

Information for Applicants

Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

2025 Call for French-Austrian Joint Projects

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1 Introduction

A cooperation between the **Austrian Science Fund (FWF)** and the **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)** gives researchers the opportunity to apply for bilateral French-Austrian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners; therefore, the project parts should be **closely integrated** and there should be relevant **research input** from both sides.

Applications will be handled pursuant to the **Lead Agency Principle**. This means that the project description will be reviewed by only one of the two funding organizations, the Lead Agency.

In 2025, ANR will be acting as the **Lead Agency**. Applications must be prepared **in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency** and will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard evaluation and decision-making procedures.

2 Thematic Scope

The call is open to **all areas of scientific research**, including clinical research.

3 Project Duration

Joint Projects submitted to FWF and ANR call can have a duration of **up to four years**. The **project duration must be identical** for the project parts in Austria and France.

4 Eligibility

The FWF-funded part of the project and all FWF applicants are required to meet the eligibility criteria specified in the [FWF Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#). For clinical research proposals, the criteria of the [Clinical Research program \(KLP\)](#) apply.

For the French part of the project, the ANR's eligibility requirements apply.

5 Cost Calculation

The two project parts will be **funded separately by the FWF and the ANR** respectively.

Costs for the Austrian part of the project must be calculated in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#) or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the [Clinical Research](#) program.

For cost-related questions, we recommend consulting the scientific project officers in the FWF specialist departments prior to submission.

For the French part of the project, the ANR's cost guidelines apply.

6 How to Submit a Proposal

6.1 Pre-registration with ANR

ANR applicants have to pre-register their proposal on the dedicated ANR website by **October 15, 2024 at 5 pm** (Paris time). Only pre-registered applications will be allowed to submit a full proposal. Please note that the pre-registration requirement applies only to the ANR.

Applicants at FWF **do not need** to pre-register their proposal at this stage.

6.2 Submitting the proposal to ANR

The **deadline for submitting full proposals to the ANR** is **March 27, 2025**, 5:00 pm (Paris local time).

The joint proposal must be **submitted to the ANR**, in compliance with the **ANR's formal requirements** (see [Generic call for proposals – AAPG 2025 | ANR](#)). The proposal must include a **budget justification** for both the French **and** the Austrian parts of the project. The part to be carried out in Austria and the distribution of work between the two project parts must be clearly described.

6.3 Submitting the proposal to FWF

FWF applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the [FWF guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects](#) or, in the case of clinical research, in the guidelines for the [Clinical Research](#) program.

FWF applicants must submit **administrative and financial data, an academic abstract, and the following documents** directly to FWF:

File	File name
Proposal submitted to the ANR	Proposal_Lead Agency.pdf
Cost breakdown of the Austrian part of the project (according to Appendix 1 of the Application Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects or of the Clinical Research guidelines)	Cost_breakdown.pdf
CV of the FWF applicant according to FWF guidelines	CV.pdf
Proof of publication output of the FWF principal investigator (according to FWF guidelines, section 2.2.4 “Publication output”)	PI_publication.pdf

The deadline for submitting joint proposals to the FWF is **March 28, 2025, 2:00 pm (Vienna local time)**. The time of submission is considered to be the time at which the proposal is approved and submitted by the lead research institution on the FWF’s digital application portal [elane](#). Proposals **must** be submitted online using the [elane](#) digital application portal. When submitting your application, the program category “**PIN– International Programs**” must be selected.

Please note that for [clinical research proposals](#), the Austrian applicant must submit a positive opinion from the relevant ethics commission or evidence of a fundamental approval/endorsement by that commission within four months of submission of the project proposal.

Please note that the FWF applicant/principal investigator named in the application **submitted to the ANR must be the same person named as the applicant in the FWF application**.

In calls with fixed deadlines such as this one, applicants are given the opportunity to correct proposals that do not meet the FWF’s formal requirements. Any necessary corrections must be made **within 10 days** of notification by the FWF Office. If the proposal still does not meet the FWF’s requirements after the 10-day period, the FWF Executive Board can decide to reject the proposal without further review.

6.4 Information on resubmissions

Applicants whose proposals were rejected in the previous FWF and ANR call can resubmit their revised proposals to the FWF if they meet the necessary requirements. The proposal should be clearly indicated as a resubmission.

