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

2022 Call for French-Austrian Joint Projects

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1. Introduction

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) jointly offer the possibility 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 scientific input from both sides.

1.1. Project duration

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

1.2. Thematic scope of the call

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

1.3. Deadline

Joint proposals must be submitted to FWF by 11 January 2022. The signed cover sheet must be sent to FWF on 11 January at the latest. For details cf. 3.2.

For administrative reasons, French applicants must submit a copy of the scientific project proposals submitted to FWF to ANR and state the administrative and financial data via the ANR submission website. The information required by ANR must be submitted by 12 January 2022, 17.00 hrs.

2. Lead Agency Procedure

Applications will be dealt with following the Lead Agency Principle. The application must be prepared in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency is in charge of carrying out the peer review procedure. Applications will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard evaluation and decision making procedures.

In 2022 FWF takes the role of the “Lead Agency”. Please note that the ANR approval rate will be used in this call which is below the FWF approval rate.
2.1. Cost Calculation

The two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and ANR respectively. Thus, the costs for the Austrian project part must be calculated in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects/Einzelprojekte or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the programme for Clinical Research (KLIF). For the French project part, the ANR cost guidelines apply.

3. How to submit a proposal

3.1. Formal requirements at FWF

Joint proposals must be submitted to FWF as the Lead Agency. The FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects or, in the case of clinical research, for the FWF programme for clinical research (KLIF) apply. The project description must encompass the entire Austrian-French research project.

The project description submitted to FWF must include additional information on:

- The distribution of work between the partners
- The added value of the co-operation

The 20 page limit applies.

Annex 2 (“Financial Aspects”) must include information on both the Austrian and the French project part.

The CV and the publication list of the Austrian applicant and the French Principal Investigator must be included (in accordance with FWF guidelines). According to the FWF guidelines (cf. section 2.3.4.), the CVs/publication lists may be added for up to three additional project participants.

3.2. Submission to FWF

Proposals must be submitted using the FWF elane system (https://elane.fwf.ac.at). When submitting, choose the program category “I – International Programmes”. The online submission must be completed by 11 January 2022. The signed cover sheet which is generated at the end of the online submission process must be sent by mail to FWF (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) on 11 January 2022 at the latest (date of post stamp). Please note that the original signatures by the applicant and the representative of the host institution must be included on the cover sheet. Alternatively, the signed and stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant’s qualified electronic signature (e.g., mobile phone signature), and sent to the FWF (office@fwf.ac.at) by e-mail. Please note that
a scanned, signed and stamped cover sheet is invalid if it does not have a qualified electronic signature.

After submission, applicants at FWF are required to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office.

3.3. Formal requirements and submission to ANR

For administrative reasons, French applicants must submit a copy of the scientific project proposals submitted to FWF to ANR and state the administrative and financial data via the ANR submission website. The information required by ANR must be submitted by 12 January 2022, 1 p.m.

For details, cf. the ANR call document.

3.4. Information on Resubmissions (“Neuplanung”)

Applicants whose proposals were rejected in the previous call for which ANR acted as Lead Agency can resubmit their revised proposals to FWF, if they meet the necessary requirements. The proposal should be marked as a resubmission (“Neuplanung”). Optionally, a reply to reviews obtained by ANR and any other ANR review documents (panel reports) can be submitted to FWF. This reply should be included in one pdf-file and will be forwarded to all reviewers contacted by FWF. No original reviews should be included.

The accompanying letter containing an overview of all changes in the resubmitted proposal must be included (cf. FWF application guidelines, section 2.8.). Should the proposal have been reviewed by FWF previously, applicants must include replies to previous FWF reviewers.
4. Graphic summary

Austrian Applicant

Joint Austrian-French proposal according to FWF guidelines submitted to FWF

International peer review process organized by FWF

Funding recommendation by FWF Board

French Applicant

Online Submission at ANR of
- administrative and financial data to ANR
- a copy of the proposal submitted to FWF

Validation of FWF funding recommendation by ANR

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