

⁸ Referred to in art. 7 item 1 point 6b HES.

⁹ Referred to in art. 7 item 1 points 6 and 8 HES.

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

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers¹⁰ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students will be prioritized¹¹.

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

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.

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

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 9,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.¹²
- **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.¹³

POLAND:

Funding amount: max. PLN 25,000.- per project

- **Travel expenses¹⁴:** Travel costs will be reimbursed based on actual costs.

¹⁰ Researchers with an experience of up to 7 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family or health reasons).

¹¹ These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process.

¹² 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).

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Travel expenses cover in particular costs of travelling from the place of residence to the place of destination, costs of visas, health insurance costs, costs of third-party liability insurance and costs of accident insurance.

- **Costs of stay of a scientist from Austria in Poland** – a lump sum for the cost of stay in Poland shall be:
 - when a stay lasts for up to 12 days – PLN 350 a day;
 - in the case of longer stays - PLN 4,200 a month, provided that the stay lasts more than 12 and no more than 30 days.

Costs of conducting research and any other costs incurred under the Project shall be ineligible. The requested Project budget can be reduced as a result of Project evaluation.

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 Poland to the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange. 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 **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 Polish)
- Further cooperation perspective

POLAND: Electronic application only [<https://programs.nawa.gov.pl/login>].

Content: on-line form available through the NAWA ICT system

- Brief academic CV of each **Polish** project member
- List of relevant publications of the last 5 years on the **Polish** side
- Project description including methodology
- Brief description of the partner institution
- Brief description of the project tasks of the project members
- Further cooperation perspective

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**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 Poland a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian-Polish 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 persons¹⁵

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

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 May 2021, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding.

Further information

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¹⁵ 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.