

National eligibility requirements

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Austria (FWF)

FWF Eligibility Requirements for HERA applicants based in Austria

Funding may be requested for projects in basic research that are clearly defined, innovative, with plausibly described objectives and methods, and are limited in duration (between 24 and 36 months).

Submission

In addition to the application at the call secretariat administrative and financial **data must be submitted online to the FWF using the [elane](#) digital application portal**. In case of a two-step application procedure this is required **for both the preproposal and the full proposal stage**.

Project funding is administered through the research institutions ([PROFI](#)); this means the application must be approved for submission by both the applicant and the respective research institution (= lead research institution).¹ All forms required for the application must be completed online; other required documents must be uploaded in full before the application can be approved for submission by the research institution. For additional information, please see the [elane user manual](#).

Please complete and upload the following documents as individual annexes to the national FWF application system:

- **Budget justification** for the project part to be financed by FWF (according to Appendix A (section 6.1) of the [Guidelines](#) for Principal Investigator Projects).
- **CV** of the applicant at FWF according to the [Guidelines](#).
- **PI_publication.pdf**: Two publications written by the applicant must be named, documenting that the applicant fulfills the general requirements to apply (see Template [PI-publication](#)). The FWF will base the applicant's eligibility to apply on these publications.

Who can apply?

All Austrian research institutions are eligible to apply. Please note: Research institutions must be [registered](#) in the FWF's research institution portal. The proposed research must be carried out in Austria under the auspices of the Austrian lead research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out. The research institution appoints a principal investigator to carry out the project. Neither a specific academic degree nor Austrian citizenship is required to act as principal investigator. The principal investigator must, however, have appropriate scientific qualifications (see section 1.5 of the [Guidelines](#)) and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. The research institution must provide the necessary infrastructure. The principal investigator must be employed at the Austrian research institution applying for funding at the time the project is scheduled to begin. Their salary is financed either by the research institution or by the project as a grant-salaried researcher (see section 2.3.1.1 in the [Guidelines](#)). If the principal investigator is employed part-time at the start of the project, project funds can be used to increase the extent of employment to full time. Researchers who are predominantly working abroad during the project may act as principal investigators if they are employed at the Austrian research institution

¹ Approval for submission by the research institution may be waived by the research institution.

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applying for funding at the time of application and for the entire duration of the project. The extent of employment at the Austrian research institution not funded by the FWF must be at least 25%.²

It should be noted that for principal investigators, the number of ongoing/approved projects in the Principal Investigator Projects, International, Clinical Research, and Arts-Based Research programs is limited to a maximum of 3 projects. For further information on restrictions concerning the permissible number of applications and ongoing projects, please see [Restriction on the number of projects](#).

What requirements must be met to apply?

The principal investigator's publication record over the last five years must be internationally visible and commensurate with the expected career path in their field. The following criteria apply for the assessment of an applicant's publication record and initiation of the review process:

1. **Quality assurance:** Most relevant in assessing the applicant's publication record are those publications that have been subject to a quality assurance procedure in line with international standards (peer review or an equivalent procedure; in the natural and life sciences, peer review is expected). Journals must usually be listed in Web of Science, Scopus, or the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). For journals not listed in those databases, or for monographs, edited volumes, contributions to edited volumes, or other publication types, the applicant must provide a link to the publisher's website which contains a description of the applicable quality assurance procedure. Should no such description be available on the website, it is the applicant's responsibility to provide evidence that the publication has been subject to a quality assurance procedure in accordance with the standards of the field.
2. **International visibility:** The majority of the applicant's publications must have a wider than national reach. In the natural sciences, life sciences, and social sciences, most of the publications listed must be in English.
3. **Number/scope and quality** of the publications must be commensurate with the researcher's expectable career path and the respective discipline. At least two publications must be quality-assured and internationally visible publications with a substantial and independent contribution by the applicant. At least one publication with first, last, or corresponding authorship is required, with the exception of publications in journals (or disciplines) that rank authors alphabetically. If any such publications are included in the required document *PI_publication.pdf* (see section 2.2.4 of the [Guidelines](#)), the applicant's contribution must be specified.

If there is any uncertainty about general application requirements or about accounting for career interruptions, the FWF recommends contacting the FWF Office or the [FWF unit](#) for equal opportunities in research funding in good time before submitting the application to confirm that all requirements are met and that any career interruptions can be accounted for. In cases of doubt, the appropriate decision-making bodies of the FWF shall decide on applicants' eligibility.

Equal opportunities, diversity, and inclusion

The [FWF Strategy for Gender Equality and Diversity of Researchers](#) applies. This means that breaks or delays in applicants' research careers that have led to publication gaps, unorthodox career paths, or

² Proof of employment must be submitted to the FWF with the application.

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limited international research experience can be taken into account. For further details on accounting for career breaks, please refer to the [information sheet](#) on career interruptions.

Consideration of career breaks

The FWF will take justified, documentable career breaks (e.g. due to pregnancy, childcare,³ caregiving obligations,⁴ military or civilian service, flight, and asylum) into consideration in assessing the principal investigator's eligibility to apply.

Inclusion of the disabled and chronically ill

The FWF will also take any exceptions to and interruptions of typical career paths due to disability and/or long-term illness into consideration in determining whether the principal investigator meets the application requirements.

What types of funding can be requested?

Project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution (for more information please see section 2.3 of the [Guidelines](#)). The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions.

In addition, funding may be requested for project-specific work at the associated research institution(s) where associated research partner(s) work. Associated research partners are researchers working on a project-specific basis at other Austrian research institutions (associated research institutions) and who are making a significant scientific/scholarly contribution to the project. The *Associated Research Partner* form must be completed for these researchers, if applicable. Funds are disbursed from the lead research institution to the associated research institution(s).⁵ Associated research institutions report directly to the FWF to account for funds used at their institution. For information on applying for personnel costs for the principal investigator's own salary, please see section 2.3.1.1 of the [Guidelines](#). Please note that exaggerated cost projections may be grounds for rejection, even if a proposal is otherwise excellent.

Multiple funding is not permitted (see [FWF Funding Guidelines](#)).

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³ Childcare includes parental leave periods, if applicable.

⁴ Immediate family members and/or persons living in the same household: Spouses, registered partners, parents, children, adopted, step, and foster children, siblings, parents-in-law, and children-in-law.

⁵ Associated research institutions must be [registered](#) in the FWF's research institution portal. Once a proposal has been approved, the lead research institution must enter into a collaboration agreement with the associated research institution.

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Belgium, Wallonia-Brussels Federation (F.R.S.-FNRS)



Who can apply?

Comprehensive eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#).

