FWF „Urgent Funding for Research into Humanitarian Crises like Epidemics and Pandemics“

Involvement of international partners in “Joint Projects”

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1. Introduction

The FWF in its initiative for urgent funding for research into humanitarian crises like epidemics and pandemics is joined by several of its international partner research funding organisations. FWF and its partners aim at funding closely integrated bi- or trilateral joint research projects in which researchers from Austria and one or two partner countries combine their complementary expertise. A substantial scientific contribution is expected from all partners.

The following partner research funding organisations have joined the initiative:

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<td>Czech Republic</td>
<td>GACR – Czech Science Foundation</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>DFG – German Research Foundation</td>
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<td>Luxembourg</td>
<td>FNR – Luxembourg National Research Fund</td>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>NCN – National Science Centre</td>
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<td>Slovenia</td>
<td>ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency</td>
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<td>Switzerland</td>
<td>SNSF – Swiss National Science Foundation</td>
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For submitting a proposal to this initiative, the standard procedures for submitting a Joint Project apply. These rules can be found in the respective information sheets that can be
2. Bilateral Projects

For bilateral Joint projects submitted by researchers from Austria and one of the following countries, the following maximum project duration can be applied for:

<table>
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<th>Country / Funding Organisation</th>
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<th>Maximum project duration to be applied</th>
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<td>Czech Republic / GACR *</td>
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<td>Germany / DFG</td>
<td>cf. DACH information sheet for stand-alone projects</td>
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<td>Luxembourg / FNR</td>
<td>cf. FNR information for applicants</td>
<td>4 years</td>
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**Important note:** The respective rules for establishing FWF as the Lead Agency must be met.

3. Trilateral Projects

The partner funding organisations have agreed to also enable trilateral research consortia, including researchers from Austria and two other countries. The following rules apply.

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CEUS: Austria – Czech Republic and/or Poland and/or Slovenia (max. 3 countries, including AUT) *

| Any other combination of countries | Substantial scientific contribution from all partners | AUT – CHE – LUX: 4 yrs
AUT – POL – CHE: 4 yrs
AUT – LUX – POL: 4 yrs
All other variations: 3 yrs |

* Please note that the 20 % funding threshold usually applied for CEUS proposals will not be applied in this initiative.

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