

Information for applicants

Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

2024 Call for French-Austrian Joint Projects

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1 Introduction

A cooperation between the *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF) and the *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* (ANR) gives researchers the opportunity to apply for bilateral French-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.

1.1 Project duration

Joint Projects submitted to the call between FWF and ANR can have a duration of **up to four years**. The **project duration must be identical** for the project parts in Austria and France.

1.2 Thematic scope of the call

The call is open to **all areas of scientific research**, including clinical research.

1.3 Deadline

The deadline for submitting joint proposals to the FWF is **January 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm (Vienna local time)**. The time of submission is considered as the time at which the proposal is approved and submitted by the lead research institution via the FWF's digital application portal [elane](#).

For administrative reasons, **French applicants** must provide the ANR with a copy of the proposal submitted to the FWF and submit administrative and financial data via the ANR submission website.

The information required by the ANR must be submitted by **January 12, 2024 at 5 pm (Paris time)**. The submission link will be indicated on the ANR website, on the [generic 2024 call for proposals page](#).

Please note that project proposals must be submitted to both agencies by the respective deadlines. Any proposals submitted to only one agency will be rejected. It should also be noted that the acronym and project title provided to each agency must be the same.

2 Lead Agency Procedure

Applications will be handled pursuant to the **Lead Agency Principle**. Applications 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.

The FWF is acting as the **Lead Agency** for the 2024 call.

2.1 Eligibility

The FWF-funded part of the project and all FWF applicants are required to meet the eligibility criteria specified in the [FWF Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#). For clinical research proposals, the criteria of the [Clinical Research program \(KLIF\)](#) apply.

For the French part of the project, the ANR's eligibility requirements apply.

2.2 Cost calculation

The two project parts will be **funded separately by the FWF and the ANR** respectively. Costs for the Austrian part of the project must be calculated in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#) or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the [program for Clinical Research \(KLIF\)](#). For cost-related questions, we recommend consulting the scientific project officers in the FWF specialist departments prior to submission.

For the French project part, the [ANR's cost guidelines](#) apply.

3 How to submit a proposal

3.1 Formal requirements at FWF

Joint proposals must be **submitted to the FWF** as the Lead Agency. The [FWF Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#) or, in case of clinical research, for the [FWF program for clinical research \(KLIF\)](#) apply. The project description must encompass the **entire Austrian-French research project**.

The project description submitted to FWF **must include additional information on:**

- The **distribution of work** between the partners
- The **added value** of the cooperation

The 20-page limit applies.

Annex 2 ("Financial Aspects") must include information on both the **Austrian and the French parts of the project**.

The **CVs and publication lists of both the Austrian applicant and the French principal investigator** must be included (in accordance with FWF guidelines). According to the FWF guidelines (cf. section 2.2.3.), CVs for **up to three additional project participants** may be added.

3.2 Submission to FWF

Proposals **must** be submitted online using the [elane](#) digital application portal. When submitting your application, please choose the program category “**PIN– International Programs.**” The online submission must be completed **by January 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm (Vienna local time).**

Project funding is administered through the research institutions ([PROFI](#)); this means the application must be approved for submission by both the applicant and the respective research institution (= lead research institution).¹ All forms required for the application must be completed online; other required documents such as the project description incl. annexes and any additional documents must be uploaded in full before the application can be approved for submission by the research institution. For additional information, please see the [elane user manual](#).

In calls with fixed deadlines such as this one, applicants are given the opportunity to correct proposals that do not meet the FWF’s formal requirements. Any necessary corrections must be made **within 10 days** of notification by the FWF Office. If the proposal still does not meet the FWF’s requirements after the 10-day period, the FWF Executive Board can decide to reject the proposal without further review.

3.3 Formal requirements and submission to ANR

For administrative reasons, French applicants must provide the ANR with a **copy** of the proposal submitted to the FWF and submit **administrative and financial data** via the **ANR submission website**. The information required by ANR must be submitted **by January 12, 2024 at 5 pm (Paris time).**

For details, cf. the [ANR call document](#).

3.4 Information on Resubmissions (“Wiedereinreichung”)

Applicants whose proposals were rejected in the previous call, for which ANR acted as Lead Agency, can resubmit their revised proposals to the FWF if they meet the necessary requirements. The proposal should be marked as a resubmission (“**Wiedereinreichung**”). **Optionally**, a reply to reviews obtained by the ANR and any other ANR review documents

¹ Approval for submission by the research institution may be waived by the research institution.