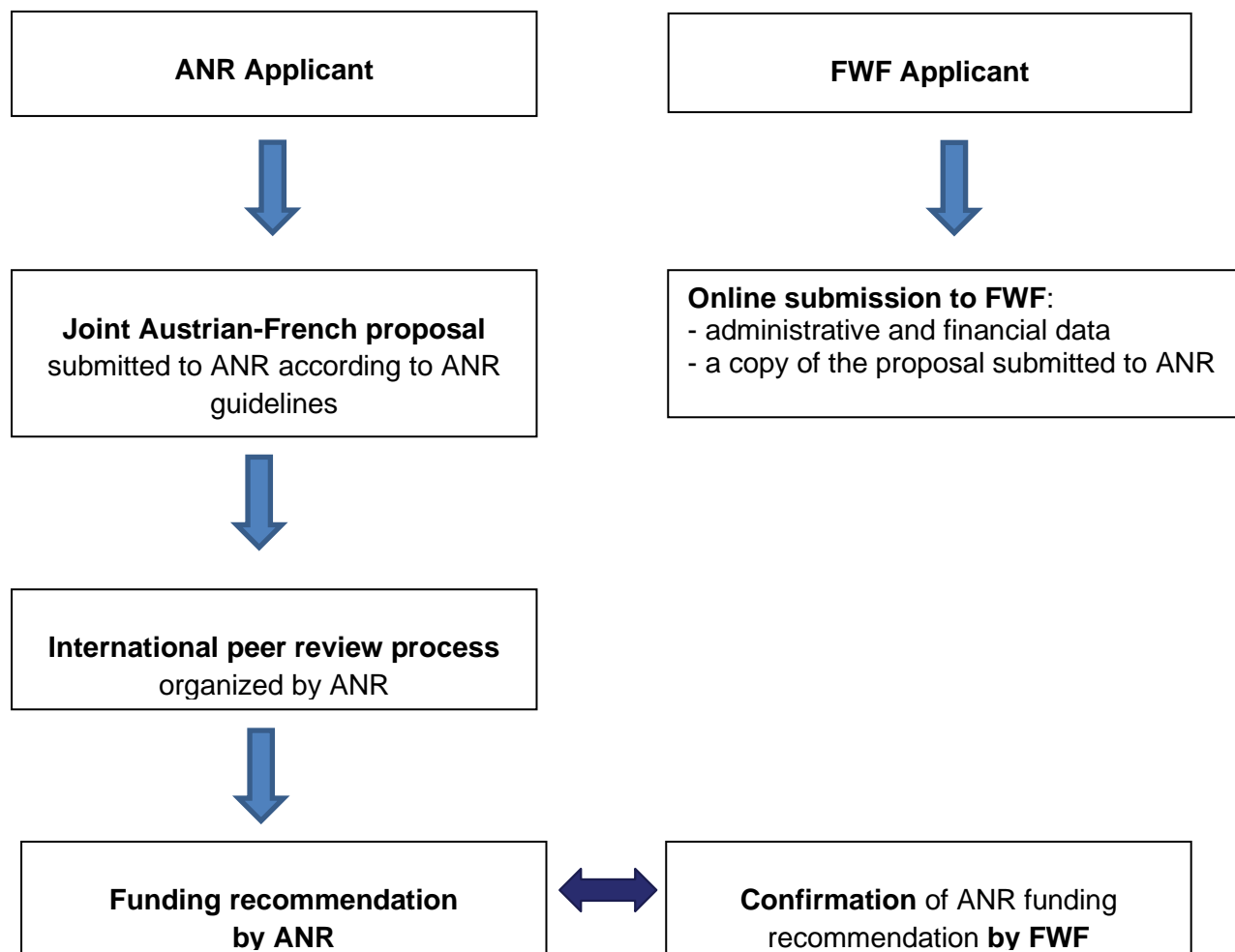
FWF applicants must include an **accompanying letter** containing an **overview of all changes** made in the resubmitted proposal (cf. [FWF Application Guidelines, section 2.4.](#)).

7 Evaluation and Funding Decision

The ANR as the **Lead Agency evaluates all applications** according to its own rules on the basis of the international peer review process and will propose a list of projects to be funded by the FWF. After the FWF confirms the ANR's funding recommendations, each agency then funds its respective national teams according to its own procedures.

Results are expected by October 2025.

8 Graphic Summary



9 Contacts

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