

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)
AUSTRIA / HUNGARY
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2024-2026**

CLOSING DATE: 30 November 2023 – 12 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 cooperation areas

Open to the scientific disciplines and thematic areas as follows:

1. Natural sciences
2. Engineering and Technology
3. Medical and Health Sciences
4. Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences
5. Social Sciences and Humanities

Target group

AUSTRIA:

- **Researchers** at public universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research
- **PhD/Doctoral students** (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

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

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers¹ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized².

Facilitating the participation of researchers from the two countries in the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation framework program, priority is given to projects with scientific objectives that match the research areas of Horizon Europe.

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme. Follow-up applications of already funded partnerships are not eligible.

A maximum of two projects can be submitted per Principal Investigator.

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 3,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for **project-related material costs.**

¹ 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).

² These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

Project duration: 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026.

The maximum duration of the project is 24 months.

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 8,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.³
- **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 3000.- as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁴

HUNGARY:

The total budget is 30 million HUF (approx. 77.000 EUR).

Funding amount: max. 3 million HUF (approx. 7700 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, 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.

³ Journeys of up to seven hours must be by bus or train. A subsidy for private car usage is only possible in exceptions and in accordance with the OeAD.

⁴ 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.

Applications must be submitted both in Austria to Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD) and in Hungary to the National Research, Development and Innovation Office. 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 project member from the Austrian side including their academic status (early stage researchers, PhD/doctoral students)
- 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 webpage, as stated in the Hungarian application guide.

Evaluation criteria in Austria:

- **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

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 June 2024.**

Reporting and publications

In Austria 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 persons⁵

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 **30 November 2023 – 12 noon** to be eligible for funding.

Further information

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⁵ 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.