

Application and project number limit

1 Acting both as applicant and principal investigator

Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT¹), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I or PIN²/KIN), pre-proposals for International Projects (PIK³), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP⁴), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART⁵):

A researcher can be named as principal investigator in a maximum of three ongoing/approved projects and applications at a time. For example, if two projects are already ongoing/approved in the abovenamed programs, a researcher can submit only one further application (including PIK³).

If a researcher is named as principal investigator in three ongoing/approved projects in one of the programs named above, they may participate in a further application to one of the programs named above (including PIK³) no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects.

Please note: For additional requirements, please see the respective program-specific application guidelines.

2 Acting as principal investigator in multiple projects

a) Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT¹), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I or PIN²/KIN), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP⁴), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART⁵):

A researcher can act as principal investigator in a maximum of three projects from the abovenamed programs at the same time.

¹ P: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in ad personam mode

PAT: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in PROFI mode (since March 20, 2023)

² I: International Projects in ad personam mode

PIN: Principal Investigator Projects International in PROFI mode (since May 31, 2023)

KIN: International: Multilateral Initiatives

³ PIK: Pre-proposals for Principal Investigator Projects International International in PROFI mode (since May 31, 2023)

⁴ KLI: Projects Program Clinical Research in ad personam mode

KLP: Projects Program Clinical Research in PROFI mode (since July 1, 2023)

⁵ AR: Projects Program Arts-Based Research in ad personam mode

ART: Projects Program Arts-Based Research in PROFI mode (since October 1, 2023)

b) Career development programs (Erwin Schrödinger, Lise Meitner, Hertha Firnberg, ESPRIT, Elise Richter, Elise Richter PEEK, START and ASTRA):

It is not possible to act as head in more than one project in the same or any other career development program. A principal investigator can only be in charge of one project from a career development program and one project from the programs listed under point a) at the same time. A principal investigator in the START program can lead a total of 2 further projects from the programs listed under point a) after a successful interim review of the START project.

Please note: It is possible to act as principal investigator in additional projects in other programs not listed here. These projects are subject to the provisions specified in their respective program-specific application guidelines.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact the FWF team.