

Annex I: National Rules of Funding Parties

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Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

The following call topics of the joint call are supported by “Funding Institution”:

Call topic 4: Social Sciences and Humanities

Who can apply?

Any scientist or researcher working in Austria who possesses the qualifications, available capacity, and the infrastructure necessary to carry out the project submitted. The applicant's qualifications to carry out the work should be demonstrated by publications in internationally recognised journals (the number of which should correspond to the stage the applicant has reached in his/her career). Given the international review process, the FWF normally expects international and/or peer-reviewed publications that are recognised outside of German speaking countries and regions. Any exceptions must be justified.

No particular academic title is needed, nor is Austrian citizenship required. However, projects must be carried out in Austria or have to be based at an Austrian research institution. Applications for stand-alone projects may only be submitted by individual natural persons. Applications from institutes, institutions or companies are not permitted.

“Independent scholars” (Selbstantragsteller) are also allowed to apply. “Independent scholar” means a project leader whose salary is to be paid from the funding provided for the project. The prerequisite for such an arrangement is that either the researcher's main residence must have been in Austria for at least three of the past ten years at the time when the application is submitted, or the applicant must have been working continuously as a researcher in Austria for at least two consecutive years preceding the submission of the application.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

Only project specific costs may be requested, i.e. personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's so-called “infrastructure”.

With the exception of projects submitted by “independent scholars”, no personnel costs may be requested for team leaders.

- Eligible personnel costs:
 - Contracts of employment (Dienstvertrag) for full- or part-time employees (Post-doc positions, PhD-student positions) according to the current FWF salary scheme including provisions for inflation. It is not permitted to apply for PhD-student positions where the extent of employment exceeds 75% (which corresponds to 30 hours per week).

The current FWF salary scheme gives the salaries that may currently be requested.

- Reimbursement for work on an hourly basis (Geringfügig Beschäftigte).
 - Part-time contracts of employment (Dienstvertrag 50%, "studentische Mitarbeit") may be requested for people who have not yet completed a master's or diploma program (Diplom) in the relevant subject.
- Eligible material costs are e.g.:
 - Travel & accommodation & meeting costs

At national team leader level, the following costs are eligible

- Equipment costs, material costs, travel costs, other costs, contracts for work and services.
- Eligible general costs:
 - An amount for smaller, unforeseen costs necessary for the project, such as repairs, student assistance etc. is to be calculated as 5% of the total funding requested. No justification for general costs has to be included in the written project description.

Non-permissible costs:

- FWF does not pay overhead costs for ERA.Net RUS Plus projects.
- FWF does not finance infrastructure of basic equipment at research institutions. This category includes all facilities that are required for the normal operations of the research institution (such as buildings, installations, communication facilities, scientific equipment considered as infrastructure and so on).
- Funding for publication costs cannot be requested. However, the FWF does provide additional funding for peer-reviewed publications upon request up to three years after the end of an approved project.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the joint call

None

Upper funding limits for eligible costs?

No upper funding limits, however average costs should not exceed 100.000.- € per year.

Any other information relevant to the joint call

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