



FWF - FNR

Lead Agency Call for Joint Projects

Project duration: 3 years

Eligible topics: all kinds of basic research

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg (FNR) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Luxembourg-Austrian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the complementary expertise of the project partners; therefore the project parts should be closely integrated and there should be relevant scientific input from both sides. Applications will be dealt with following the Lead Agency Principle. The application must be prepared in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency is in charge of carrying out the peer review procedure. Applications will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard evaluation and decision making procedures. No earmarked budget is foreseen for this call by FWF and FNR. Projects can have a maximum duration of three years. In addition, applicants have to send the application forms to the second funding agency involved (for details cf. below). All fields of basic research are eligible.

Where to apply?

In order to clarify which of the two funding agencies will act as the Lead Agency, applicants need to calculate the **person months** of the two project parts beforehand. This calculation must include both personnel that is funded by FNR or FWF *as well as other personnel* contributing to the project. The application/project description must be submitted **only** to the research funding organization that is in charge for **financing the larger project part in terms of person months**. This research funding organization in the sequel acts as the Lead Agency (for details see below).

When to apply?

Applications for which **FWF** acts as Lead Agency (i.e. with a focus in terms of person months in Austria) can be submitted **any time**. Applications for which **FNR** acts as Lead Agency (focus in terms of person months in Luxembourg), must be submitted **according to the FNR deadline (cf. www.fnr.lu).**

How to apply?

FNR acts as Lead Agency

Proposal/Project description is submitted to FNR, following the application guidelines of the FNR **CORE Programme**.

For Austrian applicants the eligibility criteria as well as the cost guidelines for FWF "stand-alone projects" ("Einzelprojekte") as published in January 2015 apply.

Austrian applicants must send **only** the following documents <u>directly to FWF</u> (<u>hard copy and on</u> CD-Rom or USB-stick):

- FWF application forms for international collaborative projects (application form + form "programme specific data" + form coauthors + cost sheet; other forms only if applicable)
- Abstracts (in accordance with the <u>guidelines</u> for FWF stand-alone projects, cf. p. 2)

Alternatively, this information can be **submitted online** via https://elane.fwf.ac.at (program category "I – International Programs").

Applications to FNR must include additional information on:

- Table including the distribution of person months between the Luxemburg and the Austrian partners (also including personnel that is not financed by FNR or FWF)
- separate budget justifications for the Austrian and the Luxemburg part (both for personnel and non-personnel costs)
- The **distribution of work** between the partners
- The **added value** of the co-operation

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Proposal/Project description is submitted to FWF, following the application guidelines of FWF standalone projects ("Einzelprojekte") as published in April 2016. The FWF application forms can be downloaded here.

Proposals can be sent by **mail** (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) **or** they can be **submitted online** (https://elane.fwf.ac.at; program category "I – International Programs").

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- **separate budget justifications** for the Austrian and the Luxembourgish part (both for personnel and non-personnel costs)

For Luxemburg applicants the eligibility criteria as well as the cost guidelines set forth in the FNR CORE Programme apply. Please consult www.fnr.lu for details.

Further Information:

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