

# Application and project number limit

## 1 Acting both as applicant and principal investigator

Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT<sup>1</sup>), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I or PIN/KIN<sup>2</sup>), pre-proposals for International Projects (PIK<sup>3</sup>), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP<sup>4</sup>), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART<sup>5</sup>):

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 PIK<sup>3</sup>).

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 PIK<sup>3</sup>) no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects.

Participations in Collaborative Research Centres/Transregio projects of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and DFG Research Units (I/PIN/KIN<sup>2</sup>) are not subject to this application and project number limit. For these participations, the guidelines on the maximum number of participations for the FWF's Specialized Research Groups (SFG), Special Research Areas (SFB), and Research Groups (FG) apply. See the [Application Guidelines for Specialized Research Groups \(SFG\)](#) for details.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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)

<sup>2</sup> I: International Projects in ad personam mode

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

KIN: International: Multilateral Initiatives (except for participations in DFG Collaborative Research Centres and Research Units)

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

<sup>4</sup> KLI: Projects Program Clinical Research in ad personam mode

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

<sup>5</sup> AR: Projects Program Arts-Based Research in ad personam mode

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

## 2 Acting as principal investigator in multiple projects

**a) Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT<sup>1</sup>), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I/PIN/KIN<sup>2</sup>), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP<sup>4</sup>), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART<sup>5</sup>):**

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

**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.