

FWF–MOST

Call for Joint Research Projects and Joint Seminars

Introduction:

The **Austrian Science Fund (FWF)** and the **Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)** of Taiwan are now jointly offering researchers the opportunity to apply for **bilateral Taiwanese-Austrian Joint Research Projects and Joint Seminars**.

FWF–MOST Joint Projects:

Call opening:	16 January 2017
Deadline for applications:	31 March 2017 (FWF: date of postmark)
Project duration:	Up to 3 years
Subject areas:	All fields of basic research

FWF–MOST Joint Projects are research projects in which scholars from Austria and Taiwan plan to cooperate in pursuing a common research goal. The projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners, and the project parts should be **closely integrated** so that one part could not be carried out without the other. In addition, there should be relevant scholarly input from both research teams. Project applications must be submitted in parallel to the FWF (Austrian team) and to MOST (Taiwanese team).

Austrian applicants must prepare their proposals in accordance with the [FWF Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#), while Taiwanese applicants must prepare their proposals following the rules of MOST. If a project is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by the FWF and MOST. Applications can only be funded if they are approved by both participating organisations.

Cost calculations:

The budgets for the Austrian and Taiwanese project parts must be calculated in accordance with FWF and MOST guidelines, respectively.

How to apply:

The titles of both applications must be identical. In the Austrian application, a joint proposal describing the **entire Austrian-Taiwanese project** must be submitted by selecting the programme category “**Intl. cooperation project – Joint Project**”. Applicants to the FWF should also refer to the [Information Sheet for Bilateral Programs – Joint Projects – Joint Seminars](#) for further details.

The **narrative text (no more than 20 pages)** of the joint research proposal must be written **in English** and must strictly adhere to the formal criteria set out in the FWF guidelines. This text will serve as the basis for the international review.

The **work and time plan** should cover the entire project. In addition, the **close interaction between the two project teams** should be described in detail, and the **added value** generated by the **bilateral cooperation should be made evident** in the project description. This must include **concise budget justifications** for the Austrian part (justification of personnel costs and non-personnel costs; please consult the application guidelines for eligible costs) and **the distribution of tasks, as well as the resources to be contributed by the partners**.

The application should include a short presentation of each project partner, explaining their special contribution to the project and their competencies. Finally, each applicant must include **an academic CV** (no more than 3 pages per person), **a list of academic publications** (especially those relevant to the project) in the last 5 years, and a separate list of the 10 most important academic publications in the project partner's entire career to date.

The MOST documentation for the call can be downloaded [here](#).

Submission:

Applications to the FWF (narrative text and forms) can be submitted online at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at> or on paper (along with a data storage device; see below).

- Via elane: The online submission must be completed by **31 March 2017**. The cover sheet generated at the end of the online submission process must be printed out, **signed and sent to the FWF by conventional mail** (Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria) by **31 March 2017 at the latest**. An online submission without a signed cover sheet will not be eligible for review. Please note that the cover sheet must bear the original signatures of the applicant and the representative of the host institution.
- On paper (hard copies of all documents along with files on a CD-ROM/USB stick): Proposals must be sent to the FWF by conventional mail (Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Vienna, Austria) by **31 March 2017 at the latest**.

The FWF forms and guidelines for joint projects can be downloaded [here](#).

For further details on how to submit a proposal, please consult the FWF application guidelines mentioned above.

Applicants to the FWF will be asked to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days of being notified of such errors by the FWF Office. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be processed.

It is expected that the results of this call will be available by December 2017.

Joint Seminars (JS):

Call opening: 16 January 2017
Deadline for applications: **31 March 2017** (for Joint Seminars taking place between 1 August 2017 and 31 July 2018)
Project duration: 2 to 4 days
Subject area: All fields of basic research
Location: Taiwan or Austria
Number of participants: Up to 10 per country

Project applications must be submitted in parallel to the FWF (Austrian team) and MOST (Taiwanese team) in accordance with each agency's specific application guidelines. If a joint seminar is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by the FWF and MOST.

Cost calculations:

Support is available for multiple-day workshops/seminars that focus on specific topics for the purpose of initiating bilateral cooperation projects and preparing applications for joint projects. The visiting organisation is to cover international travel costs, while the host organisation is to cover expenses incurred locally (including accommodation and miscellaneous costs). Please note that in cases where a joint seminar is held in Austria, the Austrian team must request funding for the local expenses of their partners from Taiwan in addition to the expenses for the joint seminar itself (and vice versa in the case of a joint seminar taking place in Taiwan). Applicants to the FWF should consult the [Application Guidelines for Joint Seminars](#) for further information.

How to apply:

Applications should involve more than one research institution/university from each country. The composition of the teams should be balanced on both sides (e.g. with regard to the participation of junior and senior researchers). Researchers must submit applications to the organisation in their home country (i.e. MOST or FWF). The titles of both applications must be identical.

Submission:

Applications can be submitted on paper (along with files on a CD-ROM or USB stick). All applicants must adhere to the formal requirements and the checklist for the submission of joint seminar proposals on page 4 of the Application Guidelines for Joint Seminars. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be processed.

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