The applicant must be affiliated to a university from the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. The applicant should either:

- be a permanent F.R.S.-FNRS researcher (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches or Directeur de recherches),
- or hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a university from the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

Permanent research staff members from other research institutions listed in Annex 1 of the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#) can act as a co-promoters only.

The applicant should not have reached retirement at the starting date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project, he should describe in the proposal how the handover will be managed.

What are eligible costs for researchers?

The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 200,000 EUR for a total period of three years.

All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#). Please refer to criteria applicable for calls not co-funded by the European Commission.

“Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Submission requirements

Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on [e-space](#) within **5 working** days after the general deadline to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

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Bulgaria (BNSF)



BNSF Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Bulgaria

- Only proposals involving **basic research** may be submitted in response to the call for proposals.

Who can apply?

- Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act;
- Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act.
http://iii.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf

Eligible costs:

Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at:

https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf

Forms to be submitted:

Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The form, entitled „Administrative description of the project“ should be filled in both Bulgarian and in English and signed.

They have to be sent it back by post or in person to BNSF Registry Office before the deadline of 1stage proposal submission.

The application forms should be submitted electronically through the national proposal submission engine SUNI: <https://enims.egov.bg>

Please note:

Applicants under this procedure shall be directly responsible for the implementation of the activities under the project proposal and shall not act as intermediaries, but they shall carry out activities under the project proposal on their behalf and at their expense.

Applicants to this procedure must be entities:

- Carrying out fundamental research studies; and
- Whose activities are entirely of a non-profit nature; or
- Whose activities are of both for-profit and not-for-profit nature, but these activities are clearly distinguished and their organization allows tracking of revenue and expenditures connected with their

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implementation, including by keeping analytical accounting. In the event that an applicant is involved in both for-profit and not-for-profit activities, the funding, expenditures and revenues shall be taken into account separately for each type of activity and on the basis of consistently applied principles of accounting of expenditures being justifiable.

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Croatia (HRZZ)

Participating organisation: Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

Indicative Budget: 99.543,00 M€

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Max. project duration: proposed projects may last from 24 to 36 months

Max. funding per project: 99.543,00 EUR

Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal within this call.

1 project can be funded

Funding criteria and regulations

Croatian applicants (Principal Investigators) are recommended to contact HRZZ prior to the submission of the proposal for the purpose of checking the national funding terms and conditions.

The Croatian applicant may have the status of a Principal Investigator (PI) and/or team member or PI and a co-PI on a maximum two HRZZ projects : as a PI of one project and a team member or co-PI on another project or as a team member and co-PI on two projects. This does not include the role of PI and team members in HRZZ projects ending on 31 October 2024.

Co-PIs on projects are PIs of Swiss-Croatian research projects and projects in bilateral programmes and ERA_NET calls.

Applicant can participate in only one project consortium in one ERA-NET Cofund Call.

Institutional eligibility criteria:

Eligible applicants are public research organisations, higher education institution, scientific institutes, And other legal entities that have employees with an PhD degree and are registered to perform scientific activities.

The Applicant can submit a project proposal only in the area for which the scientific organisation in which he/she is employed and where the project will be implemented has been accredited (if it is an organization subject to the conditions for accreditation).

The document “Upute za prijavitelje na natječaje Hrvatske zaklade za znanost za 2023” presenting the modalities of participation of the Croatian applicants, eligibility of the organizations and eligible costs will be available at www.hrzz.hr.

Following the conclusion of the consortium agreement between the consortium partners, the Croatian applicant in the project consortium will be required to sign a grant agreement with HRZZ for the portion of the budget provided by HRZZ.

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Eligibility confirmation

For pre-proposal

The HRZZ requests the Croatian applicants to send the following documentation, not later than 2 days after the submission of the pre-proposal:

1. Financial Plan for the Croatian applicant (the part to be financed by the HRZZ), extracted from the Financial Form submitted by the project consortium;
2. Pre-proposal (in PDF format, sealed on the date of Call deadline);
3. Letter of Support in Croatian, i.e. a written commitment of the Croatian applicant's organization, accepting the proposed research and committing to its administration (signed and certified by the authorized person of the Croatian applicant's organization);
4. Signed letter of commitment for the participation in the projects for all associates and consultants not employed at the applicant's organisation.

For full proposal

The HRZZ requests the Croatian applicants to send the following documentation, not later than 2 days after the submission of the full proposal:

1. Financial Plan for the Croatian applicant (the part to be financed by the HRZZ), extracted from the Financial Form submitted by the project consortium;
2. Full proposal (in PDF format, sealed on the date of Call deadline);
3. Ethics approval (if applicable), PDF document.

The electronic version of the requested documentation shall be sent via e-mail to the following address: jasminka@hrzz.hr.

Submission of financial reports at the national level The funded Croatian applicants will have to submit annual Financial reports and justifying documentation (e.g. invoices, contracts, pay slips and similar) to HRZZ, together with a Declaration on VAT status and Declaration on the prevention of double financing for the year in question.

Eligible costs are:

- research costs
- personnel costs (employment of postdoctoral researchers)
- equipment purchase and equipment maintenance costs
- dissemination, training and cooperation costs
- costs for open access publishing
- indirect costs - maximum 10% of total funds requested, only if they are directly connected with project activities and they cannot be placed into any of the categories of eligible costs.

Institutional thematic priorities:

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Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:

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Additional information:

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Czechia (CAS)

Who can apply?

Only scientists affiliated with the CAS of the Czech Republic are eligible to apply for financial support.

1. Eligible costs

Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project, including:

1.1. Personnel costs (maximum project duration 36 months):

- Max. two PhD. students per one project;
- One or more Postdoc(s);
- One or more senior researcher(s).

1.2 Eligible material and other costs:

- Travel & accommodation & meeting costs (all team members, the items must be specified and justified);
- Costs for knowledge transfer (the items must be specified and justified);
- All joint publication costs (incl. editing and translation costs);
- Research small-scale equipment, consumables and services directly connected to carrying out the Project
- Overhead/administration expenses (cost of institutional overheads may be included at a rate of up to 10% of overall eligible direct costs);

The proposed project should not be financed from any other domestic source.

All budget items must be justified and provided for the eligibility.

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Denmark (DAFSHE)

DAFSHE eligibility requirements for CHANSE applicants based in Denmark

Who can apply?

Project Leaders (PL) and Principal Investigators (PI) must be able to document independent research experience typically corresponding to 3 years of research after having obtained a PhD (or similar qualifications).

What are eligible costs for researchers based in Denmark?

Researchers may apply for funding to cover all expenses directly attributable to the project, and which are relevant and necessary in order to carry out the project. To this should be added overhead/administration expenses. The limit for overhead expenses is 25%.

In addition, the terms and conditions for Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF) calls also stand for researchers applying for support from CHANSE via Danish institutions – please refer to the current independent research [call](#).

