

Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – Czech Science Foundation (GA ČR)

2018 Call for Czech-Austrian Joint Projects

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1. Introduction

The *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF) and the *Czech Science Foundation / Grantová Agentura České Republiky* (GA ČR) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Czech-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 GA ČR can have a duration of **up to three years**.

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 via the FWF Elane system** (<http://elane.fwf.ac.at>) to **FWF by 16 March 2018**.

Once the application has been completed, a PDF cover sheet can be generated. This cover sheet must be signed, stamped, and sent to the FWF by conventional mail **on 16 March at the latest**. Alternatively, the signed/stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant's **qualified electronic signature**¹ and sent to the FWF by e-mail (office@fwf.ac.at). Please note that a signed/stamped version of the cover sheet without a qualified signature will **not suffice!**

The applicants on the **Czech side** must submit only the necessary **GA ČR application forms** (available here: <https://gacr.cz/mezinarodni-aktivity/la-spoluprace/>) **directly to GA ČR** (e-mail: la.fwf@gacr.cz) by the call deadline.

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 this call, FWF takes the role of the “Lead Agency”.

2.1. Cost Calculation

The two project parts will be **funded separately by FWF and GA ČR** 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 Czech project part, the **GA ČR cost guidelines** apply.

¹ e.g. <https://www.digitales.oesterreich.gv.at/web/digitales-osterreich/die-burgerkarte>

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-Czech 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
- **Separate budget justifications** for the Austrian and the Czech project part, divided by country (both for personnel and non-personnel costs)

The 20 page limit applies.

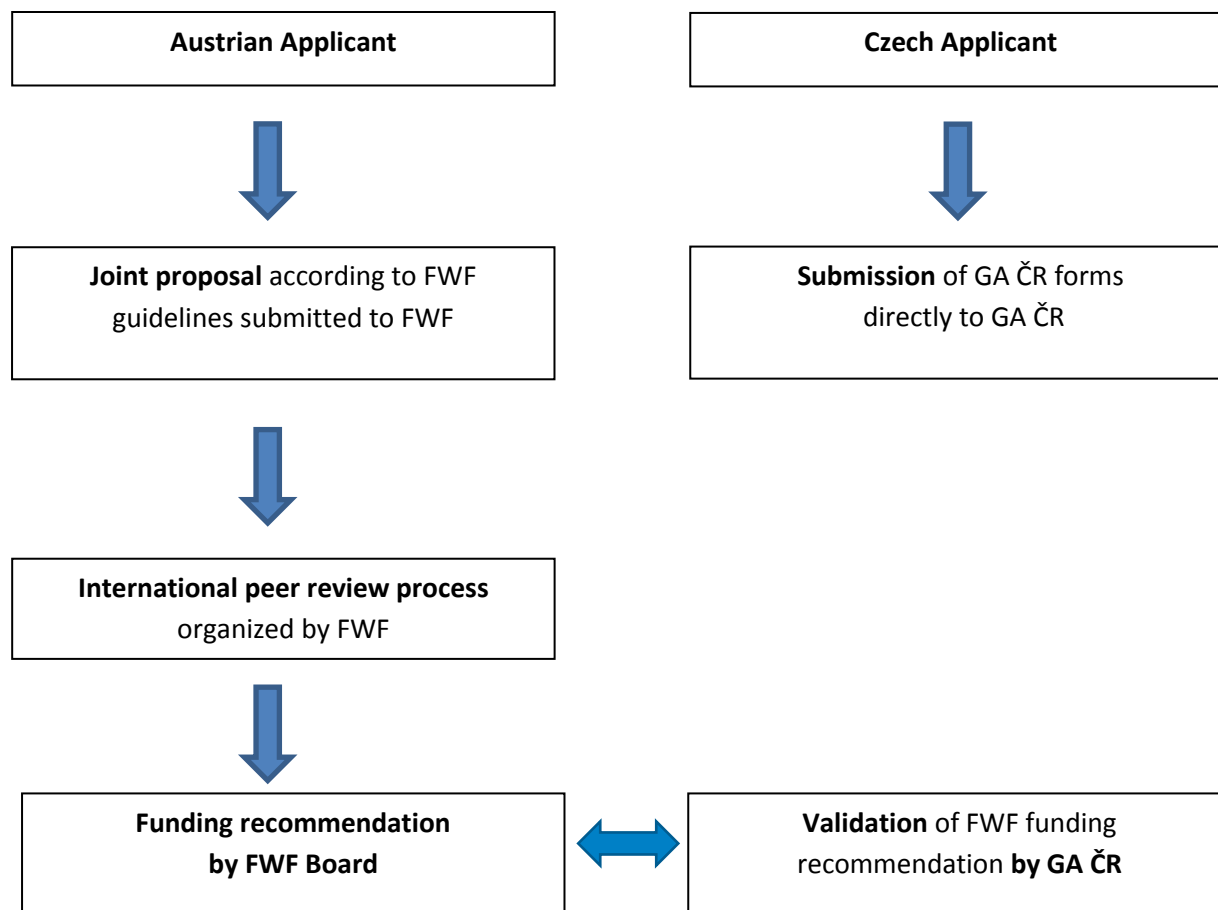
Proposals **must** be submitted using the **FWF elane system** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>). Please note that the **submission by mail is not possible** in this call. When submitting, choose the program category “**I – Internationale Programme**”. The online submission must be completed **by 16 March 2018**. 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 **16 March 2018 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/stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant's qualified electronic signature and sent to the FWF by e-mail (office@fwf.ac.at). Please note that a signed/stamped version of the cover sheet without a qualified signature will not suffice!

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.

3.2. Formal requirements at GA ČR

Czech Applicants need to follow the **GA ČR eligibility rules** and **guidelines for calculating costs** and must only send the necessary **GA ČR application forms** (available here: <https://gacr.cz/mezinarodni-aktivita/la-spoluprace/>) **directly to GA ČR** (e-mail: la.fwf@gacr.cz) by the call deadline.

4. Graphic summary



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