Application and project number limit

1 Acting both as applicant and principal investigator

Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT\(^1\)), International Programs (I), pre-proposals for International Projects (IK), Clinical Research (KLIF), and the Arts-Based Research Program (PEEK):

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 IK).

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 IK) no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects.

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

2 Acting as principal investigator in multiple projects

a) Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT\(^1\)), International Programs (I), Clinical Research (KLIF), and the Arts-Based Research Program (PEEK):

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

b) Career development programs (Erwin Schrödinger, Lise Meitner, Hertha Firnberg, ESPRIT, Elise Richter, and Elise Richter PEEK):

A principal investigator can only be in charge of one project from a career development program and one project from the P/PAT\(^1\), I, KLIF, or PEEK programs at the same time.

c) START Program:

First funding period: A principal investigator can be in charge of one project from the P/PAT\(^1\), I, KLIF, or PEEK programs at the same time as a START project.

Second funding period: A principal investigator can be in charge of up to two projects from the P/PAT\(^1\), I, KLIF, or PEEK programs at the same time as a START project.

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\(^1\) P: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in ad personam mode

PAT: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in PROFI mode (starting March 20, 2023)
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.