Please note that DFF expects that expenses for books, normal work PCs, general software and other general work tools to be covered by the hosting institutions' overhead. Please also note that DFF does not fund expenses associated with Open Access publishing.

Separate Danish financial budget table for successful applicants after Full Proposal stage

Successful CHANSE applicants based in Denmark, i.e. Denmark-based Project Leaders and Principal Investigators granted by CHANSE, will be required to complete a Danish financial budget and send this to Independent Research Fund Denmark.

Successful applicants will need to create an account on <http://e-grant.dk/> in order to submit their budget.

This budget table should only specify expenses related to the Danish sub-project and costs must be given in DKK (1 EUR = 7,5 DKK).

The budget must be divided into the following overall budget items:

- Scientific/academic salaries, incl. salaries for visiting researchers from abroad
- Salaries for PhD-students
- Post-doctoral salaries
- Technical/administrative salaries
- Equipment expenses
- Operating expenses e.g. field work, data collection, hosting of seminars.

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Estonia (ETAG)

Eligibility requirements for applicants based in Estonia

Funding organisation: Eesti Teadusagentuur / Estonian Research Council

Maximum funding that can be requested by Estonian partner(s) per project: 150 000 €

[National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects apply in this call.](#)

1. Project participants

1.1. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.

After the preproposal deadline and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.

If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.

1.2 The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed.

The Principal Investigator:

1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;

1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application at the latest;

1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.

If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center

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or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.

2. Budget:

2.1 Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.

2.2 Direct costs

2.2.1 Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.

2.2.2 Other direct costs are:

- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance;
- consumables and minor equipment related to the project;
- publication and dissemination of project results;
- organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering);
- fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project;
- patent costs;
- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs.

2.3 Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs.

2.4 Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.

2.5 Double funding of activities is not acceptable.

2.6 If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents (150 000 euro).

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If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account. See more at <https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/horizon-europe/eu-partnerships/era-nets/> (Estonian eligibility criteria)

4. Grant Agreement

If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.

The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.

5. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing

If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.

6. Nagoya Protocol

By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.

More information at <https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/horizon-europe/eu-partnerships/era-nets/> (Estonian eligibility criteria)

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Finland (AKA)

AKA Eligibility Requirements for HERA JRP applicants based in Finland

General guidelines of the Academy Projects funded by the Academy of Finland apply to applicants based in Finland. Please see <https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/> for further information. Applicants are encouraged to contact the national contact point at the Academy of Finland (contact details below) before submitting their proposals.

The Academy of Finland is prepared to fund up to four successful Finnish consortium parties with a total national allocation of EUR 800,000 for the call.

Who can apply?

The applicant who intends to act as Principal Investigator (PI) or Project Leader (PL) in a HERA project must have a doctoral degree and other significant scientific merits. Usually the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level. Funding is granted primarily to teams of researchers with doctoral degrees.

Funding is granted to be used at a site of research (typically a university or a research institute) based in Finland. Applicants are required to have a close connection with Finland to support the implementation of a multi-year project. This connection must be evident from the application.

Researchers who have been granted funding may however work outside Finland during their funding period.

What are eligible costs for Finnish researchers?

Funding can be used to cover both direct and indirect research costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following:

- the research team's work (salaries)
- research costs
- travel
- national and international collaboration and mobility
- preparation of international projects

The salary costs of the PL/PI for project management can be included in the total project costs for approximately 1.5 months per year. For well-justified research reasons (e.g. working abroad, returning to Finland, transferring to another research organization), the Academy may grant funding for the PI's salary for research for a maximum of 12 months.

Guidelines for project budgets for sub-projects based in Finland

- Full cost model applies to project budgets. Requested funding may come to no more than 70% of the total costs of a sub-project. [Read more about the full cost model.](#)
- Budgets must be drawn out using the indirect employee costs, the overheads, and the coefficient for effective working hours applied by the site of research at the time of application submission (check the percentages and coefficient figures with your organisation).

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- Overhead costs must correspond to the applicant organisation's current overhead rate for Academy of Finland and calculation method for Academy Project proposals.
- Personnel costs should include the full salary and indirect employee costs; overheads are reported on a separate line. Add a separate budget line for each person employed (with the name, if known). Include the number of months worked in justifications for each personnel cost line.

The PIs based in Finland are required to annex to the Full Proposals a commitment of the site of research signed by a representative of the site of research. Finnish partners of projects that have been selected for funding will be invited to submit national application forms through Academy's online system.

Requirements from the site of research

The Academy requires that the site of research (e.g. university) provides the research project with all necessary basic facilities which are the same as those available to other research staff at the site. When accepting the funding, the site of research is responsible for ensuring that necessary statements and permits from ethics committees have been obtained before the start of the project. The site of research also commits to ensuring that the data management plan can be implemented at the site of research, and that the measures to be taken comply with good data management practice. Read more in the [guidelines on the commitment by site of research](#).

In the application, provide a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure. Before submitting your application, you must agree with the administration at your own organisation on the contribution of the site of research to the funding of the project. Only costs that pass through the books of the site of the research must be included in the total costs.

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France (ANR)

Funding organization	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) – France https://anr.fr/
National contact	Marie Fleck marie.fleck@agencerecherche.fr
Eligible institutions	Please consult the « règlement financier » https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
Eligible applicants	Please consult the « règlement financier » https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
Eligible costs	Please consult the « règlement financier » https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
Anticipated amount of funding for this call	1,500,000€
Maximum amount per proposal	250,000€
Relevant national documents	Please consult the “modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR” available on the HERA CRISIS call dedicated Webpage of the ANR website

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Ireland (IRC)

IRC Eligibility Requirements for HERA JRP applicants based in Irish Institutions

Who can apply?

Project Leaders (PL) and Principal Investigators (PI) shall be full-time members of the academic staff, either permanent or on temporary contracts of sufficient duration to cover the period of the proposed project, of a higher education institution within the meaning of Section 53 of the Higher Education Authority Act 2022 and/or in receipt of public funding as approved by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for the purposes of the Free Fees Initiative. Applications will also be accepted from permanent members of the academic research staff at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS). Researchers not formally affiliated with an institution recognised by the IRC may be part of a HERA Joint Research Programme [JRP] consortium but cannot function as formal project leader (PL) or principal investigator (PI).

Eligible costs:

Eligible personnel costs for the purpose of the HERA JRP must be sought at agreed national rates.

These are available at: <http://www.iaa.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales/>

PhD stipends must be in accordance with IRC stipend levels.

PhD researchers should be aware that this programme is funded to a maximum of three years.

