



Call for International Cooperation Projects (“Joint Projects”) Austria – South Tyrol/Alto Adige

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1. General information

The Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol and the FWF jointly request applications for bilateral, cross-border research projects. A bilateral project must be designed in such a way that each partner’s part of the project in their respective country is not an independent project and therefore cannot be carried out and funded separately. It is expected that *both parties make a **significant research contribution*** to the overall project.

The submission and review of applications takes place according to the lead agency procedure (LAP), in which the FWF acts as the lead agency. The FWF carries out the review of applications in line with its national procedures, then the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol usually adopts the decision of the lead agency and, in the case of approval, funds the South Tyrolean part of the project based on an autonomous decision on the amount of funding.



1.1. Duration of the project

The maximum project duration that may be requested is **3 years**.

1.2. Thematic focus

Proposals are accepted from all scientific/scholarly disciplines, including clinical research.

1.3. Deadline

An application can be submitted at any time. There are **no deadlines**.

2. Submission of applications

2.1. Form requirements of the FWF

Applications must be submitted in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for **Stand-Alone Projects**](#) or, in the case of applications for clinical research, according to the guidelines of the [Clinical Research Programme](#). The limit on the number of pages must be observed.

Applications can be submitted online via <https://elane.fwf.ac.at> (“**I – International Programmes**” programme category). Please note that the cover sheet generated at the end of the online submission process must be printed out and signed. It can then either be sent to the FWF by conventional mail or scanned in, given a digital signature and sent to the FWF as an email attachment to (office@fwf.ac.at; for further information, see the application guidelines).

The project description must include the **following additional content**:

- **Added value** created by the cross-border cooperation
- **Division of work** among the partners
- Organisation of the cross-border **project management**

Annex 2 (“Description of financial aspects”) must include a **cost justification** for both parts of the project (Austria and South Tyrol/Alto Adige).



The following documents must **also be submitted to the FWF**:

- a curriculum vitae in accordance with FWF guidelines and the **publication list of the applicant in South Tyrol/Alto Adige** (according to [FWF guidelines](#), sections 2.4.3. and 2.5.)
- the “**Financial plan**” (**Finanzplan**) form for the South Tyrolean part of the project (downloadable [here](#))
- the “**Timeline**” (**Zeitplan**) form for the South Tyrolean part of the project (downloadable [here](#)). The document must be signed by the authorized representative of the host institution in South Tyrol. The document can either be signed digitally or manually. In the case of a manual signature, the scanned document including the signature must be accompanied by a copy of the identity card of the legally authorized representative of the host institution.

2.2. Form requirements of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol

The guidelines for “**Joint Projects**” apply for applicants from South Tyrol/Alto Adige. The requirements listed there must be fulfilled. The guidelines as well as further information can be downloaded at <http://provinz.bz.it/joint-projects>.

The application submitted to the FWF must also include a **cost justification** for the South Tyrolean part of the project.

3. Processing time

Since the partner organisations need to coordinate their activities, the average processing time is eight months.

4. Project administration

Research progress reports and financial reports are to be submitted in accordance with the rules of each funding agency involved, and the funding agencies will review the reports according to their own standards.



5. Contact

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