(panel reports) can be submitted to the FWF. This reply should be included in *one* pdf-file and will be forwarded to all reviewers contacted by the FWF. No original reviews should be included.

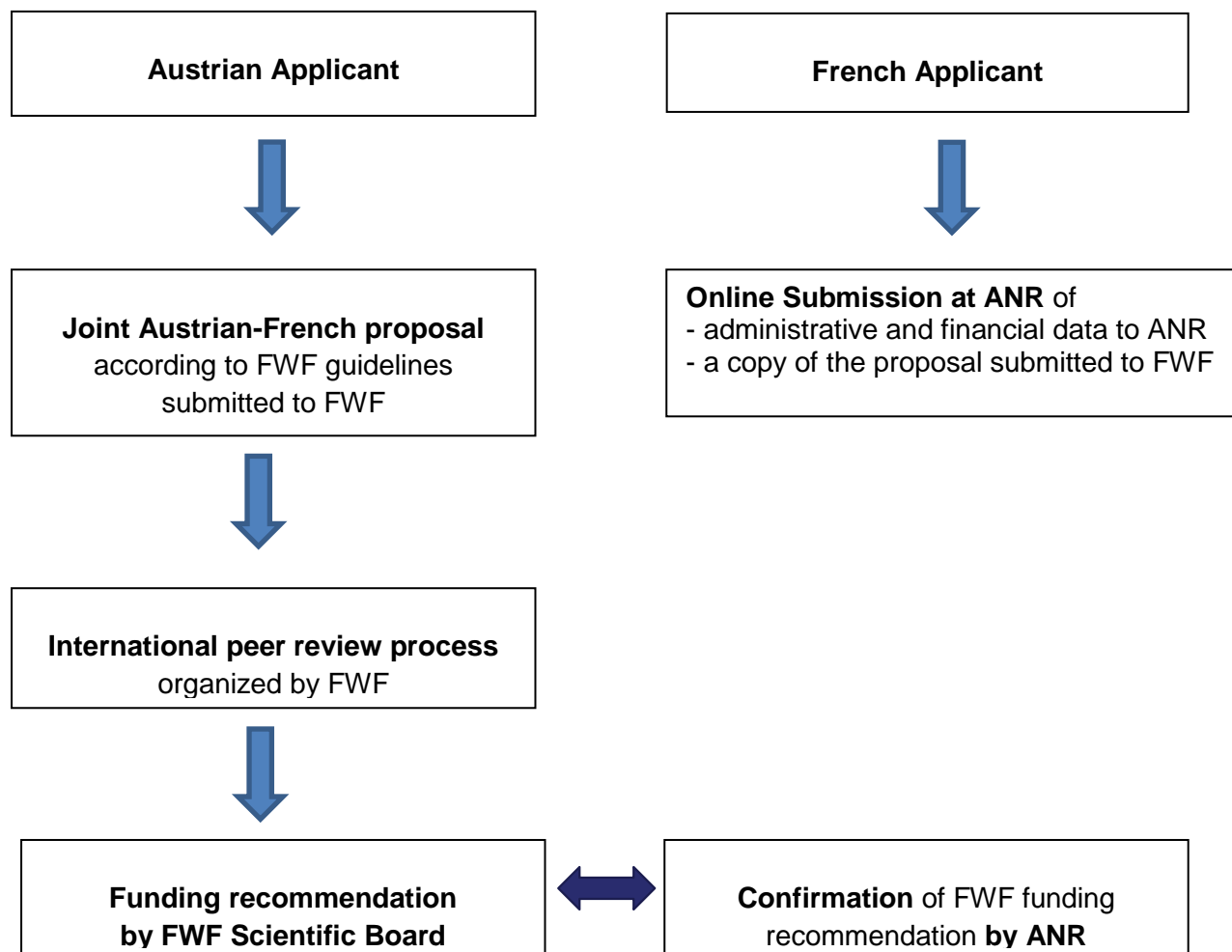
The **accompanying letter** containing an **overview of all changes** in the resubmitted proposal must be included (cf. [FWF application guidelines, section 2.4.](#)). If the proposal was **previously reviewed** by the FWF, applicants must include replies to previous FWF reviewers.

4 Evaluation and funding decision

The FWF as the **Lead Agency evaluates all applications** according to its own rules on the basis of the international peer review process and will propose a list of projects to be funded by the ANR. After the ANR confirms the FWF's funding recommendation, each agency then funds its respective national teams according to its own procedures.

It is expected that the results will be available by September 2024.

5 Graphic summary



6 Contacts

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