

Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – National Science Centre Poland (NCN) *Call for Polish-Austrian Joint Projects*

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1. Introduction

The *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF) and the *National Science Centre Poland / Narodowe Centrum Nauki* (NCN) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Polish-Austrian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners. The project parts should be **closely integrated** and there should be substantial **scientific input** from both sides.

1.1. Project duration

Joint Projects submitted to the call between FWF and NCN 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. Only proposals involving basic research (knowledge-oriented research) may be submitted.

1.3. Deadline

Proposals can be submitted anytime. There is **no deadline**.

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. The Lead Agency will make a funding recommendation which is the basis of the decision by the partner funding agency.

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

2.1. Cost Calculation

The two project parts will be **funded separately by FWF and NCN** respectively. Thus, the costs for the Austrian project part must be calculated in accordance with the [FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects/Einzelprojekte](#) or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the programme for [Clinical Research \(KLIF\)](#). For the Polish project part, the [NCN cost guidelines](#) apply.

3. How to submit a proposal

3.1. Formal requirements at FWF

Joint proposals 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-Polish research project**.

The **CV and the publication list of the Austrian applicant and Polish Principal Investigator** must be included (in accordance with FWF guidelines). According to the FWF guidelines (cf. section 2.4.3), the CVs may be added for up to three additional project participants. **Please note** that the CVs may not be added for Polish team members, with the

exception of the Principal Investigator and co-investigator holding a PhD (cf. also section 3.2. below).

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.

Annex 1 (“Description of financial aspects”) must include information for both the Austrian and the Polish project part. Please note that also the costs for the Polish project part must be **stated in EUR**, using the exchange rate that is published in the [NCN call documentation](#).

Proposals **must** be submitted using the **FWF elane system** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>). When submitting, choose the program category “**I – Internationale Programme**”. The **signed cover sheet** which is generated at the end of the online submission process **must be sent by mail to FWF** (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien). 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. Formal requirements at NCN

Polish Applicants need to follow the **NCN eligibility rules** and **guidelines for calculating costs** (cf. [here](#)).

Polish applicants must submit a complete proposal, drafted in accordance with the data required as set out in the [NCN call documentation](#), via the electronic submission system ZSUN/OSF (Zintegrowany System Usług dla Nauki/Obługa Strumieni Finansowania) available at www.osf.opi.org.pl, together with a joint proposal **identical with the version submitted to FWF**.

Data included in the ZSUN/OSF system should be consistent with information included in the joint proposal.

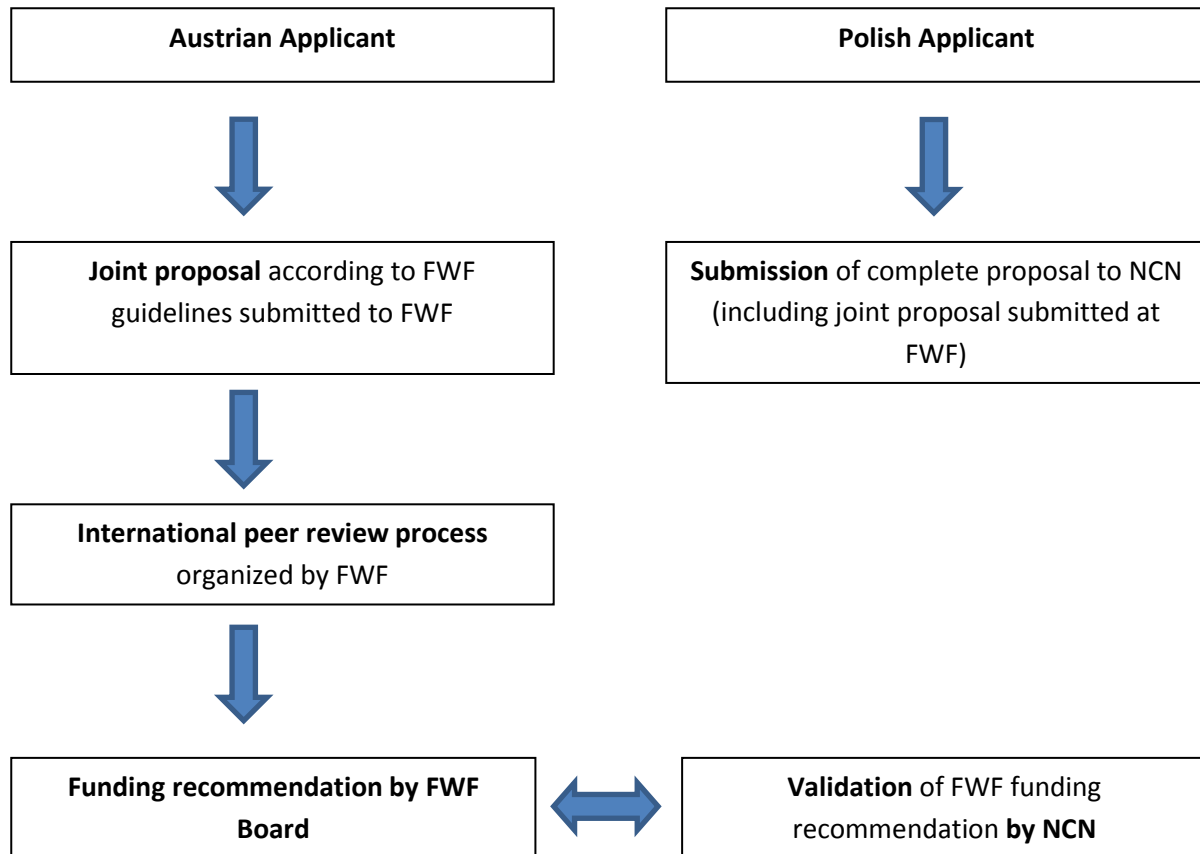
Please note that **no personal data** should be included for PhD students or post-docs at the Polish side since they should be selected in an open competition; including their data in the application will result in the rejection of the proposal at the eligibility check stage at NCN.

Expenses of the Polish project part **stated in EUR** Annex 1 using the exchange rate that is published in the [NCN call documentation](#) must equal to the budget provided in PLN in the

breakdown of project's costs in the ZSUN/OSF. Severe discrepancies between the cost statements in EUR in Annex 1 and the budget in PLN stated in ZSUN/OSF may lead to the rejection of the joint proposal.

Please note that no modifications in joint proposals that could influence the budget at the Polish side, the research tasks and other information included in the OSF application are possible after submission.

4. Graphic summary



5. Contacts

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