

Cooperation Development Research Guidelines for Applicants

Support of application-oriented cooperation projects between Austria and countries of the Global South by funding mobility expenses and material expenses

1. Objectives of the programme

The aim is to support application-oriented cooperation projects between Austrian higher education institutions/research institutions and institutions in countries of the Global South in order to contribute to analysing and solving local challenges and to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

2. Target group

Cooperative projects of researchers at Austrian higher education institutions/research institutions and higher education institutions/research institutions in countries of the Global South will be supported. Within the framework of one- to three-year research projects mobility and material expenses for Austrian project partners and project partners from the South are funded. The programme is open to all scientific disciplines.

3. Maximum funding

Depending on the duration of the project the funding amounts are the following:

- 1-year projects: up to EUR 20,000.- maximum
- 2-year projects: up to EUR 35,000.- maximum
- 3-year projects: up to EUR 50,000.- maximum

4. Target countries

Non-European countries on the current [OECD DAC list](#) of the following categories:

- “Least Developed Countries”
- “Other Low Income Countries”
- “Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories” (except India)

Regional restrictions are possible in the calls for applications.

5. Expenses that can be funded

In principle, mobility (research stays of up to a maximum of 12 months, minimum qualification: completed master's/traditional degree (diploma degree) programme) of the

researchers involved in the research cooperation as well as project-relevant material expenses of up to € 3,000 per project will be financed.

Researchers from partner countries of the Global South

Travel costs within their country (field research), to another partner country of the Global South and to Austria (incoming):

- Travel allowance: up to EUR 1,500.- maximum per trip
- Accommodation and living costs:
 - Doctoral students: Scholarship of up to EUR 1,050.- maximum/month
 - Scientists: Scholarship of up to EUR 1,150.- maximum/month
 - Up to 2 weeks: EUR 100.- /day

Researchers from Austria to countries of the Global South (outgoing)

- Travel allowance: up to EUR 1,500.- maximum per trip
- Accommodation and living costs:
 - Doctoral students: Scholarship of up to EUR 1,050.- maximum/month
 - Scientists: Scholarship of up to EUR 1,150.- maximum/month
 - Up to 2 weeks: EUR 100.- /day

6. Application

Both Austrian higher education institutions/non-university research institutions and higher education institutions/non-university research institutions of a country of the Global South that is eligible to apply can submit an application.

- Application and language: Submission to the OeAD-GmbH (ICM), online application in the specified formats, in English language
- Project description and uploads according to the application form:
 - Abstract
 - Project description including methodology
 - Description of the partnership and all partner institutions
 - Description of tasks and responsibilities of every project member
 - Relevance for Sustainable Development & Contribution of the Project to Analysis /Solution according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - Academic CV incl. list of relevant publications of all project participants
 - Sustainability, possible follow-up project(s), applicability of results and dissemination
 - Timeline with activities and expected results and outcomes
 - Budget table
 - Letters of intent of all participating institutions

7. Deadlines

Once a year a call for proposals for projects will be launched, in which priority regions and/or disciplines can be defined in agreement with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF). The first call will start in September 2019.

8. Verification of the eligibility for funding by OeAD-GmbH

- Timely submission and completeness of the application
- Criteria compliance
 - of the funding amount requested (maximum amounts)
 - of the participating institutions (they must be higher education institutions or non-university research institutions in the area of basic research)
 - of the participating researchers (scientific curricula)
 - of the participating countries (OECD DAC list)
 - of the project term
 - where applicable, in the case of a thematically or regionally restricted call for applications, check of the conformity of the research priority or of the target country or region

9. Content criteria

Two independent (international) experts will evaluate the content of the proposal. The evaluators will evaluate the proposal according to the following criteria, using a scoring matrix. A maximum of 100 points is possible.

- Feasibility of the research project (20 points maximum)
- Plausibility of the scientific objective (20 points maximum)
- Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (20 points maximum)
- Scientific competence and expertise of the participating researchers (20 points maximum)
- Sustainability and plausibility of the described future cooperation perspective (10 points maximum)
- Plausibility of the submitted budget plan (10 points maximum)

10. Selection

The BMBWF will decide on the acceptance/rejection on the basis of a proposal for financing by the Development Research Advisory Board of the OeAD-GmbH. This board consists of five members with proven expertise in development research and knowledge of the countries of the Global South.

11. Project start

Once the funding applied for has been granted, research can begin immediately after the grant agreement has been signed. Disbursements of funds are made on an as needed basis.

12. Reporting

Please refer to the separate reporting guidelines.

13. Further information

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