Eligible material costs can include:

- Travel & accommodation & meeting costs
- Costs for knowledge exchange
- All joint publication costs (incl. editing and translation costs)
- Other material costs, equipment where justifiable
- Consumables

The cost of institutional overheads may be included at a rate of up to 20% of overall direct costs less equipment.

Maximum amount of funding which can be requested is €166,000 including overhead costs.

Please note that applicants must contact the IRC prior to the submission of their proposal, including for budget approval.

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Latvia (LZP)

LATVIA (Latvijas Zinātnes padome)

LZP Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Latvia

Who can apply?

Following legal persons (as defined under the Latvian law) as project partners are eligible for funding:

- R&D institutions - research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, their institutes and research centers. which are listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia and have status of research and knowledge dissemination organization according to the EU Regulation 651/2014.
- Enterprises and companies which are registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia as a business enterprise and provide most of its activities in the Republic of Latvia. They must prove the possession of corresponding personnel qualified and technical means for the project's purposes.

Eligible costs

- Direct costs:
 - Personnel costs, incl. social tax for PI/PL and research team members,
 - Consumables,
 - Subcontracts and external services - up to 25% from direct costs, needs detailed justification. Includes all publishing and patenting costs, knowledge engineering and dissemination services,
 - Equipment (only depreciation costs attributable directly to the project),
 - Travel (according to the travel plan),
 - Other costs,
- Indirect costs (up to 25% of the direct costs exempting subcontracting and external services).

Educational activities are not supported.

Funding

Maximum of 100 000 euros per project year (at least 12 months long) can be requested by each project partner (which makes 300 000 euros as maximum grant amount for a partner for a full 3-years project). At maximum two Principal Investigators from Latvia are allowed per project (respecting the call eligibility rules). Project duration can be up to 36 months.

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Funding and support for project is provided according to Provisions No 259, 26/05/2015 of the Cabinet of Ministers <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskasadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma> and they should be respected without any exceptions.

National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation).

The grant will be awarded only after the following steps are accomplished:

- the submitted project proposal with an eligible Latvian Principal Investigator is in accordance with the criteria indicated in the present document,
- the respective project proposal is selected for the award by the CHANSE Call Steering Board after the transnational evaluation procedure,
- after receiving a notification from the CHANSE secretariat on support for the implementation of the project, the Latvian project participant has applied for the allocation of funding for project implementation to LZP,
- the project Consortium Agreement is signed by project consortium and presented to LZP.

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Lithuania (LMT)

Eligibility Requirements for applicants

Who can apply?

- Principal Investigator with Lithuanian research and higher education institutions included in the Register of Education.
- The applicant who intends to act as a Principal Investigator has to be a scientist (researcher holding a PhD degree) and can apply one proposal per call.

Eligible costs

Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary, and directly connected to the proposed research project, including direct costs and overheads.

Direct costs:

- Personnel,
- Subcontracting (services and copyright works),
- Consumables,
- Travel and Subsistence,
- Equipment,
- Other.

Overheads: up to 20% of direct costs.

The workload of the Lithuanian team's project implementers (PI and PII) must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the project's duration in months.

The maximum requested amount by the project partner is 150.000 EUR, and by the project coordinator - 200.000 EUR per project for up to 3 years.

We strongly encourage all applicants to read the information on eligible costs in General Rules for Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects of the Research Council of Lithuania ([EN](#), [LT](#))

Open Access to Publications and Research Data Policy

According to open access provisions of the European Union research and innovation programme Horizon 2020, LMT has developed Guidelines for Open Access to Science Publications and Data ([Decision No VIII-2 of 29/2/2016](#)). The guidelines provide the general principles for open access to scientific publications and data obtained from public funds to Lithuanian research and higher education institutions and researchers carrying out research and dissemination projects.

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Norway (RCN)



RCN Eligibility Requirements for HERA applicants based in Norway

Maximum national funding available for this call: € 900 000.

Who can apply?

Researchers at Norwegian universities, university colleges or other Norwegian research institutions recognised by RCN may participate in a HERA consortium as Project Leader (PL) or as Principal Investigator (PI). See the [list for approved research organizations](#) and more about general application requirements: [General application requirements](#) and [what to enter in the project budget](#).

All costs must be given in Euros.

What are eligible costs for Norwegian researchers?

Organisations from the university and university college sector are to use the [TDI full costing model](#) when specifying project budgets.

Payroll and indirect expenses:

Payroll and indirect expenses, related to researcher time (including research fellowship positions) at the research organisations participating in the project. For doctoral and post-doctoral research fellowships, this funding is limited to maximum three person-years.

Payroll expenses for all R&D personnel:

Applicants from universities and university colleges are to use the [TDI full costing model](#) when calculating researcher time expenses. RCN's funding of researcher time is limited to a [lump-sum allocation rate](#). The rates per person-year may be divided into 12 person-months or 1 628 person-hours. The rates may be lower than the costs the organisation has calculated for researcher time in the budget. Any difference must be covered by the organizations own funding.

Applicants from independent research institutes: Payroll and indirect expenses for all R&D personnel are to be calculated together as hourly rates for groups of R&D personnel. The hourly rate is established by the individual research institute and must reflect the actual costs based on efficient operations. See [Registration of hourly rates from the institute sector](#) for more information.

Procurement of R&D services

Meaning costs related to procurement of R&D services for the project. You must link R&D services to an R&D supplier that delivers contracted R&D tasks to the Project Owner or other project partners. R&D suppliers are to be registered as partners in the grant application form.

If research fellowships are included in the R&D services (the task contracted from an R&D supplier), calculate the costs using [the current lump-sum rates](#).

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This encompasses operating and depreciation costs for scientific equipment and research infrastructure necessary for the execution of the project. These costs may be calculated as follows:

The project's share of the depreciation costs for equipment and research infrastructure that is necessary for the execution of the project, if this equipment or infrastructure has not been procured using funding from the Research Council or other public project funding.

The project's share of the operating costs or "user fee" for equipment and research infrastructure that is necessary for the execution of the project.

Procurement costs for equipment that can only be used for this project.

Smaller-scale procurements (less than NOK 100 000 in purchase costs) of equipment that can also be used outside the scope of the project are included in the indirect expenses and should not be entered under "Equipment".

Operating expenses:

Comprises costs for other activities that are necessary to carry out R&D efforts under the project. This may include costs for:

Travel and accommodation, including research stays abroad and research visits to Norway for researchers from other countries. Read more under [research stays abroad](#) and [research visits to Norway](#).

Dissemination activities related to events, seminars, user-oriented activities, etc.

Costs related to the publication of scientific books (monographs/anthologies) with open access.

Activities to make research data from the project accessible in accordance with a potential data management plan.

Other materials that are not covered under "Equipment".

The Research Council covers the costs for open access publication as part of the indirect costs (overhead) to the institution where the researcher is employed. Publishing costs for journal articles must therefore not be entered as direct costs in budgets for individual projects.

