FAQs S&T cooperation

What are the aims of S&T projects?
- Intensification of international scientific cooperation
- Establishing new, sustainable partnerships
- Increasing the number of international co-publications in the field of RTI with Austrian participation
- Raising the proportion of young and female researchers

What is funded in S&T projects?
Travel and accommodation costs to the respective partner country as well as material costs.
Funding amount: Outgoing trips
- travel allowance EUR 1.200,-- to max. EUR 2.000,-- depending on the country (see call text)
- lump sum for accommodation costs: 120/working day or EUR 1.440.-- per month for long term stays between 12 working days and 3 months
- material costs up to a maximum of EUR 3,000.--
  Only project-related material costs will be reimbursed (no hardware or institutional purchases, no laptop, hard disk, etc.)!

Costs for incoming stays are covered by the respective partner country (exception: India – see call text)

Is there a minimum funding amount?
Yes, the minimum funding amount is EUR 5,000.

Is there a maximum funding amount?
Yes, the maximum funding will be announced in the respective call text.

Who can apply?
Researchers at universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions.

Who can be funded?
Doctoral students and researchers

How do I submit my application?
The application must be submitted bilateral, in Austria and in the respective partner country.
Only applications submitted in both countries are eligible.
In Austria the application must be submitted via www.oead.at/wtz
In the partner country: see call text

What documents do I need to submit with my application?
The following documents/information must be uploaded during the online application process:
- brief academic CV of Principal Investigator incl. academic status (early-stage researchers) and language skills
- abstract
- list of relevant publications of the last 2 years on the Austrian side
- project description including methodology (3 to 5 A4 pages)
- brief description of the partner institutions (incl. reason of choice of cooperation partner)
- brief description of the project tasks of ALL project members (Austrian and partner incl. their academic status PhD students/researcher and their competence in Austria) and project timeline (template)
- further cooperation perspective
- brief description: monitoring, exit strategy, added value for home institution and Austria
- detailed budget plan (template)

What happens after I have submitted my application?
The applications are formally checked and, if found to be valid, reviewed by experts.
A joint selection committee (representatives of the funding bodies of both countries) will select the best-ranked projects on both sides.

When will I be informed of the decision?
If your application is formally invalid, you will receive a written rejection letter, usually within six weeks after the submission deadline. Please note that it is not possible to amend your application after the deadline.
The final decision of the selection committee will be announced via email two to six weeks before the start of the project period.

What do I have to do if my project has been selected for funding?
You will receive a written confirmation of funding from us by e-mail. The funding agreement must be signed and uploaded to the OeAD online tool within six weeks. The bank details for the payment of the funding amount must also be entered there.

How do I receive the approved funding?
In accordance with the Austrian University law, UG 2002 §26 (5) the funding will be transferred to an account managed by the institution. The reimbursement of all project-related expenses will be handled by the Austrian Principal Investigator.
As soon as the funding agreement has been uploaded to the online tool, the first installment (50%) will be transferred to the institution's account (Institutionskonto). After uploading the interim report (after the first project year), the second installment (25%) will be transferred. The remaining budget (max. 25%) will be transferred after uploading the final report and the final invoice (Excel template).

Invoicing:
At the end of the two-year project period, the final report, a list of travel and accommodation expenses as well as material costs incurred must
be submitted to the OeAD (SAP or SAP-like statement). The OeAD-GmbH reserves the right to request copies of the receipts as part of a random check.

Mandatory reporting:
Interim report 12 months after the start of the project.
Final report and invoice: up to two months after completion of the approved project period.

How can I add new team members (AT) to the project?
Please send an up-to-date CV of the new person to wtz@oead.at.The respective agency/ministry is responsible for team members on the partner side.

For further questions, please contact **wtz@oead.at**!