

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)
AUSTRIA / POLAND
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2024-2025**

CLOSING DATE: 27 June 2023 – 12:00 noon

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation (WTZ) is carried out in the frame of international agreements with selected partner countries with the aim to stimulate international research.

Thematic priority areas

Open to all scientific disciplines and thematic areas, including social sciences as well as humanities.

Target group

AUSTRIA:

- **Researchers** at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research
- **PhD/Doctoral students** (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

Minimum requirement for the Austrian Principal Investigator: PhD/doctoral degree

Project applications submitted by early-stage researchers¹ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritized².

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme³.

POLAND:

- **Researchers** at universities and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research⁴
- **PhD/Doctoral students** (Bachelor and Master graduates are not eligible for funding)

Minimum requirement for the Polish Principal Investigator: PhD/doctoral degree

Project applications submitted by young scientists⁵ as well as project applications with involvement of PhD/doctoral students will be prioritized⁶.

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme⁷.

¹ Researchers with an experience of up to 10 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account (e.g. due to family or health reasons or occupation outside the academic sector).

² These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

³ (Follow-up-) Applications of bilateral partnerships whose Principal Investigators already received funding from this programme to carry out a joint project are not eligible.

⁴ The exact scope of institutions entitled to apply to NAWA will be stipulated in the call for proposals published on the NAWA website.

⁵ Scientists with an experience of up to 7 years after their PhD/Doctoral degree; recognized career breaks will be taken into account according to the Polish law on higher education and science (e.g. due to maternity leave).

⁶ These project applications will receive additional points during the evaluation process and hence a better overall score.

⁷ (Follow-up-) Entities that have already benefited from funding under previous calls for proposals under joint research projects with Austria may only submit an application with another partner.

Funding

Funding will be provided for the **mobility of researchers to carry out bilateral research projects**. **In Austria** up to EUR 3,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for **project-related material costs**. **In Poland** entire funding up to PLN 30,000.- can be applied **only for mobility related costs**.

Project duration: 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2025.

Funding mode: The sending side covers the travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs of its own researchers.

Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory.

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 10,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.⁸
- **Accommodation expenses:**
 - Researchers: **EUR 100.- per working day for up to 14 days OR EUR 1,400.- per month** for long-term stays **between 14 days and 3 months** maximum
 - PhD/Doctoral students: **EUR 100.- per working day for up to 12 days OR EUR 1,250.- per month** for long-term stays **between 12 days and 3 months** maximum.
- **Project related material costs:** **max. EUR 3000.-** as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁹

POLAND:

Funding amount: max. PLN 30,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) and costs of health insurance will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.¹⁰
- **Costs of stay of scientists from Poland in Austria:**
 - Researchers and PhD/Doctoral students:
PLN 400.- per working day for up to 12 days OR PLN 4,800.- per month for long-term stays **between 13 and 30 days** maximum
- **Project related material costs:** **not eligible**

⁸ Journeys of up to seven hours must be by bus or train. A subsidy for private car usage is only possible in exceptions and in accordance with the OeAD.

⁹ Only project-specific material costs will be reimbursed, that are essential to carry out the research project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's infrastructure. Infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions cannot be funded.

¹⁰ A subsidy for private car usage is possible in accordance with the internal rules adopted by the Polish beneficiary institution.

Application process and content

It is up to the applicants to find suitable partners in the respective country.

Applications must be submitted both in Austria to Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD) and in Poland to the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA). Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

AUSTRIA: Electronic application only [[web-link](#)].

Content: (in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each project member from the Austrian side including their academic status (early stage researchers, PhD/doctoral students)
- List of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the **Austrian** side
- Project description including methodology (about 3 to 5 A4 pages)
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Polish)
- Further cooperation perspective

POLAND: Electronic application only at <https://programs.nawa.gov.pl/login>.

Content: Application form (including attachments in PDF format)

- Brief academic CV of each project member from the Polish side including their academic status (e.g. young scientists, PhD/doctoral students) and **the Austrian Principal Investigator (in English)**.
- List of relevant publications (up to 5) of the Polish project members from the last 5 years.
- Project description including methodology
- Brief description of the partner institutions
- Brief description (schedule) of the project tasks of **ALL** project members (Austrian and Polish)
- Further cooperation perspective

Evaluation criteria:

AUSTRIA:

- **Scientific quality** of the proposed research project incl.
 - Feasibility of the joint research plan
 - Adequacy of the scientific method
 - Qualification of the scientists/research teams involved **(max. 25 points)**
- Perspective for **further joint cooperation activities** **(max. 15 points)**
- Project applications will receive up to 10 points additionally,
 - Either if **submitted by early-stage researchers²** (+10 points)
 - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers²** (+5 points) and/or **female researchers** (+5 points) **(max. 10 points)**

Maximum score: 50 points

POLAND:

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| Scientific importance of the project covered in the application | (max. 5 points) |
| Proposed research methodology | (max. 5 points) |
| Qualifications and experience of both research teams when it comes to the field covered in the project | (max 5 points) |
| Importance of the established scientific cooperation and prospects for its continuation | (max. 5 points) |
| Additional criteria: | |
| Participation of young scientists | (max. 1 point) |
| Possibilities of cooperation with socio-economic partners during or as a result of the Project | (max. 1 point) |

Maximum score: 22 points

Funding decision

Based on national evaluations in Austria and in Poland, a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian-Polish Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by** December 2023.

Reporting and publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory:

- **Brief project progress report after one year** via the OeAD and NAWA online tools as a precondition for further funding!
- **Final scientific and financial report** after the end of the project (no more than 3 months submitted to OeAD and no more than 1 month submitted to NAWA) incl.:
 - Output of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the application
 - Short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons¹¹

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

Intellectual property

The project partners must take adequate steps to ensure protection and sharing of the intellectual property that could result from the joint projects.

Closing date for applications

Applications must be submitted before **27 June 2023, 12:00 noon** to be eligible for funding on the Austrian side and before **27 June 2023, 15:00** to be eligible for funding on the Polish side.

¹¹ This short report will be distributed to researchers within OeAD's WTZ-funding programme in similar disciplines to increase networking in the sector of international cooperation.

Further information

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