

AUSTRIA / UKRAINE

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

(WTZ Programme)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS in 2021-2022

CLOSING DATE: 27 April 2020 (12:00 noon)

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the bilateral Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Austria, concluded in Kiev, on 6th June 2003 and funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the by the Cabinet of Ministers.

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-stage¹, mid-career² as well as female researchers.

Areas of Cooperation

The Call is open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Who may apply?

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

Project applications submitted by early-stage¹ or mid-career researchers² as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early-stage¹ 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.

UKRAINE:

Each research team shall be led by two Principal Investigators (PI) from each country. The PI shall be a member of an academic or research institution or a professor emeritus who continues working on research in the academic or research institution ("Affiliated Institution").

The "Affiliated Institution" shall be one of the following:

- a) Accredited according to the Law of Ukraine "On Education" institute, academy or university;
- b) Research Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;

¹ 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).

² 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).

- c) Research Institution of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine;
- d) Research Institution of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine;

The project in Ukraine shall not provide involving the sub-contractors.

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 Ukraine to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU).** 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 the methodological part (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Ukrainian)
- Further cooperation perspective

UKRAINE:

The upcoming Call for proposals shall be published on a biennial basis at least six months prior to the meeting of the Joint Commission for Scientific and Technical Cooperation.

Submitted project applications have to include:

1. Topic
2. Background of the project (up to 1 page of A4 format, min font 12)
3. Names and addresses of the co-operating Ukrainian and Austrian institutions, coordinators and research team members
4. Detailed description of the proposed research subject and objectives including the methodological part (up to 2 pages)
5. Work plan with start date and duration of the project, stage plan of the works (up to 4 pages).
6. Results expected to be achieved (up to 1 page)
7. Visits under the project
8. Proof of qualifications of the project coordinators (CV of Ukrainian and Austrian project coordinators)
9. Involvement of young and female scientists (if applicable)
10. Draft annual calculation of costs for the realization of the project
11. Further cooperation prospects

A joint project proposal has to be prepared jointly by the Ukrainian and Austrian researchers and has to be submitted to the national institutions responsible for implementing the work programme (OeAD-GmbH and MESU).

Only project applications received by the both responsible institutions will be eligible for evaluation.

Ukrainian PIs shall send 2 hard copies of their proposals by 27/04/2020 23:59 to the address of MESU marked as "Call for Proposals – Ukraine-Austria Joint Projects 2021-2022" .

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 whereas the accommodation expenses will be financed by the hosting side (and vice versa).

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

Funding Modalities

Collaborative research projects will be supported for a period of max. two years from January 2021 until December 2022.

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

AUSTRIA:

Maximum funding: **EUR 11,000.-** per project

Eligible Costs:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Austrian researchers travelling to Ukraine based on submitted invoices.³
- Accommodation expenses: **EUR 100.- per day** for Ukrainian researchers travelling to Austria **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/consumables: **max. EUR 2000.-** per project as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.

UKRAINE:

Funding the Austrian researchers' visits can be provided by MESU for:

- Travel expenses: Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed for Ukrainian researchers travelling to Austria based on submitted invoices.
- Accommodation expenses: The cost of staying in Ukraine for Austrian researchers will be covered by Ukrainian Side.

How are applications evaluated?

In 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

Based on the results of national evaluations carried out in parallel in Austria and in the Ukraine a joint

³ For travels up to seven hours bus and train shall be used. Travel by private car will be reimbursement with the value of a second class train ticket (proof of ticket price required).

shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the OeAD-GmbH and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. The project selection will be carried out by the Austrian - Ukrainian Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably by December 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 the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

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 by **27 April 2020**. Applications received after this date are not eligible for funding.

Please note that the OeAD-GmbH and the Ukrainian competent authorities 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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