Austrian Science Fund (FWF) - Czech Science Foundation (GA ČR)

2019 Call for Czech-Austrian Joint Projects

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1. Introduction

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Czech Science Foundation / Grantová Agentura České Republiky (GA ČR) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Czech-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 GA ČR can have a duration of up to three years.

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 the submission of proposals is 12 April 2019. For details, cf. section 3 below.

2. Lead Agency Procedure

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.

In this call, FWF takes the role of the “Lead Agency”.

2.1. Cost Calculation / Eligibility

The two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and GA ČR respectively. Thus, the costs for the Austrian project part must be calculated in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects (as published on 1 January 2019) or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the programme for Clinical Research (as published on 1 January 2019). The Austrian applicant must meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the above mentioned guidelines.

For Czech applicants, the guidelines for “Junior and Senior Research Projects” apply.
3. How to submit a proposal

3.1. Requirements at FWF

Joint proposals, describing the entire Czech-Austrian project, must be submitted to FWF as the Lead Agency. The FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects or, in the case of clinical research, for the FWF programme for clinical research (KLIF) apply. The project description must encompass the entire Austrian-Czech 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 co-operation

The 20 page limit applies.

Appendix I (“Information on the research institution and description of financial aspects”) must include information on both, the Austrian and the Czech project part (cf. p. 20 of the FWF application guidelines).

The CV and the publication list of the Czech applicant must be submitted to FWF (in accordance with section 2.3.5. and 2.4. of the FWF application guidelines).

Proposals must be submitted using the FWF elane system (https://elane.fwf.ac.at). When submitting, choose the program category “I – Internationale Programme”. The online submission must be completed by 12 April 2019. The signed cover sheet which is generated at the end of the online submission process must be sent by mail to FWF (Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) on 12 April 2019 at the latest (date of post stamp). Please note that the original signatures by the applicant and the representative of the host institution must be included on the cover sheet. Alternatively, the signed/stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant's qualified electronic signature and sent to the FWF by e-mail (office@fwf.ac.at). Please note that a signed/stamped version of the cover sheet without a qualified signature will not suffice.

After submission, applicants at FWF are required to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office.

3.2. Requirements at GA ČR

Czech Applicants need to follow the GA ČR eligibility rules and guidelines for calculating costs and must send the necessary GA ČR application forms (available here: https://gacr.cz/mezinarodni-aktivity/la-spoluprace/) and a copy of the proposal directly to GA ČR (e-mail: la.fwf@gacr.cz) by the call deadline.
4. Graphic summary

- **Austrian Applicant**
  - Joint proposal according to FWF guidelines submitted to FWF
  - International peer review process organized by FWF
  - Funding recommendation by FWF Board

- **Czech Applicant**
  - Submission of GA ČR forms directly to GA ČR
  - Validation of FWF funding recommendation by GA ČR

5. Contacts

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