

**SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (WTZ)
AUSTRIA / REPUBLIC OF KOREA
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2022-2024**

CLOSING DATE: 31 March 2022 – 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 thematic areas in science and technology, including social sciences and humanities in convergence with science and technology.

Target group

AUSTRIA:

- **Researchers** at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions in areas of basic research (minimum requirement Dr./PhD degree)
- **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.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA:

- **Researchers** at universities and research institutions defined by the Basic Research Promotion and Technology Development Support Act. Details of eligibility for Korean applicants can be found in the Guideline on the NRF website.
- **University/Graduate students are not eligible for applying as Principal Investigators**, but they can be involved in the projects.

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

Please note: Only new project partnerships can be funded under this programme⁴.

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.*

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Funding

Funding will be provided for the **mobility of researchers to carry out bilateral research projects**. In addition up to EUR 2,000.- per project of the granted funding may be applied for project-related material costs in Austria.

Project duration: 1 October 2022 until 30 September 2024.

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

Please note: Research stays in both countries are obligatory as long as the COVID-19 situation allows travelling. Funding will be provided for activities within the scope of these guidelines only.

AUSTRIA:

Funding amount: max. EUR 20,000.- per project

Eligible costs:

- **Travel expenses:** Travel costs (economy class) will be reimbursed based on submitted invoices.⁵
- **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 2000.- as part of the granted maximum budget based on submitted invoices.⁶

REPUBLIC OF KOREA:

Funding amount: KRW 40 million per project (KRW 20 million per project per year, for two years)

Eligible costs: Project-related costs defined by the National Research and Development Innovation Act, such as travel expenses, accommodation expenses, material costs, salary costs, etc. can be covered. Details of eligible costs can be found in the Guideline on the NRF website.

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 OeAD and in the Republic of Korea to the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). Only applications submitted in time in both countries are eligible for funding.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

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 Korean)
- Further cooperation perspective

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Electronic application only [[web-link](#)]

Content:

- Research proposal in Korean (template will be provided on the NRF website)
- Application in English (the documents submitted to OeAD)
- Eligibility checklist (template will be provided on the NRF website)
- Agreement to provide personal information (template will be provided on the NRF website)

Evaluation criteria:

In 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 researchers**² (+10 points)
 - Or if **involving doctoral students/early-stage researchers**² (+5 points) and/or **female researchers** (+5 points) **(max. 10 points)**

Maximum score: 50 points

Funding decision

Based on national evaluations in Austria and in the Republic of Korea, a joint shortlist will be prepared. The **funding decision** will be taken by the Austrian-Korean Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and **announced presumably by** September 2022.

Reporting and publications

Scientific and financial reporting on the project is obligatory:

- **Brief project progress report after one year** via the OeAD online tool as a precondition for further funding!
- **Final scientific and financial report** no more than 3 months after the end of the project incl.:
 - Output of the projects compared with the objectives and aims of the application
 - Short, concise summary comprehensible to lay persons⁷

Joint publications resulting from these cooperation projects have to mention the support from the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea.

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

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Further information

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⁷ 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.