Follow-up of projects that receive funding

The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects.

Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. The currency in the Norwegian contracts will be in NOK to avoid currency risk. It is the exchange rate at the application deadline that is the current exchange rate for calculating support. Based on this, we convert from Euro to NOK when the project enters into a contract with us.

The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow RCN cost model and RCN regulations.

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Poland (NCN)

NCN Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Poland

Only proposals involving basic research (experimental or theoretical endeavours undertaken to gain new knowledge of the foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any direct commercial use) may be submitted in response to the call for proposals.

Who can apply?

The Principal Investigator in the Polish research team must be at least a PhD holder when submitting a proposal. The Principal Investigator must be a person employed at the host institution for the project for the entire project duration period pursuant to at least a part-time employment contract. The Principal Investigator must reside in Poland for at least 50% of the project duration period.

Eligible costs:

We strongly encourage all applicants to read information on eligible costs included in the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONSO: [version in PL](#), [version in EN](#).

Applicants can apply for funding for all costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project including:

1. Personnel costs (salaries):
 - full time remuneration: funds for full-time employment of the principal investigator or post-doc(s);
 - additional remuneration for members of the research team;
 - salaries and scholarships for students and PhD students;

Polish applicants are encouraged to involve researchers from Ukraine in submitted projects. Their salaries can be covered from the project budget based on the NCN regulations.

2. Purchase or manufacturing of research equipment, devices and software (the cost of an individual item of equipment must not exceed PLN 500 000);
3. Other costs such as:
 - ✓ Purchase of material and small equipment;
 - ✓ Outsourcing (costs of services rendered by third parties)
 - ✓ Business trips (travel and subsistence costs)
 - ✓ Visits and consultations

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- ✓ Compensation for collective investigators
- ✓ Other costs crucial to the research project which comply with the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO: [version in PL](#), [version in EN](#).

EURO exchange rate: 1 EUR = 4,6976 PLN

Please note:

- Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration: UNISONO: [version in PL](#), [version in EN](#).
- The rules for awarding NCN scholarships are laid down in the [Regulations on awarding scholarships](#).
- Up to 7 days from the Full Proposal submission deadline Polish applicants must submit their national applications in the OSF submission system. The application will include a budget that should be calculated according to the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration (UNISONO: : [version in PL](#), [version in EN](#)).
- If one international project includes partners from two or more different Polish institutions, these institutions apply as a group of entities. Each entity within the group has a separate budget, but the limit on the remuneration applies to the group as a whole (please see: UNISONO: [version in PL](#), [version in EN](#)). Please note that groups of entities have higher limits on the remuneration.
- Indirect costs must not exceed a maximum of 20% of the total eligible costs and may not be increased during the course of a research project.
- Additionally, indirect costs of up to 2% of direct costs may be spent on Open Access to publications and research data. Administrative personnel costs and costs of organisation of conferences have to be covered from overheads.
- [Open Access Policy at the NCN](#)
- [Data Management Plan requirements](#)
- [Personal Data Processing at the NCN](#)

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Portugal (FCT)



Funding Organisation	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)
Funding Commitment	€ 150.000
National / Regional Contact Point	<p>Pedro Ferreira pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt +351 213 924 445</p> <p>Luísa Igreja luisa.igreja@fct.pt +351 213 911 537</p>
Eligible Area	All the call topics are eligible.
Eligible Entities	For eligibility of a partner as beneficiaries please consult Article 3 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds .
Eligible Activities	Projects according to the typology described in article 2 of the national regulations available at https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcryptDoctId=GAJroXEWXcz6W4vtkrWKig==
Project Budget	FCT funding commitment for national teams is € 150.000 . The maximum budget per project is € 150.000 if the Portuguese institution is the Coordinator of the project or € 75.000 if the Portuguese institution is a Partner in the project . In case that more than one Portuguese team participates in the same consortium, the budget must be shared.
Eligible Costs	For eligible costs and non-eligible cost please consult articles 8 and 9 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds .
Maximum Support Levels	Percentage of costs covered by national funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Companies, Groups and Associations of Companies, Medium Companies, Small Companies - 50% • Research Institutes and Universities - 100%

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	<p>Payments made to companies may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the company's participation. During the execution of the project, the recipients should present to Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) the documents related to the total expenses made.</p>
Project Duration	<p>Maximum duration: 36 months.</p>
Additional Requirements	<p>For additional information please check FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds.</p> <p>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</p> <p>Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the proposal, the Portuguese teams (Partners and/or Coordinators) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send to the Call National Contact Point a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge and by the Head of the Portuguese applicant institution and stamped. FCT may require later the original of the Statement of Commitment. • proof that the Researcher in Charge has or will have at the time of signing the project's acceptance document a labor bound or that he/she holds a post-doctoral grant with the Proposing Institution or, in case there is no such situation, send a written agreement between the parties.
Information available	<p>FCT – International Cooperation – HERA Crisis</p> <p>https://www.fct.pt/concursos/hera-2023-concurso-para-propostas-transnacionais-conjuntas-sobre-o-tema-criises</p>

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Romania (UEFISCDI)

UEFISCDI Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Romania

Who can apply?

- Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others.
- Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation. For more information: <https://www.uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020> .

Eligible costs:

1. Staff costs;
2. Logistics expenses • Capital expenditure;
 - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;
 - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work;
3. Travel expenses;
4. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs

Please note:

Max./Min. funding awarded:

- 250.000 euro in case a Romanian institution is the Project Leader (together with other Romanian partner(s) – if it is the case);
- 200.000 for one/all Romanian partner(s) participating in a proposal.

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Slovakia (SAS)



Funding Criteria and Regulations

Who can apply?

Only research Institutes of Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding (up to 100%). Participation of SAS early career researchers (ECR) is strongly recommended.

The project team must comprise at least two researchers employed by respective SAS institute (project partner). In addition, PhD students may be added to the team as needed.

Further details are available [here](#).

Funding and project duration

The maximum amount of requested funding per project can be up to 120.000EUR for a total period of 36 months, i. e. 40k €/year/project. Project duration can be 24 or 36 months.

What types of costs are eligible?

Permanent salaries – flat rate 15k €/year/project

Personnel costs (direct costs)

- must accurately reflect the work on the project
- may be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) related to work performed outside of employment contract
- maximum of 15 % of all direct costs or maximum of 30% of all direct costs, if SAS team is a coordinator of project consortium

Material costs and expenditures (direct costs)

- Consumables: minor equipment and instruments, small-scale office and laboratory material (no basic equipment of the workplace; essential IT equipment is exception)
- costs and expenditures for services directly related to the project: contracts, consultations, publication of project results, conference fees
- travel costs: limits for travel costs and daily subsistence allowance vary depending on destination country (pursuant to Slovak Act. 283/2002 Col. Of Laws on travel reimbursement)
- capital expenditures: up to a maximum of 40% of all direct costs

Overheads (indirect costs)

- administration, energy and infrastructure
- maximum of 20% of all direct costs

Consult this [web page](#) for detailed SAS financial rules and regulations.

