

## National Annex: FWF Der Wissenschaftsfonds, Austria

### Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on Transdisciplinary Research for Pathways to Sustainability

#### ELIGIBILITY

Any researcher working in Austria who possesses excellent research qualifications, sufficient time resources, and has access to the infrastructure necessary to carry out the project submitted. No specific academic title is needed, nor is Austrian citizenship required; however, the project must be carried out in Austria or under the auspices of an Austrian research institution at which the principal investigator works. Applications may only be submitted by an individual natural person; institutions or companies may not apply.

Each consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries. One of the partners has to be from a country located outside of Europe (geographically).

The project must be headed by one person who work in scientific/scholarly research, art, or art-related research in Austria or under the auspices of an Austrian research institution, and who can demonstrate that they possess the necessary qualifications for the specific programme.

The research project must be used to finance the non-economic activities of the research institution or must be able to demonstrate that it can be executed in accordance with the rules on state aid.

The infrastructure necessary to carry out the research project must be available.

For the participation in this call the [application guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) apply; if applicants have any questions about their national eligibility, they are advised to contact FWF to enquire about their eligibility for the call before developing the proposal.

#### FUNDING PRINCIPLES

A consortium agreement (including International Property Rights) will need to be developed between the participating researchers should their application be successful, and shared with the relevant Partner Organizations.

The total available budget for FWF investigators is approximately 250.000 Euros. The FWF anticipates that a total of 3 - 4 research consortia will be supported, pending the availability of funds. **The maximum total budget request for all FWF investigators in a single consortium must not exceed 70.000 € including "General project costs"**.

#### What types of funding can be requested?

Only project-specific costs may be requested, i.e., personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the research project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's infrastructure. The FWF does not generally finance the infrastructure of research institutions. For this call the FWF excludes the funding of equipment.

#### FUNDING PROCEDURES

Projects must be written in English and submitted electronically via the Belmont Forum Grant Operations website: <http://bfgo.org>

Applicants at FWF must submit the **administrative and financial data** for the Austrian project part together with a scientific **abstract** (cf. p. 5 in the application guidelines) **online** using the **Elane** system (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>; programme category "I - International Programmes") by **31 October 2020 (11.59 p.m. Vienna local time)**.

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For further information on how to submit an application, please refer to pages 7 to 8 of the [application guidelines](#).

Once the application has been submitted, a PDF cover sheet will be generated. This cover sheet must be signed by hand and stamped by the responsible representative of the applicant's research institute before being sent to the FWF by conventional mail within 10 calendar days after the Elane online submission. **The application shall not be considered officially submitted until the FWF receives the signed and stamped cover sheet.**

Alternatively, the signed and stamped cover sheet can be scanned in, signed using the applicant's qualified electronic signature (e.g., mobile phone signature), and sent to the FWF (office@fwf.ac.at) by e-mail. Please note that a scanned signed and stamped cover sheet is invalid if it does not have a qualified electronic signature.

The rules on eligibility and cost calculations for the Austrian part of the project are those specified in the FWF's [Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) except the restriction on the number of projects. In addition to a project in the context of this call it is possible to act as the principal investigator of three projects that differ in terms of content from the Belmont Forum Call in the categories of Stand-Alone Projects, International Programmes, Clinical Research, and the Programme for Arts-based Research. Further information on the restriction on the number of ongoing projects and the limit on the number of applications can be found at "[Restriction on the number of projects](#)".

The application submitted must include a detailed justification of costs for the Austrian part of the project.

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