

**Joint Call between
the *Ministry of Science and Technology* (MOST), Taiwan) &
the *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF)**

Introduction:

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of Taiwan jointly offer the possibility to apply for **bilateral Taiwanese-Austrian Joint Research Projects** and **Joint Seminars**.

Joint Projects (JP):

Call Opening:	15 January 2016
Deadline for Applications:	<u>31 March 2016</u> (at FWF: date of postmark)
Project Duration:	max. 3 years
Subject Area:	all fields of basic research, all disciplines

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 **Standard Procedure** which requires that two separate proposals are sent to FWF and the respective partner funding agency abroad. Both applications must be prepared in accordance with the formal guidelines of [FWF](#)¹ and [MOST](#), respectively. If a joint research project is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and MOST.

How to prepare a proposal for a joint research project:

Generally the applications have to be submitted in accordance to the rules of the respective national funding agency. The title of both applications must be the same.

At FWF the application guidelines for [Stand-Alone Projects](#) apply. Applicants at FWF should also consult the [Information Sheet for Bilateral Programs – Joint Projects – Joint Seminars](#) for further details.

¹ FWF Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects as published in 1/14 (January 2015)

In terms of content the two applications can either be largely identical or the focus can be put on the respective national part. The decision is up to applicants.

In any case it is important that the Austrian proposal meets the FWF guidelines.

The **narrative text (no more than 20 pages)** must be written **in English** and must follow the formal criteria as set out in the [FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects](#). It will serve as the basis for the international evaluation.

In the work and time plan the **whole project** should be explained. Also the **close interaction** between the two project parts should be well described and the **additional value** of the **bilateral co-operation should become evident**. The project description must also **include concise budget justifications** (justification of personnel costs and of non-personnel costs; please consult the respective application guidelines for eligible costs). The application should include **a short presentation of the project partners**, explaining his/her special contribution to the project and his/her competencies. Finally, a **scientific CV (no more than three pages per person)** and a **list of scientific publications in the last 5 years** (most notably project relevant) and a separate list of the 10 most important scientific publications in the project partners' entire career to date must be included.

Submission:

Applications (narrative text and forms) can be submitted on paper (along with a data medium) or online at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at>

- Via elane: The online submission must be accomplished by **31 March 2016**. The signed cover sheet which is generated at the end of the online submission process must be sent by mail (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) on 31 March at the latest.
- or by mail (all documents hard copy and on CD-Rom/USB-stick): proposals must be sent by mail to FWF (Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) by 31 March 2016 at the latest.

The following forms must be sent to FWF in any case:

- Antragsformular/application form (for international co-operation projects)
- Programmspezifische Daten/form "programme specific data",
- Beiblatt MitautorInnen/"attachment co-authors"
- Kostenaufstellung/"itemization of requested funding" (including only the costs of the Austrian part)
- other forms only if required

The FWF forms can be downloaded [here](#).

For further details on how to submit the proposal, consult the FWF application guidelines (p.3-4). Applicants at FWF are required to rectify the errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office.

Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be dealt with.

Joint Seminars (JS):

Call Opening: 15 January 2016

Deadline for Applications: **31 March 2016** (*for Joint Seminars taking place between 1. August 2016 and 31. July 2017*)

Project Duration: 2 to 4 days

Subject Area: all fields of basic research, all disciplines

Location: Taiwan or Austria

No. of participants: max. 12 per country

Applications for joint seminars will be dealt with following the **Standard Procedure** which requires that two separate proposals are sent to FWF and the respective partner funding agency abroad. Both applications must be prepared in accordance with the formal guidelines of [FWF](#) and [MOST](#), respectively. If a joint seminar is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and MOST.

Support is available for multiple-day workshops/seminars focusing on specific topics for the purpose of initiating bilateral cooperation projects and preparing applications for Joint Projects at a later stage.

How to prepare a proposal for a joint seminar:

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 senior and junior scientists). Scientists from Taiwan and Austria apply at their country's respective organisation. The titles of both applications must be the same.

Costs:

The "sending organisation" pays for international travel costs, while the "host organisation" pays for the living expenses (including accommodation and miscellaneous costs). Please note that in the case of a JS taking place in Austria, the Austrian side has to apply for the living expenses of their colleagues from Taiwan as well as the expenses for the JS (and v.v. in the case of a JS taking place in Taiwan).

Applicants at FWF should consult the "[Antragsrichtlinien für Joint Seminars](#)" for further information.

Submission:

Applications can be submitted on paper (along with a data medium). Please follow the formal guidelines and Check list for the submission of Joint Seminars on page 4 of the guidelines ("Antragsrichtlinien für Joint Seminars").

Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be dealt with.

Contact Persons:

<i>MOST – Ministry of Science and Technology</i>	<i>FWF – Austrian Science Fund</i>
For both Joint Projects and Seminars: Ms. Hwey-Ying, Vivien, LEE Program Director Department of International Cooperation and Science Education Ministry of Science and Technology Tel: +886-2-2737-7150, Fax: +886-2-2737-7607 Email: vvlee@most.gov.tw	For Joint Projects: Beatrice Lawal Sensengasse 1 1090 Wien / Vienna, Austria Tel: +43 (0)1 / 505 67 40 – 8703 beatrice.lawal@fwf.ac.at http://www.fwf.ac.at For Joint Seminars: Christoph Bärenreuter Sensengasse 1 1090 Wien / Vienna, Austria Tel: +43 (0) 1 / 505 67 40 – 8702 christoph.baerenreuter@fwf.ac.at http://www.fwf.ac.at