

Conditions of submission and selection of Chinese-Austrian joint research projects for 2011

General Remarks

Joint Research Projects are a funding instrument that enables scientists to do research in bi-national projects. A JP should only be applied for if the Chinese part and the Austrian part are closely intertwined, so that one part cannot be carried out without the other. The two parts of the research project are financed separately by the respective national funding agency. NSFC finances the costs for the Chinese part while FWF finances the costs for the Austrian part. The respective costs thus have to be applied for at NSFC or FWF. The kind of costs (personnel, material, travel, etc.) that can be applied for depends on the regulations of NSFC and FWF respectively. For applicants at FWF the *application guidelines for “stand-alone projects”* apply (“Einzelprojekte”; http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/p/p_application-guidelines.pdf). Applicants at NSFC will find detailed information about the call for proposals on NSFC’s website <http://www.nsfc.gov.cn>.

For the 2011 call, the two organisations agreed to support Joint Projects in the following fields of basic research:

- (1) Cardio-cerebrovascular diseases
- (2) Nutrition metabolism and the pathogens of related diseases
- (3) Kidney disease
- (4) Aging related disease
- (5) Mental diseases and psychological health
- (6) Stem cell and diseases
- (7) Regeneration medicine
- (8) Medical imaging and biomedical engineering
- (9) Epidemiology and precaution strategies for major diseases
- (10) Food hygiene
- (11) Drug genomics and metabonomics
- (12) New technologies and methodologies for diagnosis and Treatment

For project applications in other scientific fields the two organisations must be contacted first. The maximum project duration is 3 years.

Writing a Proposal

Applicants have to submit an application to NSFC and FWF using the application forms by NSFC and FWF respectively (“NSFC-FWF Application for funding of a Joint Project”) with a narrative text as an attachment. The title and the text of the scientific part (narrative text) must be identical. The narrative text must be written in English and must meet the following criteria:

All parts of the narrative text (scientific description of the project) must be submitted in 11pt type.

The narrative text must be composed of:

- the project description (max. 20 pages including any tables and figures, A4, printed on one side only, with numbered pages, unbound, line spacing 1.5);
- a list of literature relevant to the project incl. list of abbreviations (max. 5 pages);
- scientific *curricula vitae* of the project participants (project leader and scientific coworkers, when these are already known; max. 3 pages for each person);

- lists of scientific publications from the past five years (especially those relevant to the application) of project participants (of the project leaders and other scientific personnel if already known by name); separate list of the researchers 10 most important scientific publications in the researcher's entire career.¹

The project description must include the following points:

- description of the added value to be expected from the collaboration
- distribution of work (working plan)
- separate budgets (justification of personnel costs and of non-personnel costs; please consult the respective application *guidelines for eligible costs.*)

Proposals must reach the two organisations by April 29, 2011.

Evaluation—Funding Decision

NSFC and FWF have agreed to jointly evaluate the applications for Joint Projects. On the basis of the reviews, the two funding agencies take their funding decision. Only if both funding organisations approve to fund a joint project, the project can be financed.

Joint Seminars (JS)

Joint Seminars are scientific meetings, taking place either in China or in Austria, which bring together research groups from the two countries. The purpose of a Joint Seminar is to prepare an application for a Joint Project or to establish closer links between research partners from the two countries. Applications must be sent in parallel to FWF and NSFC, thereby following the application guidelines of the respective funding organisation. Again, the costs for a JS are split between the two sides. Applicants from the “sending country” can apply for international travel costs at their national funding agency. Applicants from the “receiving country” can apply for hotel costs for the guests, seminar-related costs as well as for a daily allowance for the guests.

Joint Seminars can be applied for in all scientific disciplines (basic research).

For JS application in other scientific fields, the two funding organisations have to be contacted. The deadline for applications is April 29, 2011.

The maximum number of participants in a JS is 10 persons for the sending party and 15 to 20 persons for the receiving party. Applicants have to use the application forms of their respective national funding agency. Detailed information regarding JS applications at FWF can be found on FWF's homepage (<http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/ajs-joint-seminars.html>). Information about the call for proposals for Chinese applicants can be found on NSFC's website <http://www.nsfc.gov.cn>.

NSFC and FWF will evaluate applications separately. Only if both funding organisations approve of the respective applications, the Joint Seminar will be financed.

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¹ The publication list must mention for each work; all authors; full title; series/journal title; year; and page numbers.