

FWF - RFBR

Permanent Call for Joint Research Projects

Introduction:

The **Austrian Science Fund (FWF)** and the **Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)** jointly offer the possibility to apply for **bilateral Austrian-Russian Joint Research Projects**.

Permanent Call: **submission possible at any time**

Project Duration: **max. 3 years**

Subject Areas:

01	mathematics, mechanics, informatics
02	physics and astronomy
03	chemistry
04	biology and medical science
05	earth sciences
06	humanities and social sciences; (<i>Applicants should contact RFBR regarding the possibility of funding their topic.</i>)
07	information, computer and telecommunication resources
08	fundamentals of engineering sciences

Joint Projects are research projects in which scholars from Austria and Russia plan to cooperate in pursuing a common research goal and where the **complementary expertise** of the project partners should be combined. The project parts should be **closely integrated** so that one part could not be carried out without the other, and there should be relevant scientific/scholarly input from both teams. Project applications must be submitted in parallel to FWF (Austrian team) and RFBR (Russian team), following the respective application guidelines.

Austrian applicants must prepare their proposals in accordance with the [FWF application guidelines for stand-alone-projects/Einzelprojekte](#), while Russian applicants must prepare their proposals following the rules of the RSF. If a project is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by the FWF and [RFBR](#). Applications can only be funded if they are approved by both participating organisations.

Cost calculations:

The costs for the Austrian and Russian project parts must be calculated in accordance with FWF and RFBR guidelines, respectively.

How to apply:

The Russian project team must prepare their application following the rules outlined in the guidelines and call documents of RFBR, while the Austrian project team must prepare their proposal following the rules of the FWF.

In the Austrian application, a joint proposal describing the **entire Austrian-Russian project** must be submitted by selecting the programme category “**Intl. cooperation project – Joint Project**” and must follow the criteria set out in the [FWF application guidelines for stand-alone-projects/Einzelprojekte](#). Applicants to the FWF should also refer to the [Information Sheet for Bilateral Programs – Joint Projects – Joint Seminars](#) for further details.

The **narrative text (no more than 20 pages)** of the joint research proposal must be written **in English** and must strictly follow the formal criteria set out in the FWF guidelines. This text will serve as the basis for the international review.

In the **work and time plan**, the entire project should be explained. In addition, the **close interaction between the two project parts** should be well described, and the **additional value** of the **bilateral co-operation should become evident**. The project description must include **concise budget justifications** for the Austrian part (justification of personnel costs and non-personnel costs; please consult the application guidelines for eligible costs), and the **distribution of work as well as the resources contributed by the partners should be explained**. The application should include a short presentation of each project partner, explaining his/her special contribution to the project and his/her competencies. Finally, **an academic CV** (no more than 3 pages per person), **a list of academic publications** (especially those relevant to the project) in the last 5 years and a separate list of the 10 most important academic publications in the project partner’s entire career to date must be included.

The RFBR documentation for the call can be downloaded [here](#):

Submission at FWF- 2 possibilities:

Applications to the FWF (narrative text and forms) can be submitted online at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at> or on paper (along with a data storage device).

- Via elane: The cover sheet generated at the end of the online submission process must be printed out, **signed and sent by conventional mail** (FWF, Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria). An online submission without a signed cover sheet will not be eligible for review. Please note that the original signatures of the applicant and the representative of the host institution must be included on the cover sheet.
- On paper: (hard copies of all documents along with electronic copies on CD-ROM/USB stick): Proposals must be sent by conventional mail to FWF (Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria).

The FWF forms and guidelines for joint projects can be downloaded [here](#).

For further details on how to submit the proposal, please consult the FWF application guidelines mentioned above.

Applicants to the FWF are required to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of such errors by the FWF Office.

Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be processed.

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