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Additional forms submission

SAS participants are requested to submit “Declaration to Participate to HERA Crisis Call” within the deadline for submission of the project outline proposals. For further details, please contact panisova@up.upsav.sk. The declaration template may be provided upon request.

SAS researchers that are partners in a project(s) recommended for funding will be requested to submit an additional application (MVTs form). The SAS Presidium makes the final decision about funding. The consortium agreement is requested once the funding is approved.

It is highly recommended to contact SAS prior to outline proposal submission.

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Slovenia (MVZI)



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
**MINISTRSTVO ZA VISOKO ŠOLSTVO,
ZNANOST IN INOVACIJE**

Slovenia (MVZI - Ministrstvo za visoko šolstvo, znanost in inovacije)

National Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Slovenia

Who can apply?

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution: Slovenian universities, public and private research institutes may participate in a consortium as Project Leader or as Principal Investigator (project partner). Research organizations as defined in the national Research and Development Act ([Zakon o znanstveno raziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti](#)). All participating institutions have to be registered with the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - [Sicris](#)).

Eligibility of project leader (PL), principal investigator (PI) and other research team members: The project activities of the Slovenian partner has to be under the supervision of the primary investigator (PI) researcher who fulfils the requirements for project leader (doctoral degree, employed at the Slovenian host institution). Slovenian Project Leader (PL) and/or Principal Investigator (PI) are required to have in the time of the final submission of project proposal their bibliographic indicators of research success ≥ 100 (bibliografski kazalci raziskovalne uspešnosti), $A1 \geq 1$, $A3 \geq 0$, $CI10 \geq 1$. The criteria are determined in the Rules on Determining the Fulfilment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader ([Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta](#) in [Metodologijo ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za \(so\)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti](#)) All participating researchers have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers ([Sicris](#)) and must have enough free research hours available to work on CHANSE-HERA project for the period planned.

What are eligible costs for Slovenian researchers?

Personnel costs - Salary (plača)

Salary taxes and social & health security (prispevki delodajalca)

Work-related reimbursements (povračila v zvezi z delom)

Material costs (Blago in storitve: materialni stroški, blago, storitve, službene poti)

Amortisation (amortizacija opreme)

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Source: Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS): Cena ekvivalenta polne zaposlitve za leto / Raziskovalni projekti: <https://www.arrs.si/sl/progproj/cena/cena-23.asp>

Overheads up to 25% of all realised eligible costs.

VAT is not an eligible cost in case the institute can reclaim VAT from the Slovenian tax authorities in conformity with Slovenian tax regulation.

100 % of all eligible costs will be funded for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) who's financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2022/C 414/01).

Maximum funding per awarded project

- Up to max. **100.000 EUR per year** and a maximum of **300.000 EUR** in the period of 36 months for all Slovenian successful applicants;

What kind of documentation do we need to submit to MVZI before the end of Full proposal stage (2nd stage)?

Before the end of Full Proposal stage all Slovenian applicants must contact MVZI as the proposed budget for Slovenian applicants will be checked by MVZI prior to the official online submission within EPSS application system. Slovenian applicants are therefore requested to submit to MVZI their 1) CHANSE-HERA financial budget template for Slovenian partner only and 2) National financial budget template.

Furthermore, at the Full Proposals stage, each Slovenian PIs must submit a 3) Formal commitment letter signed by the proper authority from their institution (rector of the university or director of the institute) to MVZI. Original signed letter and financial templates must be sent electronically and by post.

All the national templates will be provided by MVZI and they will be sent directly to the Slovenian PIs participating at the full proposal stage.

Deadline for national submission of above documents is **21. March 2024 until 13:00**.

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Spain (AEI)

Spain - Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

AEI Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Spain

Funding programme

The framework for this funding action is the *Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2021-2023*. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia](#) of the AEI.

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on RDI projects “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)”. Applicants are encouraged to consult the [PCI2023-1](#) call, since the requirements will be similar.

Eligible topics

- No restrictions. Only research and innovation activities will be eligible. Mere diffusion, communication or similar activities will not be eligible.

The eligible entities for the AEI funding are (check [General requirements](#)):

Non-profit research organisations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI call [document](#) (or equivalent).

Mandatory

- The **Spanish Principal Investigators** (PIs) must be eligible as per PCI call (or equivalent), must hold a PhD and have experience as investigators in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. Spanish PIs must have a contractual relation with the beneficiary covering the expected total length of the project.

Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-NETs or other international initiatives):

- Principal Investigators will not be eligible for funding if they apply in more than one proposal of this transnational Joint Call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call (or equivalent) or in PCI calls (or equivalent) of consecutive years.
- If the same PI submits two or more proposals to the present call, all but one will be declared

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ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.

- A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- Principal Investigators must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational Joint Call and the national PCI call.

Please consult the specific [document](#) on eligibility for PCI calls.

Funding rates:

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

The following funding limits (including direct + 25% of indirect costs) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

IMPORTANT: a maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same Proposal are allowed.

The following funding limits (including direct + 25 % of indirect costs) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. Please, indicate separately direct and indirect cost and keep amounts multiple of 1000. In any case, the AEI will round the numbers to a multiple of 1000.

Maximum amount per Proposal NOT coordinated by a Spanish Project Leader (PL) funded by AEI:

- If there is only one Spanish partner in the proposal, the maximum funding is € 135.000.
- If there are two Spanish partners, the maximum funding amount per proposal is € 185.000.

If the Consortium is coordinated by a Spanish Project Leader (PL) funded by AEI, the maximum funding amounts per proposal are the following:

- If there is only one Spanish partner in the proposal, acting as Project Leader: € 210.000.
- If there is one Spanish partner in addition to the Spanish Project Leader: € 250.000.
- Additional € 40.000 can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial original data collection tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Project Investigators justifying the budget. Analysis based only on pre-existing secondary data are excluded from this additional grant.

Centers formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centers).

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The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration and the financial resources available.

Eligible costs:

- Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.
- Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds.
- Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including outsourcing).
- Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total final budget (excluding overheads).

Additional information

Data Protection:

By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

Further comments:

In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.

