

## AUSTRIA / REPUBLIC OF KOREA

### SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ Programme) CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2020-2022

**CLOSING DATE: 17 January 2020 (12 noon)**

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the bilateral “Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea” and funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (MSIT).

#### **Aims of the Programme**

- To stimulate international research cooperation by promoting the mobility of researchers to carry out joint research projects
- To provide an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting to develop their international network and experience, especially for early-stage<sup>1</sup>, mid-career<sup>2</sup> as well as female researchers.

#### **Areas of Cooperation**

The Call is open to all fields of Science and Technology.

#### **Who may apply?**

**AUSTRIA:** Researchers at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in the areas of basic research are eligible for application. Minimum requirement for the Austrian Principal Investigator is a PhD/Dr. degree. Minimum requirement for project members is a Master degree or equivalent.

Project applications submitted by early-stage<sup>1</sup> or mid-career researchers<sup>2</sup> as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage<sup>1</sup> and/or female researchers will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

The focus of the programme lies on new international partnerships. (Follow-up-) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** The Principal Investigator (PI) must be affiliated to an institute/organization eligible under Article 14 of Basic Sciences Promotion Act of Korea.

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<sup>1</sup> Researchers with an experience up to 5 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

<sup>2</sup> Researchers with an experience of 5 to 15 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family reasons, health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

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### **How do I apply?**

It is up to the applicants to find suitable partners in the respective country. **Applications must be submitted both in Austria to OeAD GmbH and in the Republic of Korea to the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF).** Applications which have not been received in time in both countries are not eligible for funding. The call process is highly competitive therefore application does not guarantee funding.

**AUSTRIA:** The entire application for the research project must be submitted in English online at [[web-link](#)]. The application must include the following documents (in PDF format):

- Brief academic CV for 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 Korean)
- Further cooperation perspective

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** The entire application for the research project must be submitted in Korean and English online at [<https://ernd.nrf.re.kr>]. The application must include the following documents (in HWP/PDF/Word format):

- Summary of Application (in Korean language; max. 7 pages)
- Application of Research Proposal (in English language; max. 25 pages)
- Signed document of Agreement to Collect and Use Personal Information

### **Which activities may I apply for?**

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers between the participating countries to carry out joint research projects. In this regard, funding will be provided for visits and the exchange of scientists conducting joint research.

**Research stays in both countries are obligatory.**

The sending side will cover the travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs of its own researchers.

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

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** Please contact NRF for guidelines of funding usage.

### **Funding Modalities**

A total of 9 collaborative research projects will be supported for a period of max. two years from July 2020 until June 2022.

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

#### **AUSTRIA:**

Maximum funding: **EUR 15,000.-** per project

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian researchers travelling to the Republic of Korea based on submitted invoices.<sup>3</sup>
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per working day** for Austrian researchers travelling to

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<sup>3</sup> For travels up to seven hours bus and train shall be used.

the Republic of Korea **for up to 14 days** OR **EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term visits **between 14 days and 3 months** maximum.

- Project related material costs: **max. EUR 2,000.-** per project as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA**: Maximum funding: **KRW 20,000,000 per project year**.

Eligible Costs: Eligible expenses are specified under Article 12(5) of Regulations on the Management, etc. of National Research and Development Projects of Korea.

### **How are applications evaluated?**

**AUSTRIA**: Eligible project applications will be evaluated by recognized experts in the various fields of research represented by the applications received.

Evaluation criteria:

- Scientific quality of the intended research project incl.
  - Feasibility of the joint research plan
  - Adequacy of the scientific method
  - Competence and expertise of the scientists/research teams involved (max. 25 points)
- Plausibility of the described further cooperation perspective (max. 15 points)
- Project applications submitted by early-stage or mid-career researchers (10 points) OR project applications with the involvement of doctoral students, early-stage (5 points) or female researchers (5 points) will receive up to 10 points additionally. (max. 10 points)

Maximum score: 50 points

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Evaluation criteria:

- Scientific/Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project Management
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact

Maximum score: 100 points

Based on the results of national evaluations carried out in parallel in Austria and in the Republic of Korea, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD GmbH and the NRF. The project selection will be finalized by the bilateral agreement between the two funding agencies between Korea and Austria. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably by June 2020.

### **Reporting and Publications**

**Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory.**

- A brief project progress report has to be submitted after one year via the OeAD GmbH online tool. Its approval is the precondition for further funding.
- A final scientific and financial report has to be submitted no more than 3 months after the end of the project.
- The report has to mention outputs of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the application.

- The final report must include a short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons. The final report will be made available to researchers within OeAD's WTZ-funding programme in similar disciplines.

Joint publications by researchers have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea.

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** For the Korean team, please contact NRF.

### **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 through online system in the respective country by 17 January 2020. Applications received after this date are not eligible for funding.

Please note that the OeAD GmbH and the NRF cannot be held responsible for applications that were not received. Principal Investigators have to ensure that their research partners submit their applications in time.

### **Further information**

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