 Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) –
Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Joint Projects

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Austrian-Hungarian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the complementary expertise of the project partners. The project parts should be closely integrated and there should be relevant scientific input from both sides. 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. Projects can have a maximum duration of three years. All fields of basic research are eligible.

Where to apply?
In order to clarify which of the two funding agencies will act as the Lead Agency, applicants need to calculate the direct costs of the two project parts beforehand. The application/project description must be submitted only to the research funding organization that is in charge for financing the more expensive project part. This research funding organization in the sequel acts as the Lead Agency (for details see below). In addition, applicants have to send the application forms to the second funding agency involved (for details cf. below).

When to apply?
FWF acts as Lead Agency (Austrian project part is more expensive than the Hungarian part)
⇒ Submission possible any time

OTKA acts as Lead Agency (Hungarian project part is more expensive than the Austrian part)
⇒ There are two deadlines for the submission in accordance with OTKA NN type of projects
## How to apply?

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There are **two deadlines** yearly for the submission following the deadlines for OTKA NN type of proposal. The application forms must be submitted via the OTKA – EPR as **NN type of proposal** ([Electronic Proposal for Research: https://www.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=210&lang=EN](https://www.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=210&lang=EN)).

Please note, however, that the maximum limit for the Hungarian partner is of **HUF 33 million for three years**, which may be reached even if no employment is included in the proposal.

Applications to OTKA must include additional information on:
- the **distribution of work** between the partners (included in the workplan)
- the **added value** of the co-operation (included in the research plan)
- **separate budget justifications** for the Austrian and the Hungarian part (both for personnel and non-personnel costs); the Austrian partner can upload its budget and budget justification as PDF among other attachments

**For Austrian applicants** the **eligibility criteria** as well as the **cost guidelines** for “stand-alone projects” (“Einzelprojekte”) apply (cf. [http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf](http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf)). Austrian applicants must send only the following documents **directly to FWF** ([hard copy and on CD-Rom](https://www.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=210&lang=EN)):
- **FWF application forms** for international collaborative projects (application form + form “programme specific data” + cost sheet; other forms only if applicable; [http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/forschungsfoerderung/antragstellung/internationale-programme/joint-projects-era-net-calls/](http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/forschungsfoerderung/antragstellung/internationale-programme/joint-projects-era-net-calls/))
- **Abstracts** (German and English)

**For Hungarian applicants** all **eligibility criteria for OTKA K type of call for proposals and fund limits** apply (a maximum of **HUF 33 million for three years**, which may be reached even if no employment is included in the proposal).

**Hungarian applicants** must to send the separate budget plan, its justification, the Hungarian participants’ list, their institution and FTE as well as the other ongoing projects in which the PI is participating (filling in the form Special documents for Hungarian applicants FWF-OTKA available at [http://www.otka.hu/palyazatok/aktualis-otka-palyazatok](http://www.otka.hu/palyazatok/aktualis-otka-palyazatok)).
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