Important and mandatory acknowledgement:

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: **“Project (reference nº XX) funded by MCIN/AEI/”10.13039/501100011033 and the European Union “NextGenerationEU”/PRTR.**

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Sweden (VR)



Vetenskapsrådet

Sweden – The Swedish Research Council	
Specific National/ Regional rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must be an individual researcher holding a PhD. Only researchers at an administrating organisation approved by the Swedish Research Council may apply. Please refer to general applicant eligibility requirements found here. The applicant may not have an ongoing HERA grant, or any other project grant concerning the same project concept, funded by the Council, at the start of the grant period. All Swedish applicants are encouraged to communicate with the HERA national contact person regarding their intention to participate in the call, before submission of the consortium application. Grant amount: Max. € 300 000 EUR per project. No funding of industrial partners. You can only take part in one consortium within this call, either as coordinator or partner. All Swedish project leaders participating in the call for support from the Swedish Research Council shall also submit a parallel application using the Swedish Research Council's application system Prisma. The application form in Prisma can only be reached from the call text at the SRC website. <p>Parallel application is a mandatory eligibility criterion. Failure to submit the parallel application to the Swedish Research Council before the deadline of the Prisma call will result in the Swedish partner being declared ineligible.</p>
Eligible costs	<p>The project grant may be used to fund all types of project-related costs, such as salaries (including your own salary, however no more than corresponding to the person's activity level in the project), running costs (such as consumables,</p>

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	travel including stays at research facilities, publication costs and minor equipment), premises and depreciation costs. Grants may not be used for scholarships. If a doctoral student participates, project funds may not be paid out as salary during teaching or other departmental duties.
Additional documents required	-
Further information	See national call texts in Swedish and English for all national requirements.
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Switzerland (SNSF)

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Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Switzerland

Who can apply?

Applicants need to meet the personal and formal requirements for submissions of proposals set out in the following SNSF regulations:

- [Funding Regulations](#) (particularly articles 10 and 13)
- [General Implementation Regulations for the Funding Regulations](#)
- [Regulations on Project Funding](#) (particularly articles 4 and 5)

Generally, applicants who are eligible in the project funding scheme are also eligible in the current HERA call (for a short description see also our [website](#)). Please note that a HERA grant will count towards the three grants possible in the project funding scheme (cf. article 13 in the Regulations on Project Funding). However, the research projects must be thematically distinct and pursue different goals (cf. article 17 in the Funding Regulations).

What else do you need to consider?

- Disciplines: The proposed research has to fall within the disciplines covered by the unit Social Sciences and Humanities (cf. [research domains and disciplines](#)).
- Submission at the national level: Applicants must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application in [mySNF](#) for the same deadline as the consortium application is submitted. The Administrative Office will create a respective application in mySNF for applicants invited to the full proposal stage and notify them accordingly. Please note that the budget on the Swiss part of the project must be given in CHF in mySNF.
- Eligibility: If you are unsure whether you meet the personal and formal requirements for applicants or whether your research falls within an eligible discipline, please contact the administrative offices of the SNSF (see below).
- Budget: In the current call, article 2 of the Regulations on Project Funding does *not* apply (i.e., average amount requested per annum). The SNSF earmarked a budget to finance approximately 3 projects with applicants from Switzerland. To provide for a greater degree of flexibility, there is no maximum contribution set per project for the Swiss part. Nevertheless, budgets of a collaborative research projects must be balanced, and Swiss based applicants should aim at a budget no higher than around €350,000-400,000 per project. Furthermore, budgets can only deviate marginally between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage.

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What types of funding are eligible for Swiss based researchers?

According to the General Implementation Regulations ([cf. section 2](#)) and the Regulations on Project Funding ([cf. article 8](#)), the following costs may be covered:

- ✓ Personnel costs (salaries of scientific and technical staff in research projects). Project Leaders (PL) or Principal Investigators (PI) cannot apply for their own salary.
- ✓ Material costs that are directly related to the research work, namely material of enduring value, field expenses, travel costs, costs incurred by project partners and subcontractors, computing time and data.
- ✓ Direct costs incurred using research infrastructure linked to the research work.
- ✓ Costs for the organisation of conferences and workshops in connection with the funded research.
- ✓ Costs for national and international cooperation and networking activities carried out in connection with the funded research.
- ✓ Costs for open research data.
- ✗ Overhead: The overhead contributions are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. The contributions are paid each year as a flat rate to the institutions as a whole and are therefore *not* part of the eligible costs (cf. [Overhead Regulations](#)).

If one international project includes more than one Swiss based applicant, the applicants must apply as a consortium and submit a joint budget. Please note that the specified limit on the budget applies to the Swiss consortium as a whole.

The above-mentioned SNSF Funding Regulations, the General Implementation Regulations for the Funding Regulations and the Regulations on Project Funding are applicable where not stated otherwise.

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United Kingdom (UKRI-AHRC)

Country: United Kingdom
Organisation: UKRI (Arts and Humanities Research Council - AHRC)



Please note that the participation of UK applicants in this HERA call is not affected by the UK's exit from the European Union.

Only those proposals which are successful in securing funding will be required to submit via the new UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) grants system. This process will be administered after outcomes are issued. **At full stage, the additional documents required by AHRC should be emailed to international@ahrc.ukri.org by March 26th 2024, 14:00 CET (the Full proposal deadline).**

Who can apply?

UK Research Organisations

Proposals may only be submitted by Research Organisations who are eligible to apply to UKRI. This includes:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) that typically receive grant funding from one of the UK's higher education funding bodies (Research England, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Scottish Funding Council or Northern Ireland's Department for the Economy).
- Independent Research Organisations (IROs) and Public Sector Research Organisation (PSREs) that have received recognition to apply to the Research Councils.
- Research Council Institutes. The list of eligible Research Organisations is available on the UKRI website: [Eligible research institutes – UKRI](#)

UK Project team

To be eligible, the Principal Investigator must be actively engaged in postdoctoral research and be of postdoctoral standing. Project Leaders and Principal Investigators from the UK must adhere to contractual requirements of AHRC Principal Investigators, please consult the AHRC funding guide for further information: [AHRC research funding guide – UKRI](#)

All applicants must be able to meet the time commitment to the project as stated in the proposal.

Project members from the UK side of a project can include:

- Co-investigator(s) - must fulfil standard AHRC eligibility;
- Research Assistant(s) - must be of postdoctoral (or equivalent experience) standing;
- International Co-Investigators (referred to as Cooperation Partners in the call guidance).

AHRC's International Co-Investigator policy enables researchers from non-participating countries to be included within the UK proposal. Please note that investigators from countries either participating in the call or with HERA membership are ineligible for UK funding through this call. A list of HERA members can be found here: [HERA Network of Funding Agencies | About us | Humanities in the European Research Area | HERA](#)

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AHRC's international co-investigator policy allows for up to 30% of the Full Economic Cost (fEC) of the overall UK budget to cover costs incurred by one or more international co-investigator. More information can be found in the AHRC funding guide.

