

# Checklist for a complete application (ESPRIT)

The entire application must be submitted in English and it must be submitted via the FWF's electronic application portal [elane](#). For a correct application, please observe the information in the [application guidelines](#).

## I. *Elane*: Forms

### Mandatory

- Form *Research institution assignment*
- *Contact form*
- *Application form*
- Form *Programme-specific data*
- Form *Cost breakdown*
- Form *Co-authors*
- Form *Academic abstract* (no more than 3,000 characters) – according to the FWF [application guidelines](#); section 2.1.1

### To be filled if necessary

- Form *Other cooperation*: To be filled for national and international cooperation partners that are stated to be essential in the project description; one form per cooperation partner.

## II. *Elane*: Files to upload

### Mandatory upload in a single file

- ***Proposal.pdf*** - this PDF file must contain the project description as well as Annex 1-3 and, if applicable, Annex 4. For the project description and Annex 1-3, the formatting specifications must be observed (font size 11pt, line spacing 15-20 pt, page margins at least 2cm).

The project description (no more than 20 pages) must contain the following sections, each designated by headings:

- Table of contents
- State of the art of relevant international research (including own preliminary work, if applicable) and relation of the project to this context

- Clearly defined aims and hypothesis/hypotheses or research question(s) of the project
  - Description of the project's anticipated level of originality or scientific/scholarly innovation
  - Methods
  - Work plan and timeline
  - National and/or international collaboration partners (if applicable): Please specify the intended collaboration partners and the subject of the intended collaboration(s) or the planned contribution to the project. In addition to any legal regulations, FWF's own regulations on international collaborations also apply (see the [FWF website](#) for more information). **All** national and/or international cooperation arrangements that were stated to be essential in the project description must be listed on the **Other collaborations form** (one form must be completed for each collaboration partner) and may be confirmed by a collaboration letter.
  - Research-related qualifications of the researchers involved
  - All potential ethical, safety-related, or regulatory aspects of the proposal and how applicants plan to deal with them must be described in this section. These questions should be addressed briefly in the text even if the applicant believes the project does not raise any such issues.
  - Any potential sex-specific and gender-related aspects of the proposal must be detailed. To what extent are sex-specific and gender-related aspects considered in the proposal? How will they be integrated into the research approach? These questions must be briefly addressed, even if the applicant does not feel that the project involves any such aspects.
  - Information on the suitability of the research institute for implementing the planned project and the project's contribution to enhancing the research institute
  - If more than the lump sum of €45,000 in project-specific costs is requested, this must be justified briefly in a way that the reviewers find reasonable.
- Annex 1: List of **literature cited in the application** (*References*) on no more than 5 pages
  - Annex 2: **Academic CVs** and description of previous research achievements for the principal investigator and the mentor (no more than three pages per person).
  - Annex 3: Career and mentoring plan (no more than 3 pages)
  - Annex 4 (optional): **Collaboration letters** (no more than 1 page per letter) from national and international collaboration partners, which are comprehensibly listed in the project description as being essential for the implementation of the project.

### III Additional documents:

Mandatory to be uploaded:

- **PI\_publication.pdf**: Two publications written by the applicant must be named, documenting that the applicant fulfills the general requirements to apply (see [Template PI-publication](#)). The FWF will base the applicant's eligibility to apply on these publications.
- **Publication\_lists.pdf**: A list of all research publications over the last five years (categorized as "quality-assured publications" and "other publications") of the principal investigator and the mentor is to be uploaded in **one** PDF document as *publication\_list.pdf*.

Files to be uploaded if necessary:

- **Cover\_Letter.pdf** – Letter accompanying the application
- **Negative\_list.pdf** – List of names of reviewers to be excluded from reviewing the application (no more than three names, incl. short justification)
- If the *ESPRIT* project submitted is the continuation of an FWF-funded project:
  - **Follow.pdf** – report on previous results or a final report, no more than 6 pages
- If the application is the revision of a rejected application (resubmission):
  - **Overview\_revision.pdf** – overview of all changes made (for FWF internal use only)
  - **Revision.pdf** – Response to all reviews of the rejected application, even if one of the reviewers of the rejected application is to be excluded from a new review.