Ukrainian researchers can be either an international co-Investigator (if based in a country not participating in the call) or a consultant within the UK team. If a Ukrainian researcher has a contractual association with a UK university (as a result of [Cara](#) or [Twinning \(twinningukraine.com\)](#)) and that contract meets the criteria in the AHRC funding guide then they could be a standard UK Co-I within the proposal.

When building consortia with partners from agencies participating in the call, UK applicants are encouraged to seek new partnerships and reflect the geographical diversity of HERA.

UKRI is a signatory to the [Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers](#), and AHRC has published its own [guidance on training and developing early career researchers in the arts and humanities](#). UKRI has also published a [Technician Commitment Action Plan](#), which includes guidance on our expectations towards research organisations in recognising and valuing the full diversity of technically skilled people and technical roles working in research teams at all career stages across our remit. If integrating early career researchers or technicians into your project team, please refer to the documents linked above for more information.

Associate Partners (Project Partners)

The term 'Associate Partners' (APs) is used to refer to Project Partners as defined in the AHRC Research Funding Guide. APs are expected to make an in-kind or financial contribution to a project. AP contributions are treated as additional to the fEC of the proposal submitted. A letter of support is required for each AP. For more information, please consult AHRC's Funding Guide [AHRC research funding guide - UKRI](#)

Ineligible participants

Please note that no doctoral studentships linked to a UK team can be funded under this call. Researchers and Project Partners from Russia and Belarus are excluded from this funding opportunity.

Project remit and approaches

Proposals should fall principally in the arts and/or humanities research literatures, approaches and expertise. Proposals which interface with other Research Council remits or emerge from cross-disciplinary fields such as heritage science, environmental humanities and public policy and planning, will be welcomed provided that the arts and humanities contribution to their inter-disciplinary approach is made clear in proposals. Further details on the subjects which fall within the AHRC's remit can be found in the AHRC Research Funding Guide and at <https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/subjectcoverage/>.

The Arts and Humanities Research Council supports practice-led research. The research should be conceived as broadly as possible and so consideration should also be given to the outcomes of, and audiences for, the research. The outcomes of the research may only benefit other researchers and influence future research, but consideration must be given to potential opportunities for the transfer of knowledge into new contexts where the research could have an impact. Creative output can be produced, or practice undertaken, as an integral part of a research process as defined in the AHRC

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research funding guide. The Council would expect, however, this practice to be accompanied by some form of documentation of the research process, as well as some form of textual analysis or explanation to support its position and as a record of your critical reflection. Equally, creativity or practice may involve no such process at all, in which case it would be ineligible for funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Eligible costs for researchers

- **The UK maximum amount is £500,000 (at 100% fEC). The maximum amount that can be claimed (80% fEC) is £400,000. This remains the upper limit at full stage; any changes to your proposal from outline stage must not push your budget above this ceiling.**
- There is no defined exchange rate for this call. RO institutional exchange rate policy applies. **You must use the same exchange rate used to calculate funding as used at outline stage.** This exchange rate must be noted your UK finance form at full stage.
- Any changes in exchange rate from outline stage submission to awarding must be absorbed by the RO.

In order to cost the proposal accurately **it is advised that applicants calculate their budget using the standard AHRC fund headings of directly allocated, directly incurred and indirect costs.** See the AHRC Research Funding Guide for rules on what costs are permitted and which headings they should be included under. Cost types could include:

- **Personnel costs (staff costs):** All costs relating to staff time on the project should be recorded as Directly Incurred (DI) or Directly Allocated (DA) as appropriate and funded at 80% fEC. International Co-Investigator costs should be included under 'Exceptions - Other Directly Incurred' costs at 100% fEC.
- **Consumables:** Must be project specific to be eligible for AHRC funding.
- **Equipment:** Individual items of equipment that cost more than £10,000 fEC cannot be included.
- **Travel:** Usually costed at 80% fEC under Directly Incurred Travel and Subsistence costs.
- **Subcontracting:** Consultants and subcontracting can be included.
- **Other costs:** Costs related to dissemination and knowledge exchange activities, such as venue and catering costs for dissemination events.
- **Overheads:** AHRC's standard rules regarding overheads apply. Your Research Office should calculate Estates and Indirect costs in the usual way.

Please note indexation will be added automatically prior to awarding if successful. This will be done by UKRI and therefore should not be included within your application.

Once funding recommendations have been made, UKRI will not negotiate with successful UK applicants to modify the amount of funding but will remove any ineligible costs in line with standard UKRI policies and procedures.

Submission process

1. The EPSS system submission portal has space for both 100% fEC (Cost) and 80% fEC (Requested Contribution) to be recorded. **Costs entered in this form by the Project Lead should be entered in Euros, converted from GBP with the exchange rate noted.**

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The UK PI CV should only be submitted via the EPSS system.

International Co-Investigators/Cooperation Partners requesting AHRC funding must also supply a Head of Department letter of support but these should be uploaded under the Cooperation Partner upload option.

Project Partner letters of support should be uploaded under the Associate Partner upload option.

Please note that no generic letters of support are allowed. If your project involves contractors, you do not need to supply a letter of support from these parties.

2. Additional UK documents which should be emailed to AHRC (international@ahrc.ukri.org) by March 26th 2024, 14:00 CET (the Full proposal deadline):

- a. UK finance and Justification of Resources form (mandatory). Available from: https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/AHRC-240523-ahrc_template_finance_HERA.docx. This form must be completed in GBP. There should only be one UK finance form for the UK PI which should include UK Co-I costs if applicable. Please note that there is not an overall page limit for this document, as the length of the form will depend on how many collaborators you are working with. However, **the 'Justification of Resource' section of this document can only be a maximum of 2 pages.**
- b. All UK Co-I CVs (mandatory if including UK Co-Is in proposal; 1 page maximum)
- c. UK-based researchers who are honorary or visiting fellows or on fixed term contracts must supply a Head of Department letter of support confirming the nature and duration of their contractual arrangement with their host organisation, underpinning their support of the project if the funding bid is successful. This should be no more than 1 page submitted in a headed template and signed and dated by the relevant senior colleague.

Open Access

UKRI-funded researchers are expected to comply with the UKRI open access policy ([Open access policy update: December 2022 – UKRI](#)) on research publications and outputs. Additional info can be found here: [Publishing your research findings – UKRI](#)

Successful applicants

As a condition of access to UKRI funding, all successful UK applicants will be required to complete a submission via the UKRI Funding System for administrative purposes. Further details and a timetable for this activity will be communicated directly to successful UK applicants.

Award holders in the UK will be required to [submit outputs, outcomes and impacts that arise from AHRC funding through the Researchfish system](#).

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